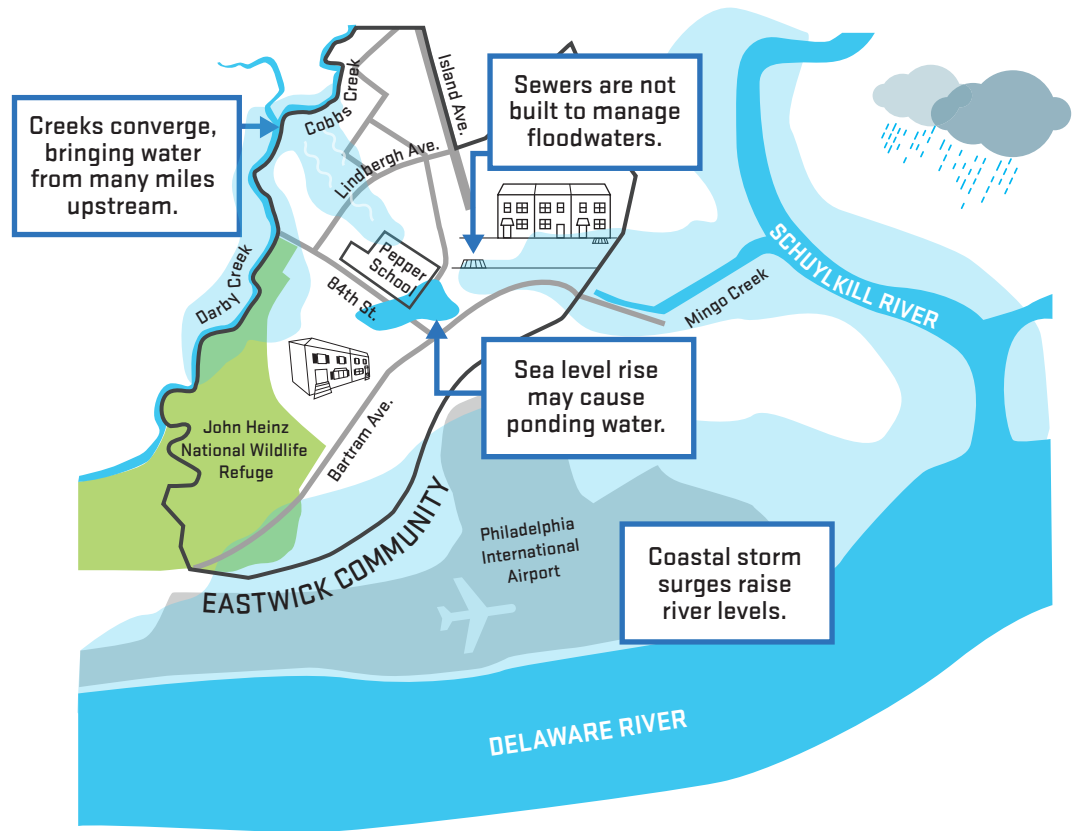


Eastwick Flooding

Eastwick is one of the lowest lying areas in Philadelphia. It is at the bottom of a bowl.

The Cobbs and Darby Creeks converge, carrying fast, forceful water from upstream during heavy rainstorms. During coastal storms, **water levels in the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers rise**, which may come up through the Darby Creek and flow overland into Eastwick. **Sea level rise** will make it harder for water to drain and may eventually cause water to pond in some areas, even on sunny days.



Flooding is dangerous.



It occurs quickly, has fast moving water, and can look shallow when it may be deep.

- If evacuation is recommended, go **before** a storm starts.
- Flooding can be **delayed**, occurring after a storm ends.
- **Never** drive through flooded streets.

If your home floods:



- If you can safely access your circuit breaker, turn off electricity to the affected area. **Never step in water** unless you know the electricity is off!
- Before restarting electricity if impacted by flood water, have a licensed contractor or professional inspect appliances.

Climate Change

A changing climate means **rain will get more intense and more frequent.**



Prepare for Hurricanes: June through November

▶ **Flood insurance isn't part of homeowner's or renter's insurance!**

Flood insurance is highly recommended for all Eastwick residents.

Costs and more at: www.floodsmart.gov

▶ **Protect your home:** Clear gutters and make fixes so water doesn't collect around your foundations. Check that storm drains in the area aren't clogged.

▶ **Make a "Go Bag":** Prepare a go bag with a few essentials such as water and non-perishable food, medications and a first aid kit, a flashlight and extra batteries, and a cell phone charger (preferably solar powered).

▶ **Move valuables and utilities:** Move valuables to a higher floor to protect them from flood waters. Consider elevating utilities above the expected height of floodwater.



Get emergency alerts from Ready Philadelphia.

Text "ReadyPhila" to 888-777

 **Flooding can happen any time of year!**

If a big storm is in the forecast *Always prioritize your safety!*



▶ **What to do:** Follow local radio and news sources for updates and instructions.

▶ **Parking:** Move cars to higher ground before rain starts.

Report flooding.

Tell us what happened to help shape the way we respond to flooding.

- ▶ **On your property:** Fill out the Flood Report Survey water.phila.gov/flood-survey
- ▶ **In the community:** Snap photos and submit through this form: phillyh2o.info/flooding-photos



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Apartments on Lindbergh Blvd. after Hurricane Isaias in 2020.

More details for flood planning, response, prevention, and more!

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The City of Philadelphia Office of Sustainability is working with Eastwick residents and organizations to develop a holistic long-term flood mitigation strategy. Find out more!

