

MONMOUTH COUNTY CRS USERS GROUP
Thursday, July 15th, 2021 @ 10am to 11:30am
WebEx

1) Welcome & Introductions

- See list of attendees below

2) County Updates

- Activity 370 Flood Insurance Activities - MC Planning has been working on Flood Insurance Assessments for pilot CRS towns. Will be expanding to more towns. Bridget will be requesting some information in the coming weeks from CRS towns. Once complete there will be opportunities to accomplish more actions in 370.
- MC Planning is requesting the CRS point breakdowns for all MC CRS towns. Will be working on some CRS related projects and would like to see what activities towns could use points in.
- County Fair is July 21-25 – will be displaying flood information brochures
- Please contact Bridget if your town needs assistance/mapping for CAV

3) Partner Updates

- Garrett Byma, ISO
 - Garrett transitioning out of NJ CRS Specialist role. In the process of hiring and training someone. Garrett is still the contact for now.
 - Some Cycle Verifications for this year may be deferred due to staffing. If not deferred, Community Assistance Visits (CAVs) will take place in July and August and documentation will need to be submitted by November
 - Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) points will be removed in **April of 2023**. Most recent verification report will show how many points your town is currently receiving (430 Statement) or ask Garrett. **Could result in dropping a class or more if points are not made up elsewhere.**
 - Elevation Certificates (ECs) are separated from Cycle Verification and need to be done yearly at Recertification. **Request will be sent on September 1st and must be returned to ISO on October 15th.**
 - Class 8 freeboard requirement reminder. If ordinance needs update, work with NJDEP (Becky/Kenya)
- Kenya Lovill/Becky Jones, NJDEP
 - Substantial Damage Management Plan template released – up to 140 points if your town completes one. There will be upcoming presentations on how to implement.
 - October 29th is ICC deadline to raise homes or schedule timeline to achieve compliance. If having compliance/enforcement issues contact Becky for recommendations.
 - Model floodplain ordinance: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/modelord.htm>
 - 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>
 - 27 MC towns will be affected by FEMA FIRM map panel changes and will need to update their ordinance within 6 months of receiving letter (letter likely in September). Towns Cycling this year should adopt sooner. MC Planning will coordinate with NJDEP and have August/September meeting for towns to discuss implementation.
- Vanessa Tropiano, JCNERR
 - Coastal Ecological Restoration & Adaptation Plan (CERAP) – May still submit sites until next week to <https://www.nj.gov/dep/climatechange/njcerap.html>
 - 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>
- 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 or if you would like additional training. susanna@withforerunner.com
- Tyler Ardron, Risk Reduction Plus
 - Risk Rating 2.0 – will be teaching a class at NJAFM conference. Much will stay the same, but some highlights of what is changing:
 - First change to NFIP property ratings in 50 years

- Phase I – October 2021 – Any new policy after 10/1/21 or with positive impact to purchaser will be switched to Risk Rating 2.0. All other policies will be switched in April 2022.
- CRS discounts for X zones and post-FIRM noncompliant
- FIRMs not used for rating, only mandatory purchase
- BFEs not used for rating, but first floor elevation is
- No preferred risk policies
- Lowering premium maximum to 12k
- Rates based on replacement cost
- Rates supposed to be released in August
- Can look up changes here: <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/risk-rating/profiles>

4) Guest Presentation 1

Melissa James, ISO CRS Resource Specialist

Melissa discussed Recertifications. See attached presentation

5) Guest Presentation 2

Tom Quirk, New Jersey Coastal Coalition (NJCC)

Tom discussed the benefits of joining NJCC and asked towns in Monmouth to consider joining. For more information contact: acmcoastalcoalition@gmail.com

6) Announcements

- 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>

Meeting Attendees

Ed Striedl - Keansburg	Virginia Michelin – Morris County Planning
Frank DiRoma - Manasquan	Christine Bell – Avakian
Garrett Byma - ISO	Consulting/Belmar/Ocean/Spring Lake
Rich Connors – Avon-by-the-Sea	Kenya Lovill – NJDEP
Paul Gleitz – MC Parks System	Buzz Baldanza - Long Branch/Oceanport
Charles Rogers - Middletown	Susanna Pho – Forerunner
Quinn Ruff – MC Planning	Vanessa Dornisch – JCNERR
Tom Quirk – NJCC	Becky Jones - NJDEP
William White – Oceanport	Laura Kerr – Stevens Institute/NJ Sea Grant
John Johnson – Oceanport	Joe Barris – MC Planning
Melissa James – ISO	Sue Moore - Long Branch
Scot LaPorte - ISO	Dennis Dayback – T&M/Union Beach
Tyler Ardron – Risk Reduction Plus	Sean Pizzio – MC Planning
Ashlynn Shanahan – MC Planning	Harriet Honigfeld – MC Planning
Bridget Neary – MC Planning	Amber Mallm – MC Planning
	Victoria Kemp – Ocean County Planning

***Next CRS Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 @ 10:30am.
This will be the annual joint Monmouth/Ocean meeting. This meeting will be hybrid with in-person at Ocean County OEM in Berkeley Township and remote via WebEx.***