

# Washington Park Condominiums Flood Preparation and Prevention

Informational Owner's Meeting  
February 23, 2011 at 6:30 PM  
St. Augustine's Parish Hall  
Essex Street – Andover

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. FEOP Flood Emergency Operation Plan
3. Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Report
4. Noblin Engineer's Report
5. Cost of Flood Mitigation Options
6. Q/A
7. Adjourn

# Introductions

- Board of Trustees
  - Barry Mahoney , President
  - Libby Shea, Vice President
  - Lisa Arsenault, Secretary
  - Ed Medeiros, Treasurer
  - Mary O'Dea, Trustee
  - Barry Kaplan, Trustee
- Greater Boston Properties
  - Scott Wolf
  - Rob Kovalko

# Introductions

- Contractors
  - Mark Mitsch, Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.
  - Peter Czepiel, Noblin Engineering
  - Tom Osborn, Architecture Metals
  - David Shaw, Wildwood Nurseries
  - Doug Chirichiello, Crack-X

# FEOP

## Shawsheen River Gage at Balmoral

- Formed consortium to raise funds :  
Washington Park, Balmoral, Powder Mill,  
Tactician, Town of Andover, Conservation  
Commission and Friends of the Shawsheen River.  
\$7,500 for the next 2 years
- USGA will fund other half at \$7,500

