

3rd ANNUAL JOINT MONMOUTH-OCEAN COUNTIES CRS USERS GROUP

09/17/2020 Meeting Notes

Meeting was held via WebEx at 10:30a.m.

1) Welcome and Introductions: Welcomes from Mark Villinger, Ocean County Planning Department and Bridget Neary, Monmouth County Division of Planning.

2) County Updates

Monmouth

- Michael Oppegaard, Monmouth County OEM gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The plan is approved pending adoption and will now need to be adopted by the county and municipalities.
 - The plan was provided to Garrett Byma, ISO for CRS review. Once HMP is adopted by your town, send resolution to Garrett.
- Monmouth County was awarded a \$125k DCA grant for CRS software. The original plan was to provide 1 year free to all CRS towns, then step down funding the following two years. However the county is now looking to use CARES funds for full implementation, which would cover a full three years through shared service agreements with CRS towns. If this is approved the county will be contacting towns to execute shared service agreements.
- The Division of Planning plans to host a webinar featuring a detailed presentation by NJDEP on the new Stormwater Management Rules that will be effective March 2021. The webinar is expected to take place in October. All CRS user groups in the state are welcome and details will be sent out once the date and time are finalized.
- Planning staff has been working with New Jersey Coastal Coalition (NJCC) on increasing membership in Monmouth County towns. Staff recently sent an outreach letter to the administrators of all CRS towns providing information about NJCC and encouraging participation. Monmouth currently has 2 towns (and the county) that have joined NJCC and 2 towns that are in the process of joining.

Ocean

- Mark Villinger discussed opportunities for Ocean County through the NJCC (of which they, and several Ocean County municipalities, are members).
- Ocean County municipalities were reminded of the County's CRS Assistance Program. Town's willing to adopt the guidelines are able to request assistance with GIS mapping as needed.
- Ocean County municipalities were made aware that the County does not have annual update for the Hazard Mitigation Plan this year. The 2019 HMP was adopted late last year. Ocean County Planning and OEM will review to address the annual maintenance into next year. CRS towns are responsible for reviewing their individual HMP progress if they are using it for credit under Activity 510.

3) Partner Updates

Garrett Byma, ISO/CRS Specialist

- Re-certifications are due October 15th
- No new CRS manual coming out in 2021, but there will be an addendum in January 2021
 - Will change pre-requisites for some activities

- Class 8 pre-requisite: 1 foot of freeboard for residential structures in AE/V with BFE
- Procedure change: no longer required to submit ECs for Activity 310 for cycle verification. Will be done on annual basis with recertification. 90% correctness on yearly basis. Will be given full 38 point EC credit.
- Additional credit will be available for substantial damage tracking and planning
- Recommend signing up for CRS newsletter which will highlight important changes. Also noted webinars later in the year will address the changes and encourage towns to participate.

Kenya Lovill, NJDEP

- Grant with FEMA to do compliance assistance – 2021 deliverables
 - Working on guidebook for floodplain administrators
 - Model permits
 - Model ordinance
 - Substantial damage plan
 - Training sessions
 - Newsletter

Tyler Ardron, Risk Reduction Plus Group

- NFIP reauthorization. Expires 9/30/2020. Will most likely be another extension.

Tom Herrington, Monmouth University/NJ Sea Grant

- NJ Sea Grant is forming a workgroup of municipal and county officials to discuss issues and strategies to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on tourism. If you would like to participate or would like more information contact Tom at therring@monmouth.edu

Tom Quirk, NJ Coastal Coalition

- Addressed any towns interested in joining the coalition should reach out. Contact information is available from Bridget Neary or Mark Villinger. Currently 30 members in 6 Counties.
- Noted grant funding for development of 2nd stage of NJCC's webapp.

4) Guest Presentation 1

Tony Ricci, Jillian Stokely, and Chris Testa of NJOEM

NOFO for BRIC/FMA. See attached presentation.

5) Guest Presentation 2

Sophie Glovier, The Watershed Institute

Sophie discussed the new Stormwater rules (effective March 2021) and ordinance enhancements. See attached presentation and sample ordinances.

*Note: Garrett will provide new stormwater rules, model ordinance, and enhanced model ordinance to technical review committee to determine if eligible for additional CRS credit.

6) Reminders/Announcements

- Upcoming CRS Webinars www.CRSResources.org/training (CRS Webpage)
 - 10/13, 11/17, 12/15 - Changes in the CRS: The 2021 Addendum to the CRS Manual

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- 10/14, 12/16 - CRS & Substantial Damage Properties Management Plans
- 11/18 - Activity 370 (Flood Insurance Promotion)
- NJAFM Training Schedule: <http://www.njafm.org/calendar>
- NJ Future Stormwater webinar 9/30/20 <https://www.njfuture.org/events/webinars/rest-easy-when-it-rains-webinar/>

The next Ocean County CRS User Group meeting is scheduled to be held on December 17, 2020.

The next Monmouth County CRS User Group meeting will be held in January – date TBD