

## ***Where has Flooding Damage Been Reported in Tinley Park?***

 Tinley Park is subject to flooding from all six streams. The largest flooding problem has been along Midlothian Creek. Tinley Park's worst flood on record occurred in July 1996. Heavy local storms caused the Midlothian Creek to rise higher than before. It was estimated to be a "100-year" flood. As a result of development in the upstream watersheds, there has been an increase in stormwater runoff. The 1996 storm caused overbank flooding to reach buildings in less than 24 hours. The river kept rising for another 24 hours. With our flat terrain, it takes a while for the waters to recede. After Midlothian Creek crested in 1996, it took 3-4 days to get back in its banks. In other words, the river was out of its banks for a total of five days and in buildings for two of those days. On the smaller streams, such as the Northern Tributary to the Union Drainage Ditch and the Western Tributary to Midlothian Creek, the water level recedes more quickly.

Find out if your property  
is within the mapped floodplain  
by contacting the Building Department  
at **708-444-5100**.

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*Flood  
Protection  
Program*

**Floodplain  
vs.  
Floodway**

**What's the  
Difference?**

