

Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Freeholder Meeting Venue:

Date: Feb 25, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Location: Eastern Branch Library
1001 Route 35
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

Agenda: Resolution approving the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FEMA for a Countywide High Water Mark Project; an extension of the County's Community Rating System (CRS) Municipal Assistance Program

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FREEHOLDER	✓						
Arnone	✓				✓		
Curley	✓				✓		
Burry	✓				✓		
DiMaso	✓		✓		✓		
Rich	✓			✓	✓		

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AT A MEETING HELD

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Maureen Masnick
CLERK

County Counsel

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH FEMA FOR A COUNTYWIDE HIGH WATER MARK PROJECT; AN EXTENSION OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2014, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized the Monmouth County Division of Planning in cooperation with the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management to encourage municipal participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) CRS program by providing certain professional and technical assistance to municipalities that are in need of such assistance; and

WHEREAS, this effort has resulted in an increase in the number of Monmouth County communities participating in the NFIP CRS program from eight to twelve and helped to improve the CRS classification of two communities within the NFIP program resulting in a reduction in flood insurance premiums for residential and commercial policy holders in Special Flood Hazard Areas; and

WHEREAS, according to recent NFIP documents, policy holders in Special Flood Hazard Areas save approximately \$1.24 million in flood insurance premiums through community based CRS programs in Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Planning and Office of Emergency Management will continue to work with Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute and other local, state, and federal partner agencies in support of local municipalities that wish to participate in FEMA's High Water Mark (HWM) Program; and

WHEREAS, FEMA typically provides financial assistance to individual municipalities that wish to raise flood risk awareness in their community through the posting of high water signs; and

WHEREAS, communities that participate in the FEMA's High Water Mark Program receive additional CRS credits; and

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WHEREAS, coordination by the County of such an effort among our municipal partners and stakeholders will result in a cohesive, unifying message across the county, as well as encourage more municipal participation in this voluntary program; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that wish to participate in the HWM program are not required to be in CRS but must be in the NFIP, pass a resolution of support for program participation, work with County and Monmouth University officials in identifying the location of high water mark signs in the their community, install the signs, and assist with public outreach and program launch events; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of this initiative, fourteen municipalities have passed resolutions of support indicating their interest in being part of a countywide HWM Program; and

WHEREAS, FEMA Headquarters agrees to fund the printing and development of the County signs up to \$2,000 per community; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the program funds, FEMA requires the execution of the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders is desirous of entering into said MOU with FEMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth that the MOU with FEMA outlining the responsibilities of each agency as part of a countywide High Water Mark Project be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders or his designee and the Clerk of the Board be and they are hereby authorized to execute said MOU and other such documents as may be necessary to secure said funding on behalf of the participating municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Monmouth County Division of Planning in cooperation with the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management and Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute to coordinate and encourage municipal participation in the countywide High Water Mark Project by providing professional and technical assistance to municipalities that are in need of such assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Monmouth County OEM Coordinator, the Executive Director of the Monmouth University Urban Land Institute, FEMA's Region II Mitigation Liaison, and each mayor, municipal Administrator, local OEM official and CRS Coordinator of the fourteen participating Monmouth County municipalities.