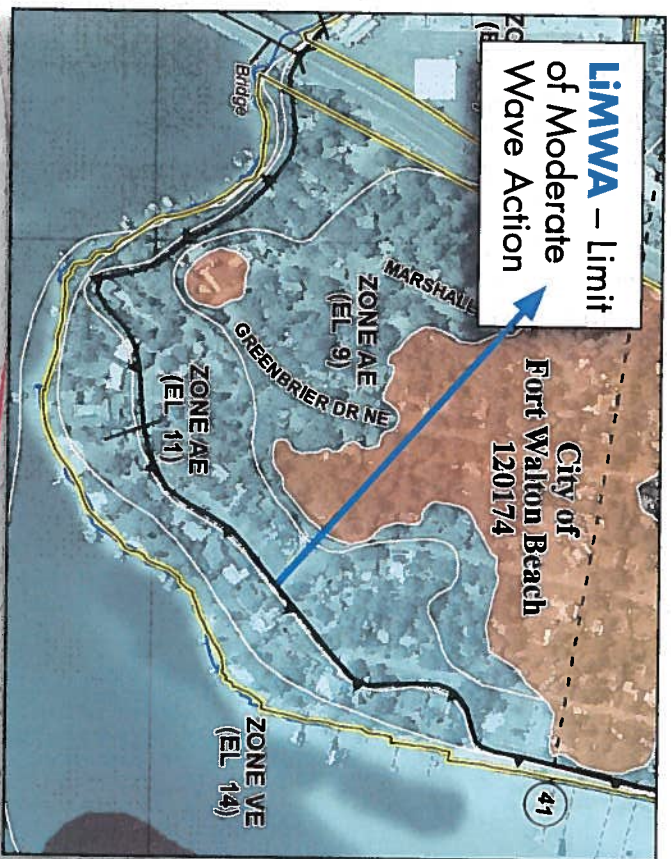


The Coastal A Zone (CAZ)



Legend

▲ ▲ ▲ Limit of Moderate Wave Action

Notes to Users

AE Zone has been divided by a Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LIMWA). The LIMWA represents the approximate landward limit of the 1.5-foot breaking wave. The effects of wave hazards between the VE Zone and the LIMWA (or between the shoreline and the LIMWA for areas where VE Zones are not identified) will be similar to, but less severe than, those in the VE Zone.

- Post-flood evaluations and laboratory tests confirm that breaking waves as small as 1.5 feet high cause damage to walls and scour around foundations.
- The Limit of Moderate Wave Action may be shown on revised FIRMs to delineate the inland extent of Coastal A Zone conditions inland of Zone V or along shorelines without Zone V.
- Scour and erosion should be considered in CAZ if soils are sandy and erodible.
- Federal flood insurance in CAZs is rated using Zone A rates (lower than Zone V rates).

If a LIMWA is delineated or a community designates a CAZ, the Florida Building Code requires buildings to comply with Zone V construction requirements.