



Leicestershire  
County Council

A photograph of a residential street with a large floodwater pool on the pavement. A woman in a red tank top is walking through the water, and other people and cars are visible in the background.

# Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Summary

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## Introduction Summary

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In 2010 the government changed the law to improve the way flooding is dealt with by different authorities.

The changes aim to improve the way that we tackle the likelihood of flooding and its effects.

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Local Strategy) is an important tool to help understand and manage flood risk within the county. Flood risk management in Leicestershire is beginning a fresh stage which will be marked by better knowledge of the risks in the county, better co-operation between organisations involved in flood risk management and better communication with the public about those risks and what can be done. This strategy will highlight the steps that are to be taken to ensure this happens.

Leicestershire County Council, as a Lead Local Flood Authority, is only responsible for management of **Local Flood Risk**. Local Flood Risk is defined as surface water flooding, ordinary watercourse flooding and groundwater flooding. This area of responsibility is defined by the Flood and Water Management Act (2010). Therefore, this **Local Flood Risk** Management Strategy **only** address Local Flood Risk and the interactions it might have with other forms of flood risk. More households are at risk from this form of flooding than any other but until now there has been little co-ordinated work to address these forms of risk.



- **Surface water flooding** – this includes flooding from rainfall run off from surfaces such as roads, roofs, and patios



- **Ordinary Watercourses** – this includes drains which can be easily overwhelmed after heavy rain, but excludes main rivers that are managed by the Environment Agency.



- **Groundwater flooding** – this includes flooding caused by heavy and sustained levels of rainfall capable of increasing the groundwater table.

# How will this help you?

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The purpose of our strategy is to provide a framework to coordinate local flood risk across Leicestershire.

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Objectives are:-

- Work Collaboratively
- Improve Understanding and Awareness
- Enhance the Natural and Historic Environment
- Improve Resilience
- Encourage Sustainable Development
- Use Resources Effectively
- Promote Riparian Responsibilities

## Improving flood risk management in Leicestershire

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Leicestershire County Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority for the county and works with organisations including:

- The Environment Agency
- Internal Drainage Boards
- District/Borough councils
- Severn Trent Water and Anglian Water
- Emergency response organisations

Our partnership approach will ensure that by working together, we can provide the best value services for residents.

Improving our knowledge about local flood risk will ensure our resources are targeted to those most in need, and give more accurate information to inform decisions

# What we will do

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- Where possible, we will reduce the likelihood and impact of flooding
- We will be accountable to local people including the provision of more freely available information about flood risk and control measures.
- We aim to ensure that developments will help improve water quality, benefit the environment and bring sustainable growth.
- We will co-ordinate the way different agencies manage flood risk and drainage, and plan for emergencies.
- We will use our existing resources to best effect, and will secure as much external funding and resource as possible.
- We will work with local people to make sure that flood management services meet their needs.
- We will help local people and businesses to become more aware of flood risk and better protected through individual and community action.

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## What can I do?

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Find out if your property is at risk of flooding by calling Floodline on **0845 9881188** and sign up for flood alerts.

Make a personal flood plan or volunteer as a flood warden for your community. You can find out more at: [www.localresilienceforum.org.uk](http://www.localresilienceforum.org.uk)

## What are the next steps?

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As a partnership we will continue to work with our communities to try and reduce the likelihood and impact of flooding.

We know that flooding can cause social, economic and environmental problems, and we will support local people and businesses to take action themselves.

We want to ensure that our communities benefit from the highest possible standard of service and are among the most resilient in the country.

## Find out more

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The Leicestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is available online at:

[www.leics.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.leics.gov.uk/flooding)

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