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85 BLANKENSHIP ST, KERMIT, WV, 25674

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NEWS

Many in Kermit clean up and count their blessings

By **Chris Lawrence**
February 17, 2025 - 6:33 pm



Lea Ruble explains the height of the Tug Fork river in her yard from the weekend in Kermit, W.Va. PHOTO: Chris Lawrence

KERMIT, W.Va. — Across the low lying areas of Kermit, W.Va. in Mingo County water continued to flood streets in low lying areas Monday, a day after the water of the Tug Fork River crested. The river reached a record high level in the town downstream from Williamson.

USACE Floodproofed structures referenced in WV Metro News [article](#) “Many in Kermit clean up and count their blessings” dated February 17, 2025.

The town of Kermit has one of the highest percentages in the state of mitigated structures in high-risk flood areas

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USACE Structure 3316FP

relocated on site and elevated at a cost of \$65,160 in 1996 by Orville Ruble, father of Lea Ruble. Furnace moved to lower enclosure according to Lea Ruble in [news article](#), a violation of Floodproofing Agreement.



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The screenshot displays the WV Flood Tool interface. At the top, the logo and title 'WV Flood Tool' are visible, along with the tagline 'Remember: When In Doubt, It's Not Out!'. A search bar contains the address '85 BLANKENSHIP ST, KERMIT, WV, 25674'. The interface includes tabs for 'Views' (Public, Expert, Risk MAP) and 'Layers' (Flood, Reference, Basemaps). A 'Tools' section on the right contains icons for various functions. A central map shows a blue-outlined polygon representing the flood hazard area. A yellow callout box on the left contains text about floodwaters during the February 2025 event. On the right, a sidebar provides detailed information about the flood hazard area, including FEMA's Flood Map, Flood Zone, Stream, Watershed, Flood Height, Water Depth, HEC-RAS Model, Flood Profile, Community, Freeboard, CRS Class, CID, Location, and External Viewers. The bottom of the page features a copyright notice for WV GISTC.

WV Flood Tool
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[WV Flood Tool Link](#)

Views: Public, Expert, Risk MAP
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Search: Address 85 BLANKENSHIP ST, KERMIT, WV, 25674
Tools: [Icons for various functions]

Click on each tab to view information

Address Parcel Risk

DESCRIPTION
PROPERTY OWNER

Property Owner(s) **HOFFMAN GLORIA LEA ET AL**
Owner Address PO BOX 261, KERMIT, WV 25674

According to Lea Ruble in [news article](#), the floodwaters during the February 2025 flood event for USACE [Structure 3316FP](#) floodwaters for February 2025 event rose **21 inches**. For this location, the FEMA **100-yr flood elevation** is **626.7 ft.** (NAVD88), while the April 1977 (HWM) flood elevation ([Appendix C](#)) is 628.5 ft. (NGVD29), or after a NGVD29 to NAVD88 [vertical datum conversion](#), the **1977 high-water mark** is **627.8 ft.** (NAVD88).

Flood Hazard Area: Location is **WITHIN** the FEMA 100-year floodplain.
Flood Zone: AE
Stream: Tug Fork
Watershed (HUC8): Tug (5070201)

FEMA's Flood Map: 54059C0108F [Download](#) [NFHL](#)
Map Effective Date: 8/17/2016
Contacts: Mingo

Flood Height: 626.7 ft (BFE - Non-Restudy) [NAVD88](#)
Water Depth: About 4.5 ft (Source: HEC-RAS)
HEC-RAS Model: N/A [All Models](#)

Flood Profile: 54059_050
Community: Town of Kermit
Freeboard: 2 ft CRS Class: 10 CID: 540136

Location (lat, long): (37.842603, -82.410704) [WGS84](#)
Location (UTM 17N): (4189288, 375877) [WGS84](#)

External Viewers: [Google Maps](#) [ArcGIS](#) [Leaflet](#) [Mapbox](#)

Elevation: 622.5 ft (Source: FEMA 2018-20) [NAVD88](#)

Address: 85 BLANKENSHIP ST, KERMIT, WV, 25674
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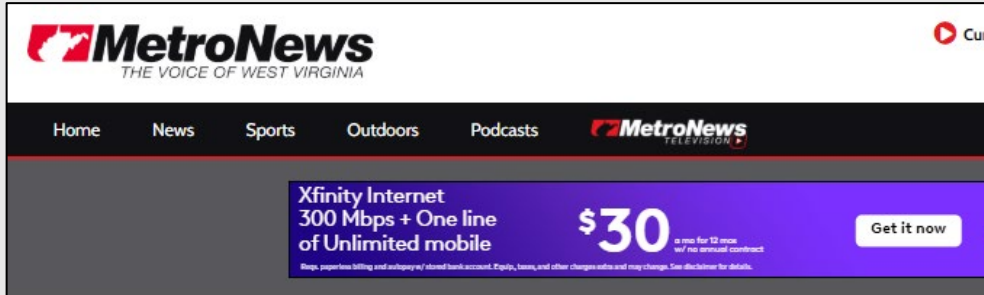


USACE Section 202
picture of
Floodproofed
Structure 3316FP
taken July 2006

According to Lea
Ruble in [news article](#),
furnace moved from
living quarters to
lowest enclosure or
basement.

