

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency

CRS COMMUNITY CERTIFICATIONS

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Community Westwood, Borough of State NJ CID 340081
(6-digit NFIP Community Identification Number)

Note: Please cross out any incorrect items, below, as needed, and insert the updated information.

CC-213 Recertification

Recertification due date	October 15, 2022		
	Chief Executive Officer	CRS Coordinator	
Name	The Honorable Raymond Arroyo	Armand Marini	
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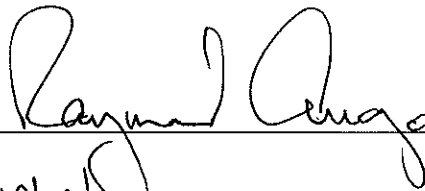
I hereby certify that Westwood, Borough of [community name] is implementing the following activities on the attached pages as credited under the Community Rating System and described in our original application to the CRS and subsequent modifications.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, we are in full compliance with the minimum requirements of the NFIP and we understand that we must remain in full compliance with the minimum requirements of the NFIP. We understand that at any time we are not to be in full compliance, we will retrograde to a CRS Class 10.

I hereby certify that we will continue to maintain FEMA Elevation Certificates on all new buildings and substantial improvements constructed in the Special Flood Hazard Area following the date at which we joined the CRS.

I hereby certify that if there are one or more repetitive loss properties in our community that we must take certain actions that include reviewing and updating the list of repetitive loss properties, mapping repetitive loss areas, describing the cause of the losses, and sending an outreach project to those areas each year, and if we have fifty (50) or more unmitigated repetitive loss properties we must earn credit under Activity 510 (Floodplain Management Planning) for either a repetitive loss area analysis (RLAA) or a floodplain management plan (FMP).

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, we are maintaining in force flood insurance policies for insurable buildings owned by us and located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) shown on our Flood Insurance Rate Map. I further understand that disaster assistance for any community-owned building located in the SFHA is reduced by the amount of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood insurance coverage (structure and contents) that a community should be carrying on the building, regardless of whether the community is carrying a policy.

Signature  (Chief Executive Officer)

Date 10/18/22

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CRS Program Data Table	A. In the SFHA	B. In a regulated floodplain outside the SFHA	C. In the rest of the community
1. Last report's number of buildings in the SFHA (bSF) (line 6, last report)	268		
2. Number of new buildings constructed since last report	+ 0		
3. Number of buildings removed/demolished since last report	- 0		
4. Number of buildings affected by map revisions since last report (+ or -)	0		
5. Number of buildings affected by corporate limits changes (+ or -)	0		
6. Current total number of buildings in the SFHA (bSF) (total lines 1-5)	268		
7. Number of substantial improvement/damage projects since last report	0		
8. Number of repetitive loss properties mitigated since last report	0		
9. Number of LOMRs and map revisions (not LOMAs) since last report	0		
10. Acreage of the SFHA (aSFHA) as of the last report (line 13, last report)	273.8		
11. Acreage of area(s) affected by map revisions since last report (+ or -)	0.0		
12. Acreage of area(s) affected by corporate limits changes (+ or -)	0.0		
13. Current acreage of the SFHA (total lines 10-12)	273.8		
14. Primary source for building data:	FEMA GIS shapefiles on Bergen County aerial imagery.		
15. Primary source for area data:	FEMA GIS shapefiles.		
16. Period covered:	10/16/2021-10/15/2022	Current FIRM date	10/15/2021
<i>If available, the following data would be useful:</i>			
17. Number of new manufactured homes installed since last report	0		
18. Number of other new 1 -4 family buildings constructed since last report	0		
19. Number of all other buildings constructed/installed since last report	0		

Comments:

(Please note the number of the line to which the comment refers.)

7. Please note 18 building permit applications were received for structures in the SFHA. No projects were considered substantial improvements.

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Instructions

At the first verification visit after the effective date of the 2013 *CRS Coordinator's Manual*, ONLY LINES 6 AND 13 NEED TO BE COMPLETED. These lines form the baseline data about the number of buildings and area of the SFHA for when the table is completed as part of the next annual recertification. The "period covered" entered in line 16 is the date that lines 6 and 13 are first completed. At all subsequent annual recertifications and cycle verification visits, the entire table is completed. The information in lines 6 and 13 from the last report is transferred to lines 1 and 10 in the next report.

Instructions for the Columns

Column A numbers are for the SFHA (the A and V Zones shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map) (FIRM)). Use the FIRM currently in effect, not a draft or pending revision.

Column B is completed only if the community receives CRS credit for regulating floodplain development outside the SFHA under Activity 410 (Floodplain Mapping) or Activity 430 (Higher Regulatory Standards).

Column C numbers help relate what happens in the floodplain to what is happening in the rest of the community.

Enter "0" if there are no numbers to report for this period. Do not leave a cell blank. Do not fill in the shaded boxes.

Instructions for the Lines

Lines 1-7 deal with buildings.

