

What is a Catchment Approach to Managing Flood Risk?

A catchment approach to managing flood risk looks at the catchment holistically, rather than a disjointed, piecemeal approach. It can help to better manage the flow of water through the catchment by using a range of different interventions at various places throughout the catchment, not just at the local level.

Government, landowners, water companies, risk management authorities, voluntary organisations, communities and businesses could all collaborate on an integrated approach and address how land can be better managed in the catchment to manage the risk of flooding.

The different flood risk management techniques which could be used include:

- Natural Flood Management (NFM) and land management techniques.
- Flood Risk Management Schemes (FRMS)
- Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)
- Property Flood Resilience (PFR)
- Maintenance throughout the catchment
- Community resilience
- Coastal Management

