

MONMOUTH COUNTY CRS USERS GROUP
Thursday, April 15th, 2021 @ 10am to 11:15am
WebEx

1) Welcome & Introductions

- See list of attendees below

2) County Updates

- 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. Towns can also send to Bridget for courtesy review.
- Letter sent to all admins/planning boards in MC regarding new climate change requirement in Municipal Land Use Law as it relates to HMP.
- Activity 370 Flood Insurance Activities MC Planning will be working on FIA for all CRS towns. Once complete MC and Long Branch will begin working on a pilot to accomplish more actions in 370. Will keep the group updated on this new project.
- 2021 addendum has new action for Floodplain Species Assessment and Plan. MC plans to incorporate a multi-jurisdictional Floodplain Species Assessment and Plan into the Natural Resource Inventory.
- Please contact Bridget if your town needs CAV assistance

3) Partner Updates

- Vanessa Dornisch, JCNERR
 - MyCoast New Jersey App – portal used to collect and analyze photos of coastal events and places. Linked to data about weather and tides and can help in decision making process as well as raise awareness. <https://mycoast.org/nj>
- Tom Herrington, UCI, NJ Sea Grant
 - NJ Sea Grant received rapid response funds to develop social media campaign for Covid beach safety. Will be doing the same this year along with a print campaign. Looking for feedback from group on the print material. Will send out to the group for comment when draft proofs are received.
 - NJ Coastal Resilience Plan (NJDEP) will be released on Earth Day for comment. NJPACT (regulatory reform effort to modernize environmental laws to protect against climate threats) will be released shortly after. Will have climate adjusted flood elevations in the proposed new rules.
- Susanna Pho, Forerunner
 - Reminder to upload ECs and link to flood information site
 - Forerunner launching EC error detection software. Users will be notified when it is activated.
 - Please provide Susanna any feedback since using Forerunner. susanna@withforerunner.com
- Tom Quirk, New Jersey Coastal Coalition (NJCC)
 - Encourages all towns to join NJCC. Free to join, monthly virtual meetings. Contact Tom or Bridget
- Kenya Lovill, NJDEP
 - Model floodplain ordinance: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/modelord.htm>
 - Substantial Damage Management Plan draft released
 - Model Floodplain Development Permit: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/model-floodplain-permit.htm>
 - Floodplain Communicator Newsletter <https://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/newsletters.htm>
 - Local Design Flood Elevation Worksheet and Other Resources: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/links.htm>
- Virginia Michelin, Morris County CRS Users Group
 - May 18th next meeting
 - FEMA adopting 2016/2017 FIRMS for Morris Co. in 2022
- Tom Flynn, Woodbridge/Middlesex County
 - Middlesex is updating their HMP. Have been advised that towns trying to get CRS Class 4 have been having trouble with Steps 2, 5, 8 (Public involvement, assessing problem, drafting action plan).

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4) Announcements

- ISO has hired Garrett's replacement
- 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>
- CRS Webinars <https://crsresources.org/training/>
- NJAFM 2021 conference will be held October 26-28, 2021. Please email Camille Graham with suggestions. cgraham@smartvent.com
- 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

Kenya Lovill and Becky Jones, NJDEP Division of Dam Safety and Flood Engineering

Kenya and Becky gave a presentation on the new Model Code Coordinated Ordinance. Please contact Bridget for a copy of the presentation.

Meeting Attendees

Quinn Ruff – MC Planning
Tom Quirk – NJCC
Tom Flynn – Woodbridge Twp.
Ashlynn Shanahan – MC Planning
Bridget Neary – MC Planning
Vito Gadaleta – Neptune
Marissa Cortese – MC Planning
Ed Striedl - Keansburg
Jordan Rizzo – CME/Red Bank/Long Branch
Virginia Michelin – Morris County Planning
Christine Bell – Avakian Consulting/Belmar/Ocean
Kenya Lovill – NJDEP
Buzz Baldanza - Long Branch/Oceanport
Susanna Pho – Forerunner
Mark Villinger – Ocean County Planning
Vanessa Dornisch – JCNERR
Bob Burlew - Union Beach
Ken Marr – Aberdeen
Tim Davis – Union Beach
Becky Jones - NJDEP
Tom Herrington – UCI/NJ Sea Grant
Joe Barris – MC Planning
Sue Moore - Long Branch
Dennis Dayback – T&M/Union Beach
Meghan Leavey – MC GIS
Sean Pizzio – MC Planning
Harriet Honigfeld – MC Planning

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