

Monmouth County Community Rating System Assistance Program

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Location to be determined.

The CRS program which is run by FEMA through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) scores communities on their effectiveness in dealing with flood mitigation as well as flood plain management and development. Flood insurance policy holders in participating CRS communities are eligible for discounts in Special Flood Hazard Areas based on their community's CRS rating. The Monmouth County Division of Planning and the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management have partnered to offer their professional and technical expertise in hazard mitigation, community planning, public outreach, and GIS mapping to municipalities that wish to participate in the Monmouth County Community Rating System Assistance Program.

On March 13, 2014, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders passed [Resolution #2014-0201 establishing the Monmouth County CRS Assistance Program](#) including program guidelines for municipalities. Under these guidelines, municipalities may seek technical assistance as it relates to a specific CRS activity identified by the NFIP CRS Coordinator's Manual. Although the County is assisting municipalities with their individual activities, the County is not responsible for managing municipal CRS programs. Once a municipality receives its initial CRS classification from ISO (Insurance Services Office), they are responsible for continuing to implement their credited activities in order to keep, maintain, and improve upon their classification.

The County also facilitates a quarterly CRS User Group that is open to all municipalities whether they are already in the NFIP CRS program or wish to learn more about the CRS program. These meetings provide towns an opportunity to discuss their approaches and action steps with one another. It also provides a regional forum for discussion about common obstacles that confront program implementation. This tool has proven to be a valuable peer mentoring experience as some of the more advanced towns often provide recommendations or give their insight to towns that are just starting in the CRS program. It also provides towns an opportunity to ask specific questions about the CRS program which the County can then take directly to the State, ISO or third party representatives such as the [New Jersey Association of Floodplain Managers](#).

In order to accommodate towns between meetings, the County has developed this CRS program web page that functions as an information portal with links to CRS resources as a "go to" place for all things CRS including a dedicated e-mail, crs@co.monmouth.nj.us, to directly submit information or questions.

Please visit the [Office of Emergency Management CRS website](#) for more information on the CRS program including important links to resources to get your community started in this program.

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