

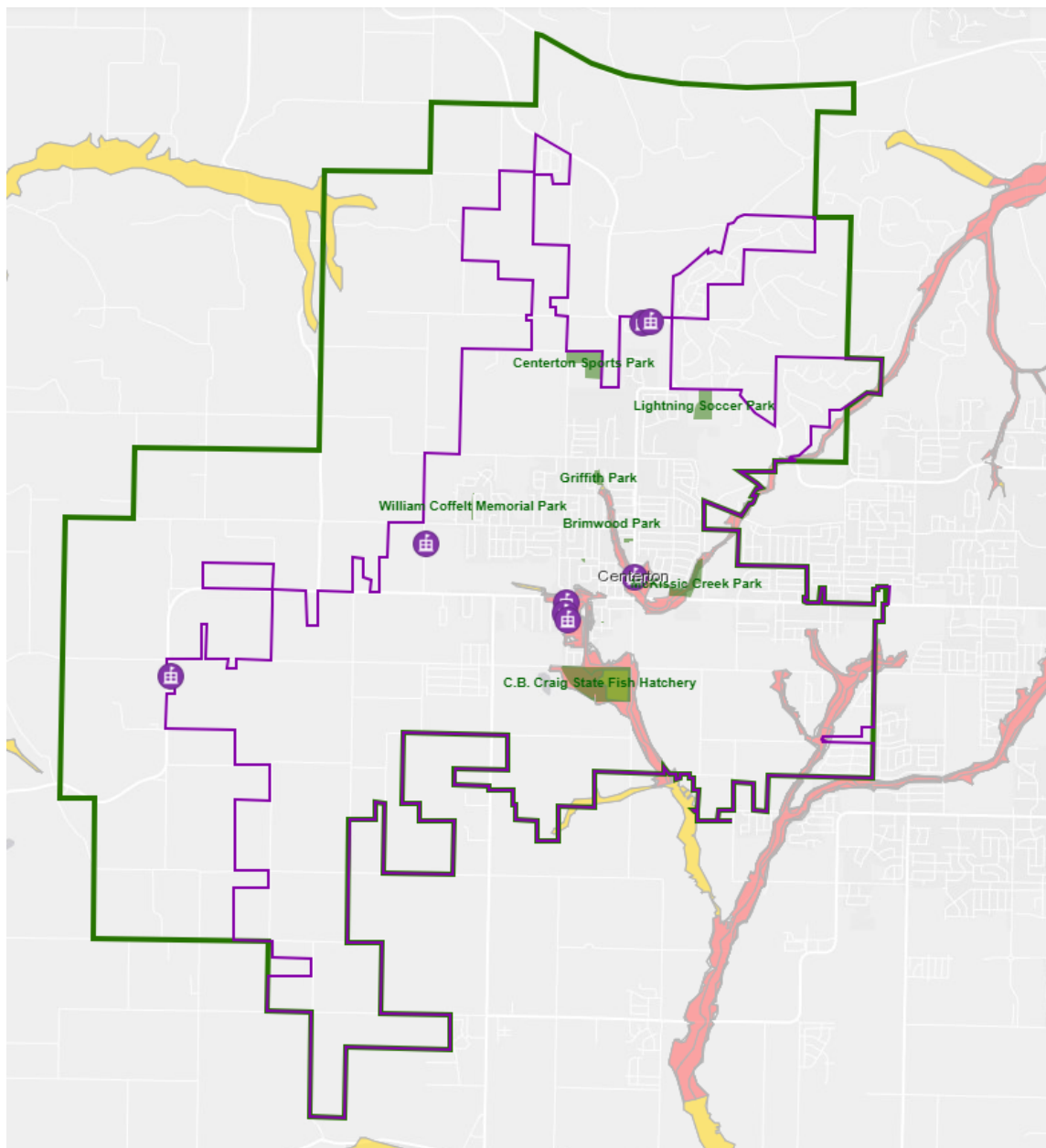
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## Know Your Flood Hazard

### In the City of Centerton...

There are two main watersheds in the City of Centerton that can cause flooding within the City limits, the Little Osage Creek and McKissic Creek. The Little Osage Creek can be found on the southeast side of the City while the McKissic Creek largely can cause flooding on the northeast side of the City.



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### **Do I live in a Floodplain?**

In order to find out what your risk of potential flooding is, it is important to know the location of the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and the proximity of your business or residence to the SFHA. Both the City of Centerton and Benton County offer GIS interactive maps on their websites. For more information about specific identification of flood risk, and Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data, please contact the Centerton Planning Department.

Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded recently. However, it can still be flooded in the future because the next flood could be worse. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged.

### **Why is it important to know your risk?**

Floods are typically caused by storms, snow, hurricanes, inadequate drainage systems or broken water mains. Technically, everyone lives in a flood zone, however, some are more susceptible to flooding than others due to their location. Flooding in all areas can come with little warning. Even though they appear to move slowly (three feet per second), a flood that is two feet deep can knock a person off their feet or lift a car. Flash flooding occurs when a locally intense precipitation inundates an area in a short amount of time, resulting in local streamflow and drainage capacity being overwhelmed. Ponding occurs when concave areas (e.g., parking lots, roads, and clay-lined natural low areas) collect water and are unable to drain.