

MONMOUTH COUNTY CRS USERS GROUP

01/11/18 Meeting Notes

Meeting was held at the Monmouth County Historical Association, 70 Court Street, Freehold at 10:00 a.m.

1) Welcome from Chuck Jones, Executive Director of the Monmouth County Historical Association.

2) Introductions: See attached sign in sheet for attendees

3) High Water Mark Outreach Committee

- Claire Antonucci, Executive Director of the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium, introduced the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium's Teachers Guide to the Monmouth County High Water Mark Initiative and discussed efforts to have it included in the county elementary through high school curriculum. Mindy Voss and Michael Oppegaard presented the curriculum to the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools on November 17, 2017.
- Dr. Thomas Herrington of Monmouth University's Urban Coastal Institute is NJSGC's Coastal Community Resilience Specialist. He invited communities struggling with resiliency issues to contact him.
- Joe Barris, Assistant Director of Monmouth County Division of Planning, discussed the CRS poster and High Water Mark Storymap. Also discussed conference call with New Jersey chapter of the Silver Jackets and potential funding opportunities for additional High Water Mark signs.

Note: Joe Barris, Michael Davenport (Monmouth County GIS), Jim Nichols (Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute), and Clair Antonucci presented the Monmouth County High Water Mark Program at the New Jersey Association of Floodplain Managers' Conference in Atlantic City on October 25, 2017.

4) FEMA/NJDEP Update

- Jim Watt, NJDEP, informed the group that 15 FEMA FIRM panels would be updated in the County and towns affected by FIRM changes would have to adopt the new maps by ordinance. He offered to hold a separate meeting or discuss further at the next CRS meeting in April.

Note: Since then, a meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 31st at 10am at the Wall Township Municipal Building to discuss FIRM adoption process. Please contact Chris Gould at Alan.Gould@dep.nj.gov if you are interested in attending.

- Free National Flood Insurance Program Flood Plain Management Training will be held in Monmouth County on April 3rd (see below).

[Floodplain Management Training - Monmouth County \(session 1 of 2\)](#)

Tuesday, April 03, 2018 9:00 AM

Avon-by-the-Sea Municipal Marina 2 Main Street, Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ 07717

NOTE: Register at <http://www.njafm.org>

- Garrett Byma, ISO, noted that Sea Isle City is the first community in New Jersey to achieved Class 3 and that several other municipalities will soon reach 4. This is credited to 2017 CRS program revisions.

5) MCOEM Update

- Joe Barris provided the MCOEM Update.
 - The Monmouth County Evacuation Plan was adopted in September along with the Monmouth County Emergency Operations Plan.
 - In the packet is a brochure about how towns can participate in Register Ready. Coordinators should first discuss with their OEM coordinators to determine the current level of involvement. Afterwards, they can contact Beth Hessick with any questions at bhessek@mcsonj.org) or at 732-431-7400 x1807. Register Ready can be useful to gain points in the CRS 600 Series.

6) MC Planning Update

- Draft 610 templates are complete and have been distributed in draft form. A sample ordinance for adoption of Monmouth County coastal evacuation plan was previously distributed and can be obtained by contacting Joe Barris. Joe Barris noted that activity 611.b is a prerequisite for all 610 activities.

Note: Joe will provide Garrett and Al Goodman, technical reviewer, copies of the draft templates for their review and comment. Final version of the 610 templates will be placed on line along with the required 610 checklist.

Note: Find out more about CRS 610 from Al Goodman on his YouTube video.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbtsp4qBad8

- Joe Barris discussed availability of historic flood maps and studies at the Monmouth County Library. FIRMS for the entire county (and state) dating back to the 1980s are available at the Eastern Branch of the Monmouth County Library System in Shrewsbury Borough. Although the library has provided a link to the collection on their website, Joe suggests getting scanned or copies for credit in CRS 320/350. For more information, contact Beth Miller at bmiller@monmouthcountylib.org.
- Stormwater Control Regulations will be discussed at our next meeting. Guest speaker Louis Greenwell will discuss how the new regulations relate to CRS credits.

- Tyler Ardron from Risk Reduction gave an overview of the 21st Century Flood Reform Act. Primary change is the allowance of private insurers entering the market. Also there is a recommendation for a 15% cap on annual premium increases. His understanding is that the bill has been postponed until later in the year. Tyler will provide a further update at the next meeting.

7) Comments, Questions, and Discussion

- Discussion about ordinances and conflicts with their ability to enforcing NFIP requirements related to linear feet of enclosed floor area.

8) CRS Group members were encouraged to visit the Historical Association's 5 year retrospective exhibit for Superstorm Sandy just downstairs from our meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 10am; location is to be determined.