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Owner Lea Ruble of Kermit, WV, talks about the Tug Fork flooding of her home (USACE [Structure 3316FP](#)) in Metro News [article](#) “Many in Kermit clean up and count their blessings” dated February 17, 2025.

Question: Should the County Commission be inspecting floodproofed structures to ensure the floodproofing agreements for lower enclosures are not violated? In this example, the homeowner moved the furnace from the living space to the basement.

Structure 3316FP



USACE TRACT 3242FP (Parcel 30-12-0001-0151-0000)

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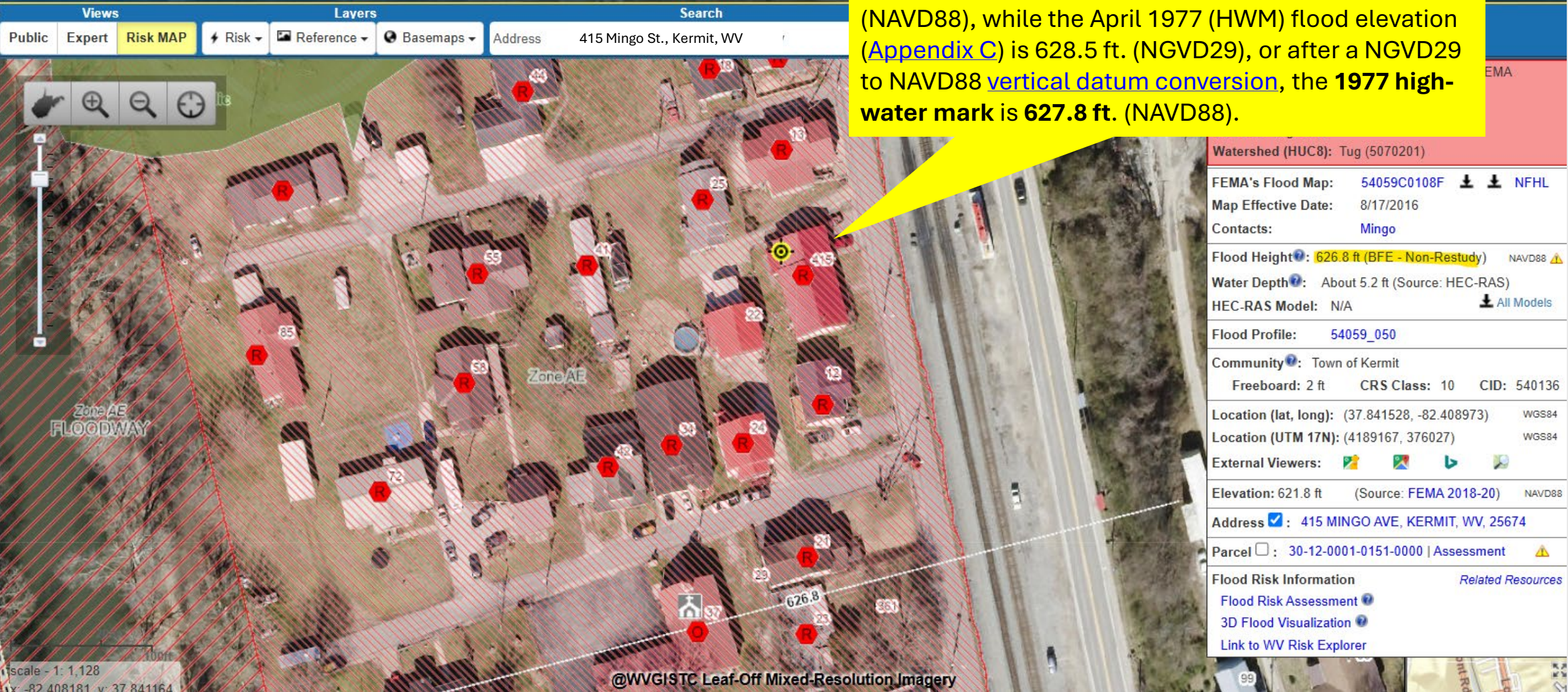
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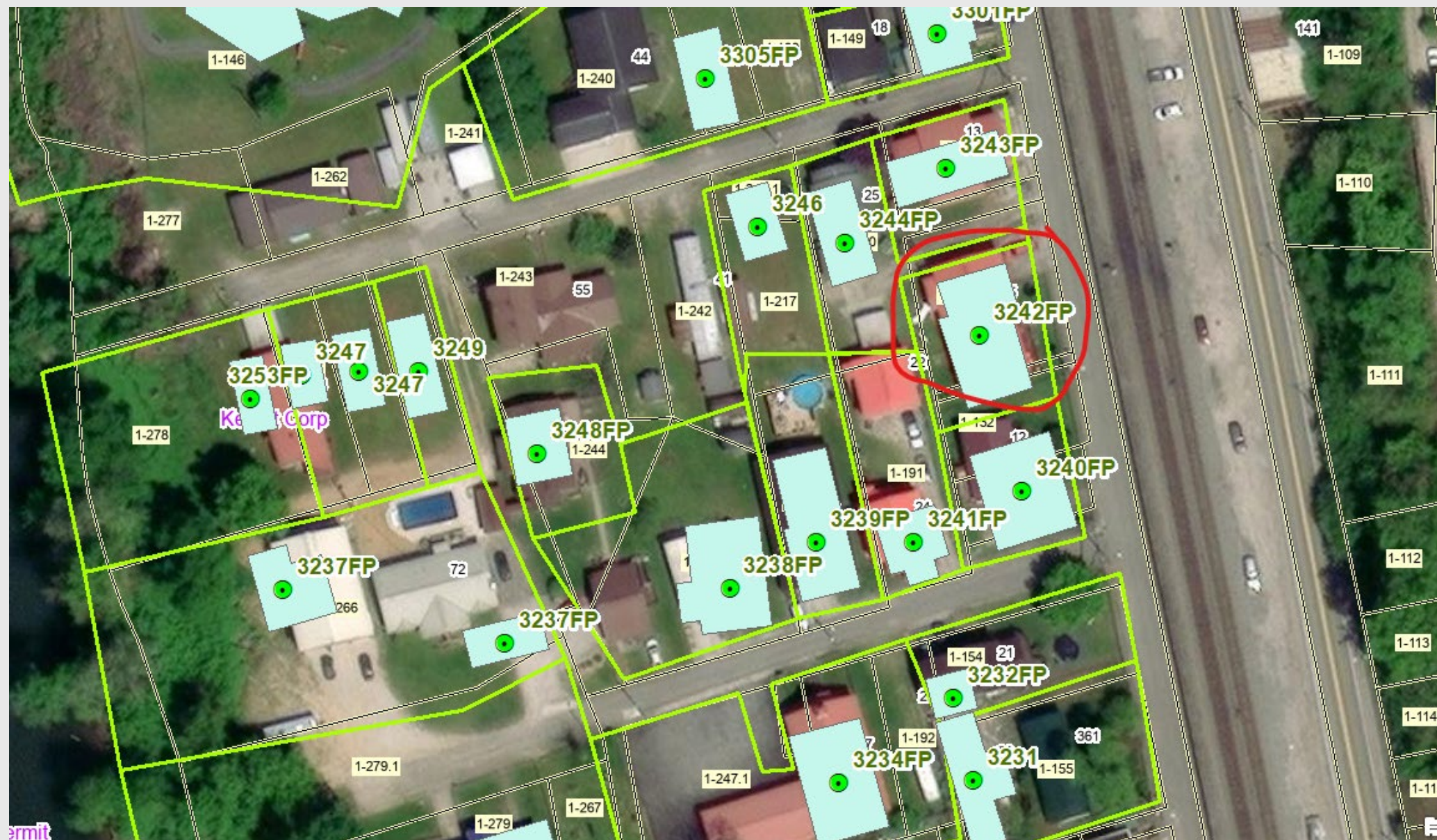
[WV Flood Tool Link](#)

For [Structure 3242FP](#) on 415 Mingo Street in [news article](#), the FEMA 100-yr flood elevation is **626.8 ft.** (NAVD88), while the April 1977 (HWM) flood elevation ([Appendix C](#)) is 628.5 ft. (NGVD29), or after a NGVD29 to NAVD88 [vertical datum conversion](#), the **1977 high-water mark** is **627.8 ft.** (NAVD88).



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[Google Street View](#) July 2023



USACE Section 202 picture of Floodproofed
Structure 3242FP taken July 2006



[News article](#) picture of February 2025 flooding

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Flooding of
Structure

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