FLOODING IN GLENWOOD/APPLETON

Flooding causes damage to personal property, disrupts the lives of individuals and communities, and can be a threat to life itself. Continued development of flood plain lands increases these risks. The Governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador are taking steps to reduce flood damage caused by floods or are exposing to fine solutions to these problems. 

Included on this map are flood risk zones along the Gander River in the communities of Glenwood and Appleton. The communities are located on opposite shores, with Glenwood on the west shore and Appleton on the east bank.

There has been one serious flood in the Glenwood/Appleton area in recent history. This flood occurred in 1983. It has been reported that some minor flooding occurred in the 1920s and 1970s, but these are not significant floods. This is a significant problem in Glenwood where the risk zone is low.

In 1983 the same storm which caused extensive damage to Bishop's Falls and other areas in Central Newfoundland also resulted in serious flooding in Glenwood. During this flood many homes and businesses were damaged, some were destroyed. The affected area included the hamlet of Glenwood and Appleton with bridge, roads, and structures. About 250 people were evacuated from their homes. In Glenwood, the water and sewer supply systems became inoperable due to high water levels.

FLOOD ZONES

A "designated floodway" is the area subject to the most frequent flooding. A "designated floodway fringe" is the area subject to the next most frequent flooding. A "designated floodway fringe" can be subject to flooding or may be damaged by flooding. The Government of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador have taken steps to reduce flood damage caused by floods or are exposing to solutions to these problems.

The governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador have agreed to try to control and reduce flood damage.

This is a map of the Gander and Appleton flood risk areas - showing the areas prone to flooding. The designated floodway is in orange and the designated floodway fringe is in yellow.