# FEOP

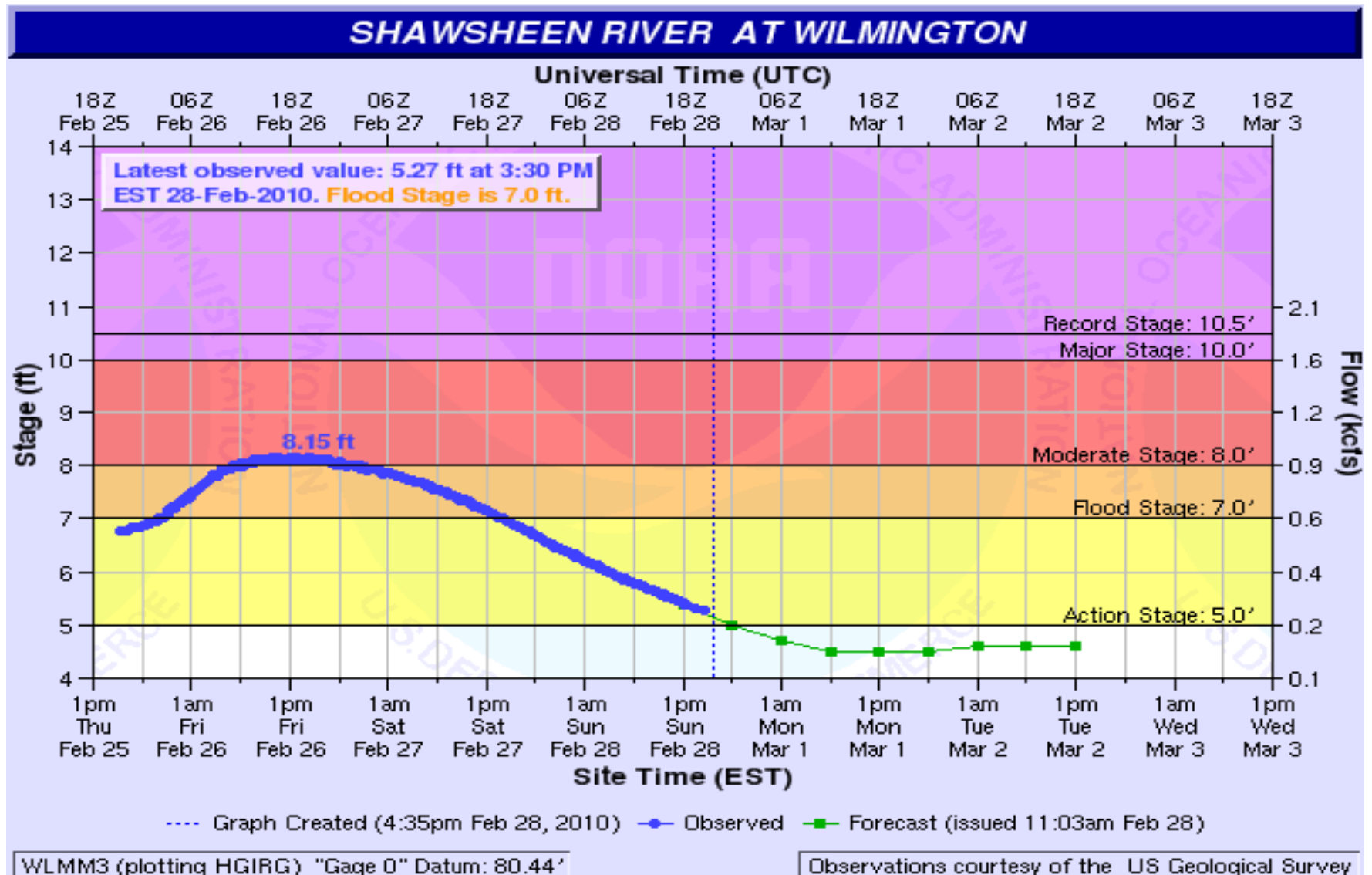
## Flood Forecasting

- Nicole Belk - a Sr. Hydrologist at NOAA analyzed historical data from the Shawsheen River gage at Wilmington, Balmoral and the Merrimack River at Lawrence.

# FEOP

Gauge	Andover	Wilmington	Lowell	Lawrence
Flood Stage	34	7	52	20
2/27/2010	31.49	8.15	51.49	20.2
4/18/2007	34.15	7.75	58.09	27.2
4/1/2010	33.98	9.42	54.64	24.3
3/15/2010	36.16	10.59	53.63	23.4
5/15/2006	37.45	8.94	58.84	28.8

# Shawsheen Gage in Wilmington





**Shawsheen River Flood Plan**

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**Washington Park Condominiums.**

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- II. Washington Park Condominiums Flooding Vulnerability Analysis
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- III. Flood Terms
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- V. Flood Alert- Stage 1
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- VI. Flood Warning – Stage 2
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- VII. Flood Emergency- Stage 3
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- VIII. Re-occupancy

# Flood Terms

- **Flood Alert** – heavy rains are expected and rivers will rise. Management and BOT meet to review all procedures and confirm all contacts.
- **Flood Watch** – Flooding is possible. Residents are notified of possible flooding. Cars are moved to higher ground and evacuation plans made.
- **Flood Emergency**– flooding will occur soon. All residents evacuated and flood prevention measures implemented.

# Flood Prevention for 2011

- Sump pumps installed where feasible
- Electricity generators/lines installed
- Buildings will be sealed using plastic and sand bags
- Order of protection prioritized based upon building elevations

# Mark Mitsch, Weston & Sampson

- Flood Mitigation Approaches:
  - Property Scale (Physical Barrier around Property)
  - Building Scale (Physical Barrier around Building)
  - Individual Openings (Doors and Windows)
- Need to Address:
  - Surface Water
  - Groundwater

# Site Survey Plan

- Document existing conditions and ground surface elevations as a basis for evaluating alternatives.
- Can be used for design and permitting proposed mitigation measures.

# Property Scale

- **Permanent or temporary wall around property to prevent flooding on the property from surface water.**
- Not practicable and very expensive due to compensatory flood storage (you cannot eliminate existing flood storage unless you find another location of equal volume elsewhere)
- Groundwater and surface water infiltration into building envelope not addressed.

# **Property/Building Scale**

- **Jack and Raise individual buildings so lowest floor is above the 100-year (or other) flood level.**
- Minimal, if any, compensatory flood storage issue.
- No groundwater infiltration either.
- Very expensive and disruptive.

# Building Scale

- **Permanent or temporary walls around individual buildings to prevent flooding from surface water.**
- Same (but less severe) compensatory flood storage issue.
- Groundwater and surface water infiltration into building envelope not addressed.

