

Essex Flood Services successfully deliver a wide range of flood risk management functions.

Flood Strategy Appendix A

Flood Risk Management Authorities
and their functions



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There are a number of authorities that hold responsibility for the management of the risk of flood and coastal erosion within Essex, and together they are known as the Risk Management Authorities.



The functions and responsibilities held by the Risk Management Authorities are set out in a wide range of legislation, which set out what works they can carry out in order to manage the associated risks and the risk management strategies set out in the flood and water management Act 2010



These functions can be exercised where the Risk management Authority considers the works are desirable having regard to the local risk management strategy for Essex, and that the purpose of the works is to manage a flood risk from surface runoff, groundwater, ordinary watercourse or sea.

Works permitted in the exercising of their responsibilities include:

- maintaining existing works (including buildings and structures) including cleansing, repairing or otherwise maintaining the efficiency of an existing watercourse or drainage work;
- operating existing works (such as sluiceways or pumps);
- improving existing works (including buildings or structures) including anything done to deepen, widen, straighten or otherwise improve an existing watercourse, to remove or alter mill dams, weirs or other obstructions to watercourses, or to raise, widen or otherwise improve a drainage work;
- constructing or repairing new works (including buildings, structures, watercourses, drainage works and machinery);
- maintaining or restoring natural processes;
- monitoring, investigating or surveying a location or a natural process;
- reducing or increasing the level of water in a place; and
- altering or removing works.

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