

## MONMOUTH COUNTY CRS USERS GROUP

Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 10am to 11:30am

WebEx

### 1) Welcome & Introductions

- See list of attendees below

### 2) County Updates

- Regional PPI opportunity through New Jersey Coastal Coalition (3 towns and County have joined)
  - Joining NJCC is first step. Benefits to joining NJCC other than PPI. Free to join. Contact Bridget for more info
- Forerunner – In the works for over two years. Were able to offer all 17 CRS towns in Monmouth County service for three years at no cost. Towns will now have an excellent CRS management tool to help stay organized and compliant. Accomplished through a DCA Leap Challenge grant and matched CARES funds. Thank you for your persistence and hard work Joe, Liz, and the Forerunner team!
- Monmouth County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Activity 510)– ISO technical review for Keansburg did not produce the points that were expected. ISO allowed county to review and comment and county sent comments at the end of December outlining where activity criteria may have been overlooked or miscredited. County requests that future HMP credit evaluations from ISO be sent to Bridget for review.
- Activity 370 Flood Insurance Study, Coverage Plan, and Implementation, and 2021 addendum new activities – collaboration opportunity with county. Bridget will send out more information to municipal CRS Coordinators in the coming weeks.
- 2021 addendum has new action for Floodplain Species Assessment and Plan. The county plans to incorporate a multi-jurisdictional Floodplain Species Assessment and Plan into other upcoming environmental reports (Natural Resource Inventory).

### 3) Partner Updates

- Garrett Byma, ISO
  - HMP comments are being reviewed. Will let us know when he hears anything
  - 2021 CRS Manual Addendum is up and effective. Can be found along with the 2017 Coordinators manual here: <https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/community-rating-system>
  - ECs now must be submitted during recertification process
  - CRS webinars <https://crsresources.org/training/>
  - Garrett is still the ISO CRS contact until ISO hires his replacement. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who may be interested in the position this is the job listing: <https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/Verisk/743999726704126-crs-specialist>
- Tom Herrington, UCI, NJ Sea Grant
  - NJ Sea Grant research priorities for the next two years focus heavily on coastal community resilience, looking specifically at nature-based, social, and economic benefits of resilience. There may be some citizen science opportunities. Tom will keep the group updated with newest research and opportunities to participate.
- Kenya Lovill, NJDEP
  - Model floodplain ordinance posted : <https://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/modelord.htm>
  - Training for model ordinance will be coming soon
  - Another newsletter coming out soon
- Tyler Ardron, Risk Reduction Plus Group
  - NFIP was reauthorized until September 2021
  - Risk Rating 2.0 anticipated for October 2021
  - Outreach opportunities available. Contact Tyler at [tardron@riskreductionplus.com](mailto:tardron@riskreductionplus.com)

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- Vanessa Dornisch, JCNERR
  - In kind funding opportunity for technical assistance from Army Corps through their floodplain management services program. Engineering services for non-structural service. Has to be inter-agency participation along with Army Corps. See attached Call for Proposals for more information. Silver Jackets examples of non-structural efforts:  
<https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/Resources/Interagency-Nonstructural-Efforts?page903=1&size903=12&search903=NJ>

#### 4) Announcements

- Many upcoming CRS Webinars <https://crsresources.org/training/>
- NJAFM 2021 conference will be held October 26-28, 2021.
- NJAFM webinars, news, and announcements: <https://www.njafm.org/>
- Monmouth County CRS webpage is updated monthly with new technical bulletins, news, guidance documents, trainings, and more. Check on the home page for recent additions:  
<https://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?ID=4248>

#### 5) Guest Presentation

##### Susanna Pho and JT White, Forerunner

Susanna and JT gave an overview of Forerunner functions and how to use them. See attached overview. Questions? Contact Susanna at [Susanna@withforerunner.com](mailto:Susanna@withforerunner.com)

If you would like a recording of this Forerunner presentation please contact Bridget.

#### Meeting Attendees

Kyle DeGroot – MC Planning  
Tyler Ardron – Risk Reduction Plus  
Quinn Ruff – MC Planning  
Bridget Neary – MC Planning  
Mary Tangolics – Sea Bright  
David Marks – Rumson  
Christine Bell – Avakian Consulting/Belmar  
Kenya Lovill – NJDEP  
Sam Lopes – Forerunner  
Buzz Baldanza - Long Branch/Oceanport  
Robert Howard – Union Beach  
JT White Forerunner  
Susanna Pho – Forerunner  
Victoria Kemp – Ocean County Planning  
Vanessa Dornisch – JCNERR  
Brian Zable – Forerunner

Ken Marr – Aberdeen  
Frank DiRoma – Mansquan  
Tim Davis – Union Beach  
Annie Eng – Hazlet  
Becky Jones - NJDEP  
Rich Connors – Avon-by-the-Sea  
Tom Herrington – UCI/NJ Sea Grant  
Joe Barris – MC Planning  
Sue Moore - Long Branch  
Nick Poruchynsky – Fair Haven  
Garrett Byma – ISO  
Meghan Leavey – MC GIS  
Liz Perez – MC Shared Services  
Dennis Dayback – T&M/Union Beach  
Dana Webb – T&M/Union Beach

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