

# PAYING FOR FLOOD DEFENCE



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North West Region*

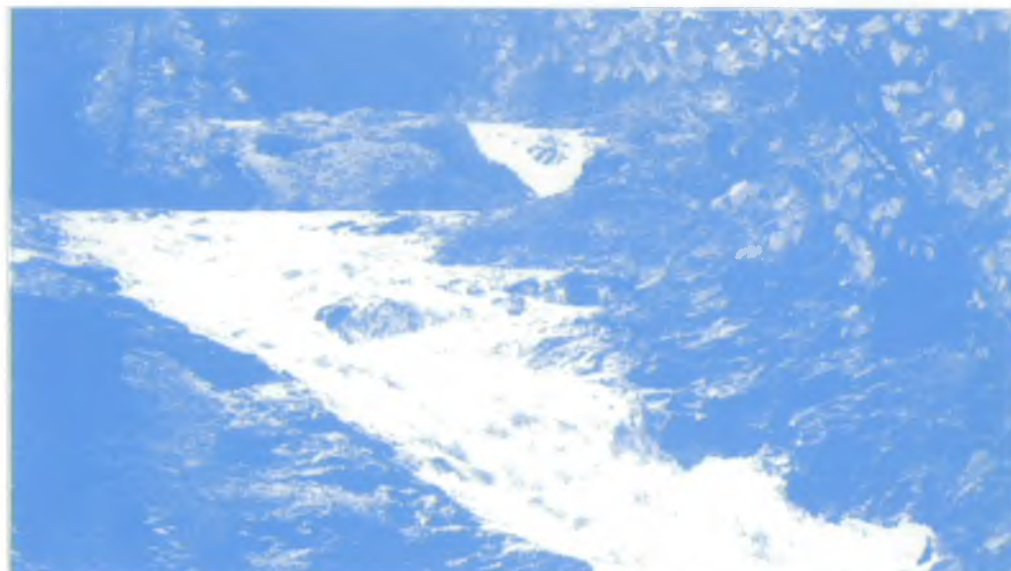


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The biggest proportion of the National Rivers Authority's annual budget is spent on flood defence work.

Individual schemes designed to protect people and property from flooding can cost from a few thousand pounds up to £10 million - the estimated cost of one scheme which is being designed to protect thousands of homes in Salford, Greater Manchester.

Most of the money for this type of work is raised through a "levy" on local councils based on the number of community charge payers in the area they cover.

The councils (county and metropolitan borough) recover the money they give to the NRA through the Community Charge (soon to be replaced by the Council Tax).

The NRA can apply for grants for flood defence schemes from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, provided the work meets certain criteria.

**At present the NRA can get 15% towards the cost of works carried out on rivers and 35% towards the cost of sea and tidal defence work.**

Contributions towards the cost of some schemes can be sought from developers, especially where their development could result in an increase risk of flooding to existing property of where Flood Defence work is required to protect the new development itself from flooding.

Where the NRA carries out flood defence work for a third party, the cost of that work is "rechargeable" and can be recovered from the party concerned.

### Funding facts and figures

Flood defence budget 1992/3	£14.5m
Capital Programme cost	£6.6m
Amount raised by levy	£18.6m

For further information about the work of the NRA's Flood Defence department, please contact the Public Relations Department on 0925 53999.



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