Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is the elevation of an area in relation to the mean sea level expected to be reached during a flood. Based on historic data, these figures indicate which areas are most likely to be flooded.

Because BFE varies from property to property on Seabrook Island, it is important for a homeowner to know their property’s BFE. Knowing your home’s BFE is helpful in assessing your flood risk.

A flood elevation certificate is a document which describes the base flood elevation of a property. Elevation Certificates can benefit the homeowner and may qualify flood insurance holders for reduced premiums. Flood elevation certificates are available through a South Carolina licensed engineer or land surveyor. An example of elevation certificate may be found on FEMA.