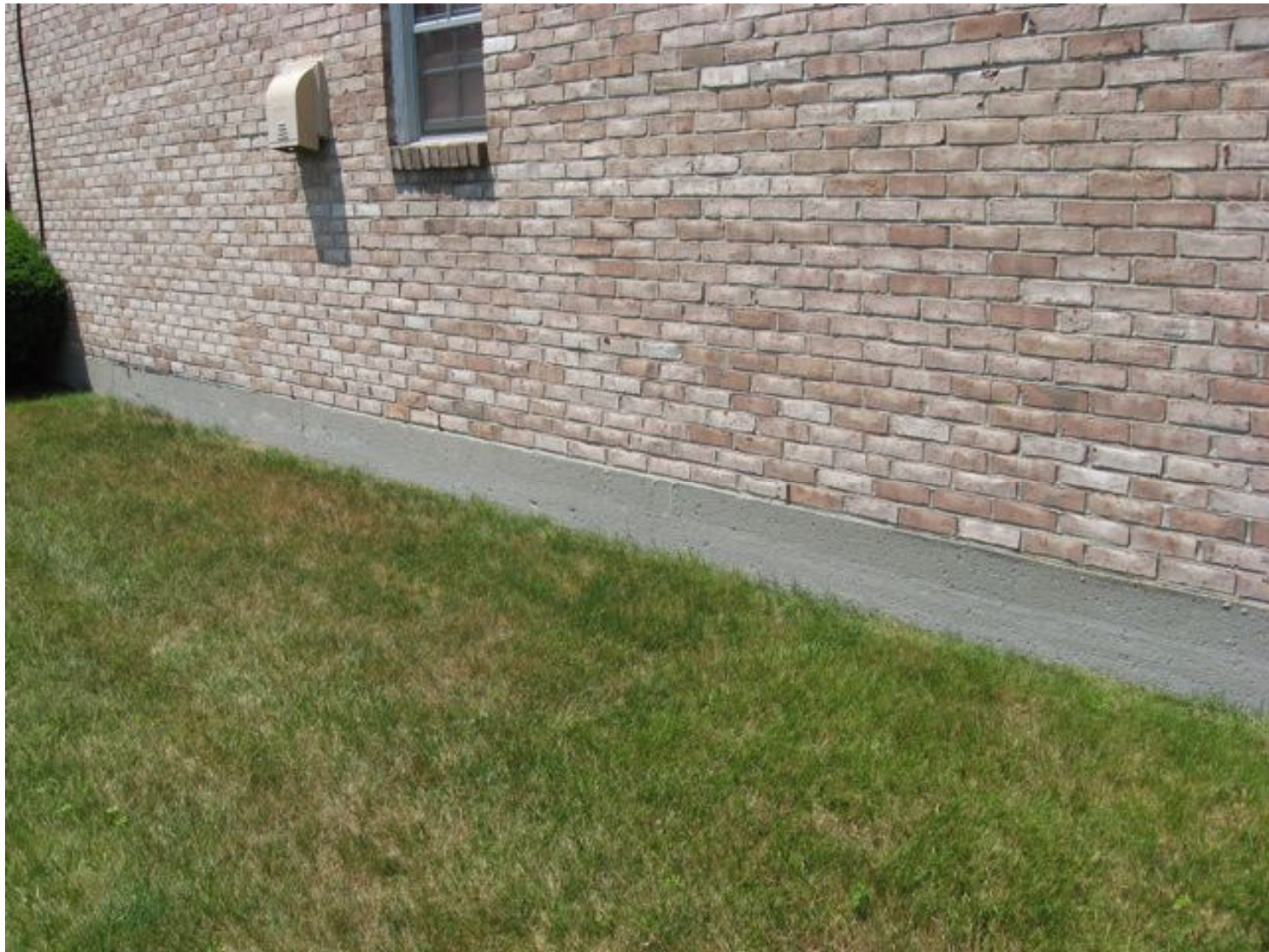


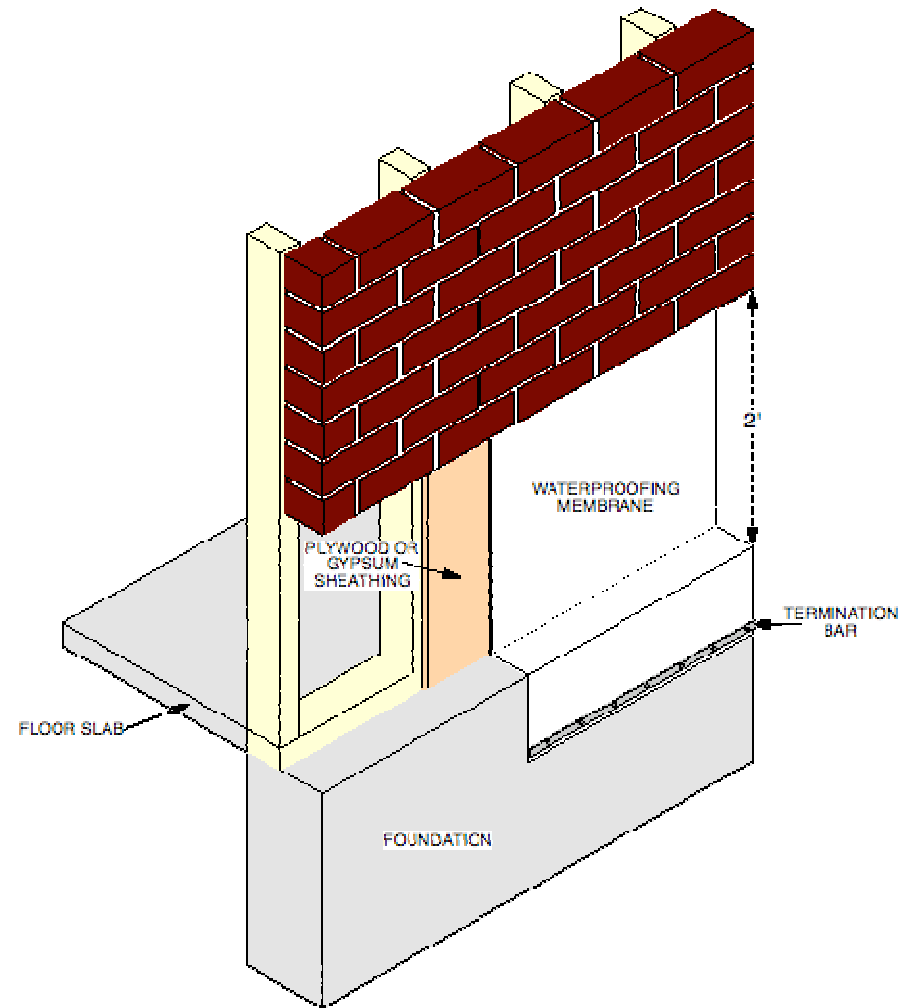
# Window/Door Scale

- **“Door Dams” across impacted door and window openings.**
- Eliminates compensatory storage issue.
- Requires space to store Door Dams.
- Time and effort required to install properly.
- Possible ingress/egress issues.
- Groundwater and surface water infiltration into building envelope not addressed.

# **Building Envelope Infiltration**

- Noblin & Associates, Consulting Engineers





**NOBLIN & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.**  
**CONSULTING ENGINEERS**  
**DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**WASHINGTON PARK CONDOMINIUM**  
**ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS**

