



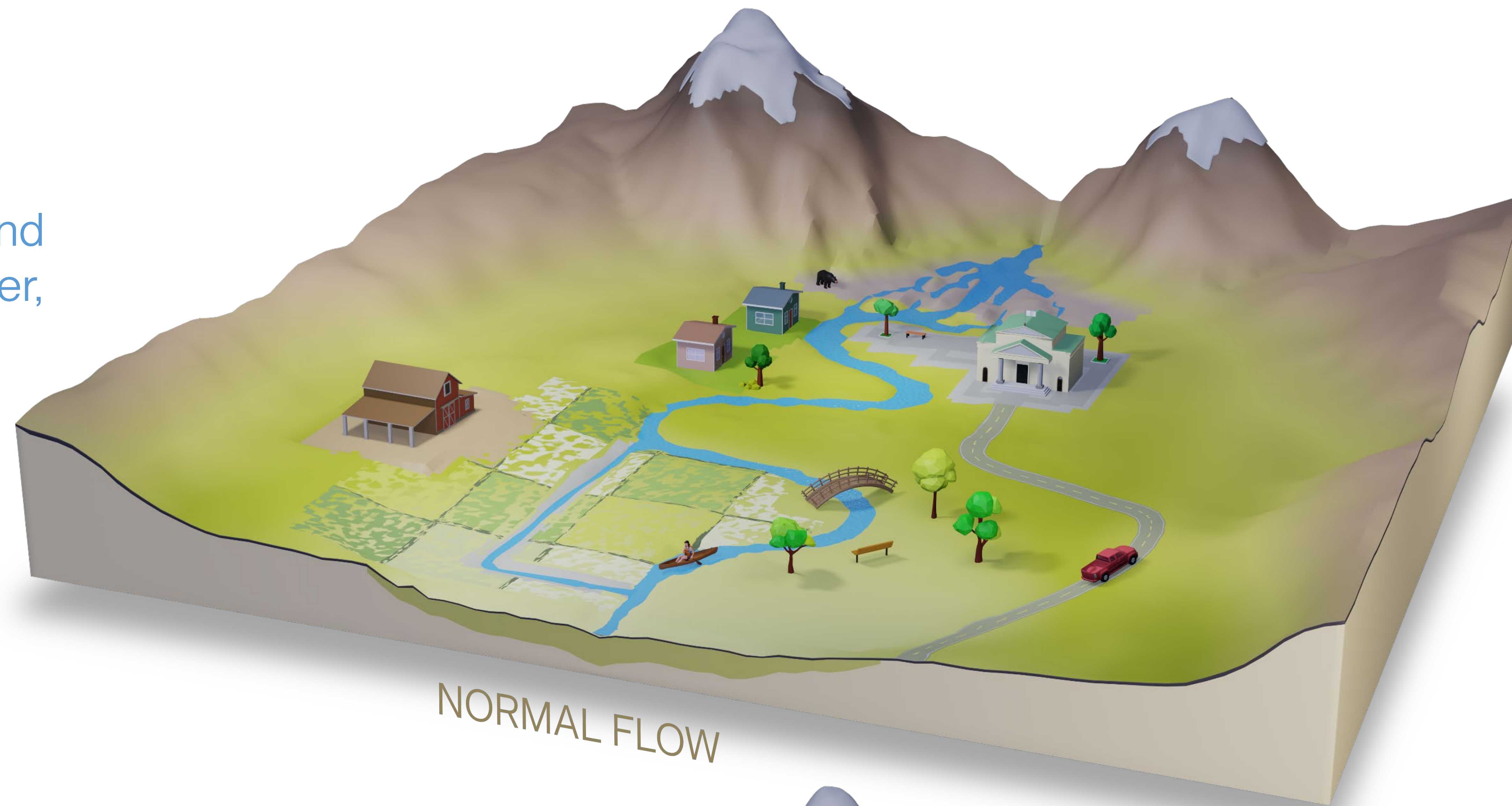
# THE VALUE OF FLOODPLAINS



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## Natural Flood Management:

Floodplains absorb and distribute excess water, reducing the risk and severity of floods in downstream areas.



