

The Flood Shutter™

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THE CHALLENGE

Due to changing weather conditions, spring rains and tropical storms are resulting in higher rain totals. Thus, the chance and frequency of flood waters coming into our homes is increasing every year. The hundred year flood now occurs every five years. The catastrophic financial and emotional hardships that result from flooding experienced by homeowners in our area is too often.

In fact, FEMA understands this challenge and are paying to lift homes in the Ormond community. The cost is over \$160,000 per home while the aesthetic look is not appealing, especially if you have a garage. Even though most of the cost is picked up by FEMA, the homeowner will be expected to contribute to the project. Plus the inconvenience of temporarily moving out from their homes and securing items that could fall and break. Not to mention the impact on property values.

THE SOLUTION

It is time for a cost-effective solution that will be visually (aesthetically) appealing and not disrupt/inconvenient the homeowners' lifestyle. This solution is **The Flood Shutter™**. For a fraction of the cost, the homeowner can have peace of mind that in flooding situations like the past, they will be protected. No more PTSD for flooding when a hurricane is approaching or when the weather person is expecting training rain.

The Flood Shutter™ concept is outlined in attached graphics.

The basic protection is for 20 inches which would cover 90% of flooding situations. It can be expandable to 36 inches and beyond if needed with additional stackable panels. The panels can be clear or painted the same colors used for window shutters for aesthetic reasons.

The removal panels can be stored on the homeowner's property in attractive storage units (recommended) or can be stored by the manufacturer for a monthly fee. Although, some labor will be needed to install during expected flooding events and removal after, the homeowner can elect to do it themselves, secure friends and family or contact installer to install and remove for a fee.

Once prototypes are developed, the manufacturer and creator will secure appropriate patents and branding as a joint effort.

To promote the concept, **The Flood Shutter™** team will contact the St Charles Parish President (who has contact with Steve Scalise) to present to FEMA to cover entire cost for qualified homeowners. A manufacturer with a presence in multiple Gulf of Mexico locations will ensure service and marketing in key areas. I also have contact with Senator John Kennedy who understands and shares our concern for flooding.

Finally, this concept can become part of the building code for new homes in designated areas.

Consider the amount **The Flood Shutter™** would have saved taxpayers if this concept was used on the multiple homes raised on Ormond Boulevard. It would also make our community look more appealing.

I believe the leadership of Acadian Windows will share my vision and passion for this project along with providing the expertise, quality, standard of excellence and reputation needed for success.

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