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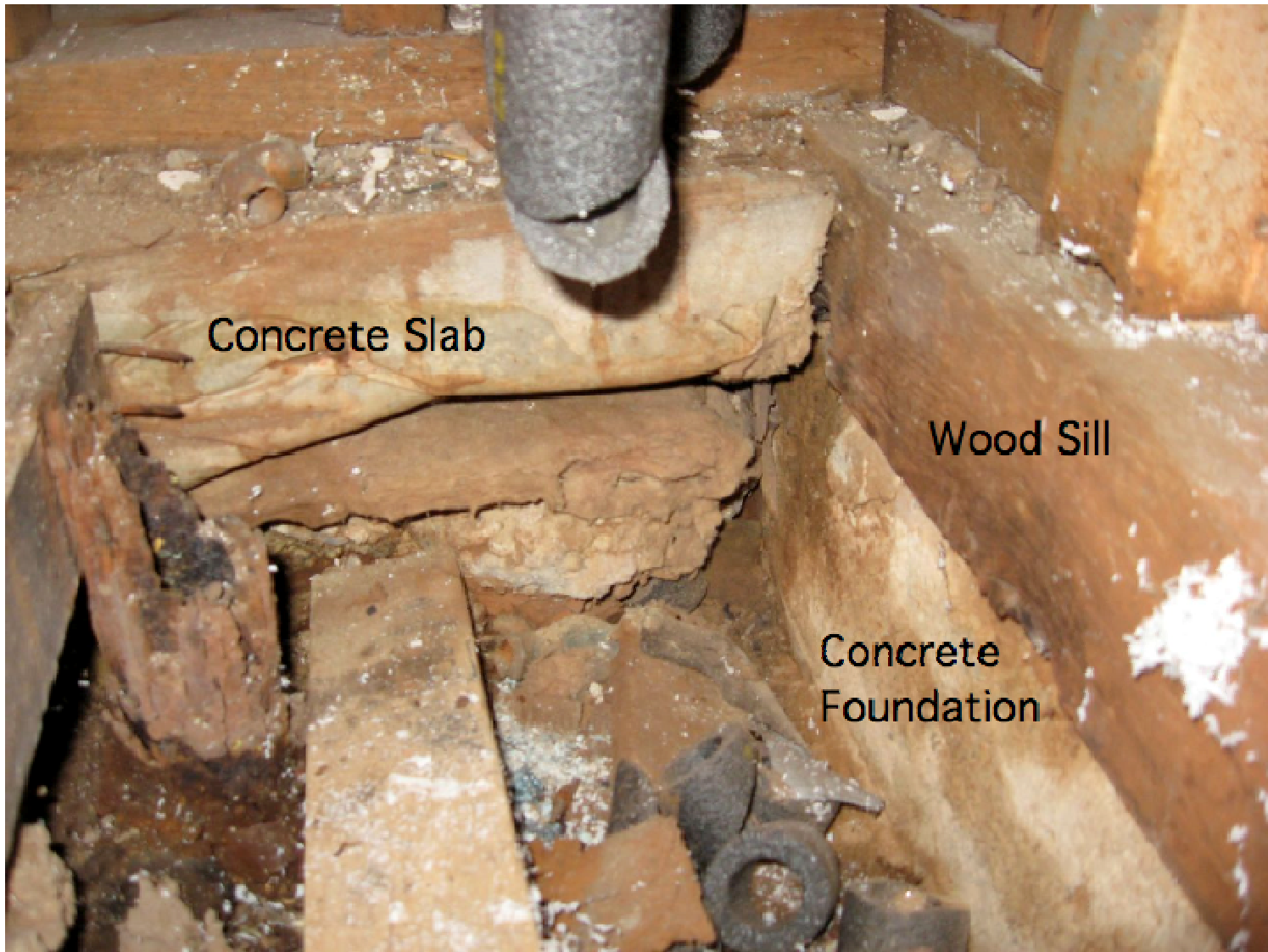
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**WALL**  
**FLASHING**  
**DETAIL**

**SCALE: NTS**

**DATE: 2-11**

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Concrete Slab

Wood Sill

Concrete  
Foundation

# Cost of Flood Mitigation

- FLOOD JAMS FOR DOORS:
  - ESTIMATE COST PER BUILDING, \$30,000: \$300,000
- WATER PROOFING OF BUILDINGS:
  - ESTIMATE COST PER BUILDING, \$70,000: \$700,000
- TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS: \$1,000,000

# Average Cost per Unit Owner

- JAMS FOR DOORS: \$1,950
- WATER PROOFING OF BUILDINGS: \$4,500
- TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS : \$6,450

# Financing Options

- Straight Bank Loan  
– \$1,000,000 @ 5.67% FOR 5 YEARS \$19,216  
– \$1,000,000 @ 5.67% FOR 10 YEARS \$10,976  
– \$750,000 @ 5.67% FOR 5 YEARS \$14,412  
– \$750,000 @ 5.67% FOR 10 YEARS \$8,232
- SBA Loan:  
– \$250,000 @ 3% FOR 3 YEARS \$8,222



# Financing Options

- Straight Bank Loan                      Avg cost per unit
  - \$1,000,000 @ 5.67% FOR 5 YEARS                      \$123
  - \$1,000,000 @ 5.67% FOR 10 YEARS                      \$ 70
  - \$750,000 @ 5.67% FOR 5 YEARS                      \$ 92
  - \$750,000 @ 5.67% FOR 10 YEARS                      \$ 53
- SBA Loan:
  - \$250,000 @ 3% FOR 3 YEARS                      \$53

# FINANCING COMPARISONS PER UNIT OWNER

- COMBINATIONS:

— \$750,000 5 YR LOAN YEARS 1-3	\$145
— AND SBA LOAN YEARS 4-5	\$53
• Total Payment =	\$7,428
— \$750,000 10 YR LOAN YEARS 1-3	\$106
— AND SBA LOAN YEARS 4-10	\$53
• Total Payment =	\$8,268

- UNIT OWNER ASSESSMENT WITHOUT LOAN DEBT SERVICE \$6,450

Q/A