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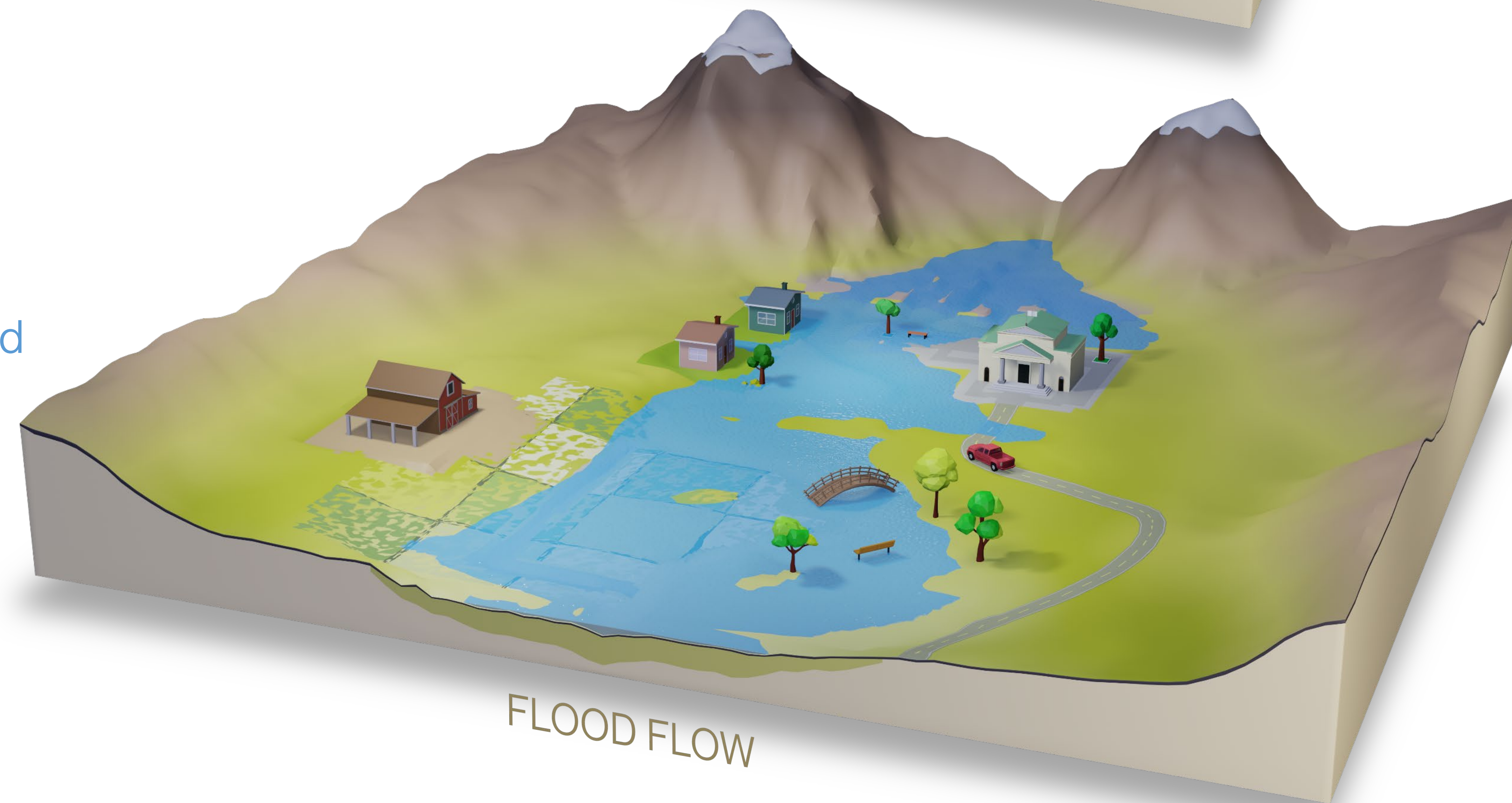
## Biodiversity Hotspot:

Floodplains support diverse ecosystems, offering habitats for many aquatic and terrestrial species, including several that are endangered.

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## Water Quality Enhancement:

Vegetation in floodplains filters pollutants from runoff, helping maintain cleaner water in rivers and streams.



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## Recreational Opportunities:

Many floodplains offer recreational activities such as fishing, birdwatching, and hiking, contributing to local tourism and quality of life.

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**Economic Benefits:** Floodplains support agriculture by providing fertile soils, and their natural functions can reduce the cost of artificial flood defenses.



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