

FEMA GRANT AWARD- DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Flood Plan Overview

Flooding is the nation's number one natural disaster, and it can occur inland, along the coast, and across every region of the country. Somerset County recognizes that flooding is a problem both today and tomorrow. With this in mind, the County requested and was awarded FEMA grant funding to develop a flood mitigation plan. **Flood mitigation planning is a process in which community members work together to develop a program of activities to address their current and future flooding problems.**






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Floods are acts of God,
but flood losses are
largely acts of man.

GILBERT F. WHITE

Department of Emergency Services

Through the development and adoption of this plan,

-  Somerset County is taking a **proactive approach** to planning and managing flood hazards to meet community needs today and tomorrow.
-  Somerset County is working in **close coordination** with community stakeholders.
-  Somerset County is giving **thoughtful consideration** to implementing **flood mitigation options** that expand on our existing knowledge and are **cost-effective**.

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Stakeholder & Public Outreach Efforts



VIRTUAL STRATEGIES THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires participation from each community seeking plan approval during plan development. **Stakeholders and the public must also be given the opportunity to be involved in the planning process. However, there is no requirement for how this happens.** You have the freedom to define a planning process that works for your community, and that includes using digital tools and alternative methods of outreach.

Whether you are organizing a virtual meeting or passing along guidance to another organizer, there are different approaches that you can consider and discuss to ensure you're designing the meeting with the audience in mind.



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National Flood Insurance Program
Community Rating System

Coordinator's Manual

FIA-15/2017



Flood Mitigation Plan and CRS

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a national program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The CRS Coordinator's Manual spells out the credits and credit criteria of the CRS for **community activities and programs that go above and beyond the minimum requirements** for participation in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program.

A community that does not apply for the CRS, or does not obtain the minimum number of credit points, is a Class 10 community and **receives no discount on premiums.**

CRS Coordinator's Manual and scoring sheet will be used to **ensure that the plan includes CRS Steps, earning credit points.**

1	Manual Version:	Insert version	Community:	Insert Community Name)
2	510 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING		Insert Name of Plan	
3	512.a Floodplain Management Planning (FMP)			
4	Credit Points: Enter the section or page number in the plan where each credited item can be found. Add notes on AW-510-4.			
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6		CRS Step	Section/Page	Item Score Total
7	1.	Organize to prepare the plan. (15 Max)		
8	a.	Involvement of Office Responsible for Community Planning (4)		
9	b.	Planning committee of department staff (9)		
10	c.	Process formally created by the community's governing board (2)		
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12	2.	Involve the public. (120 Max)		
13	a.	Planning process conducted through a planning committee (60)		
14	b.	Public meetings held at the beginning of the planning process (15)		
15	c.	Public meeting held on draft plan (15)		
16	d.	Other public information activities to encourage input (Up to 30)		
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18	3.	Coordinate with other agencies. (35 Max)		
19	a.	Review of existing studies and plans (required) (5)		
20	b.	Coordinating with communities and other agencies (Up to 30)		
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22	4.	Assess the hazard. (Max 35)		
23	a.	Plan includes an assessment of the flood hazard (REQUIRED) with:		
24	(1)	A map of known flood hazards (5)		
25	(2)	A description of known flood hazard (5)		
26	(3)	A discussion of past floods (5)		
27	b.	Plan includes assessment of less frequent floods (10)		
28	c.	Plan includes assessment of areas likely to flood (5)		
29	d.	The plan describes other natural hazards (REQUIRED FOR DMA) (5)		
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Website

The Core Planning Team chose the website domain:

somersemdfloodplan.org

Major tabs or headings included on website:

Flood Plan Overview;

Flood Hazard Areas;





Flood Prevention and Adaptation;

How to Get Involved; and,

Additional Resources.



Plan Components

-  **Framing the Flood Risk;**
-  **Flood Risk Analysis-** Risk & Concern Assessment;
-  **Flood Risk Evaluation;** and,
-  **Flood Risk Management-** Flood Mitigation Options & Decision-making Implementation.

Next Steps:

-  **Review of Draft Website & Approval (Publish)**
-  **Stakeholder Fillable PDF- Risk & Concern Assessment**
-  **Stakeholder Meeting #2- September (within first two-weeks)**