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Subject: Flood Categories Changing for the Brandywine Creek at Wilmington, Delaware

On or about Wednesday, May 13, 2026, the National Weather Service (NWS) will introduce new flood categories for the Brandywine Creek at Wilmington, Delaware (NWS – WMND1, USGS # 01481500). Along with the flood categories, impacts listed on the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS) will also be updated.

All of the changes have been coordinated with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the federal agency who owns and operates the gauge, as well as the National Weather Service’s Mid-Atlantic River Forecast Center (NWS MARFC) who provides model guidance and forecasts.

Due to the removal of Mill Dam and the need to relocate the gauge, flood category and impact changes were required to continue offering NWS flood warning services.

	OLD FLOOD CATEGORIES	NEW FLOOD CATEGORIES
Action stage:	14.5 feet	22.0 feet
Flood stage:	16.5 feet	24.5 feet
Moderate flood stage:	18.0 feet	26.0 feet
Major flood stage:	19.0 feet	27.0 feet

United States Geological Survey observation data can be viewed online at:

<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/USGS-01481500/>

National Weather Service river forecasts can be viewed online at:

<https://water.noaa.gov>

Specific hydrologic information pertaining to Brandywine Creek at Wilmington can be viewed online at:

<https://water.noaa.gov/gauges/WMND1>

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