- o Section 301.a of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* defines what constitutes a "building" and lists examples of structures that are not counted as "buildings" by the CRS.
- o Section 302.a of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* describes how the CRS counts buildings. For example, accessory structures are not counted.
- o As noted in Section 302.a, to determine building counts, communities may use any method that yields reasonably good estimates of the number of buildings. Examples of acceptable methods are listed in Section 302.a. Precision is less important for large numbers. For example, the impact of the numbers will not change much if there are 10,000 buildings or 10,100 buildings.
- o If a building is out of the SFHA, but in a parcel that is partly in the SFHA, it is not counted in column A --In the SFHA.
- o In line 14, note how the building counts were obtained or estimated. Use the comments area, if needed.

Line 4 refers to map revisions. These include physical map revisions, Letters of Map Revision (LOMR), and Letters of Map Amendment (LOMA). If a building is removed from the SFHA by FEMA through a LOMA, but the community still administers its floodplain management regulations on the property, the building should not be included in the line 4 count in column A --In the SFHA. However, communities that still regulate areas removed by LOMAs can receive credit under Activities 410 or 430. If the community is receiving such credit, the building should be counted under column B --In a regulated floodplain outside the SFHA.

Line 7 is for the total number of buildings that were substantially improved plus the number of buildings that were substantially damaged during the period covered.

Lines 10 -13 deal with areas.

- o These areas are based on the areas shown on the community's FIRM including LOMRs or LOMAs. Section 403.b discusses those portions of the SFHA that are subtracted from the area of the SFHA to calculate the community's aSFHA used in credit calculations.
- o Section 403.e of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* discusses calculating areas for CRS purposes.
- o Section 403.e notes that communities "should not spend an inordinate amount of time measuring areas." As with buildings, communities may use any method that yields reasonably good estimates. Examples of acceptable approaches are listed in Section 403.e.
- o Line 13 asks for the current acreage of the SFHA. The best source for this number is a GIS layer that shows the SFHA. If the community does not have GIS, the county, regional agency, or state NFIP mapping office may have SFHA layers and may be able to provide the data. If the community has a relatively recent FIRM, the study contractor or consulting engineer may have the data.
- o In line 15, note how the area calculations were obtained or estimated. Use the comments area, if needed.

Lines 17 -19 are voluntary, if the numbers are readily available.

- o Line 17 includes replacing an existing manufactured home with a new one. The newly placed manufactured home is counted as a new, post-FIRM, building.
- o The total of lines 17 -19 should equal the value entered in line 2.

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COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION

Your community has been verified as receiving CRS credit for the following Activities.

- If your community is still implementing these activities the CRS coordinator is required to put his or her initials in the blank (do not use a checkmark or an "X") and **attach** the appropriate items. A blank with no initials indicates you are not implementing that Activity anymore, and will result in loss of points (and possible CRS Class).
- If the word "**attached**" is used you must provide the requested documentation for that Activity. If no documentation has been acquired for that Activity, please explain why there is no documentation from the past year.

KD 310 EC: We are maintaining Elevation Certificates, Floodproofing Certificates, Basement Floodproofing Certificates, V Zone design certificates and engineered opening certificates on all new construction and substantially improved buildings in our Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and make copies of all Certificates available at our present office location. [KD] *Initial here is you have had no new construction or substantial improvement in the SFHA in the last year.*

 310 EC: **Attached is the permit list for only new or substantially improved structures in the SFHA that have been completed in the last year.** We have permitted 0 new building and substantial improvements in the SFHA during this reporting period.

 310 EC: **Attached are all the Certificates for new or substantially improved structures that have been completed during this reporting period that are included on the above permit list.** (Note: The total number of Elevation and Floodproofing certificates should match the number of permits issued and completed within the reporting period defined above. All permits issued for new construction or substantial improvement within the V zone should have both an Elevation Certificate and a V Zone Certificate, and all buildings with basements within the basement exemption communities should have both an Elevation Certificate and a Basement Floodproofing Certificate).

KD 330 OP: We continue to conduct or provide all credited outreach projects.

KD 340 ODR: People looking to purchase flood prone property are being advised of the flood hazard through our credited hazard disclosure measures.

 350 LIB/LPD: Our public library continues to maintain flood protection materials.

KD 410 MAP: We continue to use our additional regulatory flood data before a new development can proceed in our floodplain.

KD 420 OSP: We continue to preserve our open space in the floodplain.

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- KD 430: We continue to enforce the floodplain management provisions of our zoning, subdivision and building code ordinances for which we are receiving credit. Initial here if you have amended your floodplain regulations. **Attach a copy of the amended regulations, provide a summary of the changes and mark up the regulations indicating what's been changed.**
- KD 440 AMD: We continue to use and update our flood data maintenance system on an annual basis as needed.
- 440 BMM: We continue to maintain our system of Benchmarks. Initial here if any Benchmarks were found to be missing or inaccurate. **Attach a copy of the correct elevation or a description of the missing Benchmark(s).**
- KD 450 SMR: We continue to enforce the stormwater management provisions of our zoning, subdivision and building code ordinances for new developments in the watershed. Initial here if you have amended your stormwater management regulations that will impact your CRS program. **Attach a copy of the amended regulations, provide a summary of the changes and mark up the regulations indicating what's been changed.**
- KD 450 ESC/WQ: We continue to enforce the provisions of our zoning, subdivision and building codes as they pertain to erosion and sediment control and water quality.
- 502 RL: We currently have repetitive loss properties and send our notice to properties in the repetitive loss areas.
- 502 RL: **Attached is a copy of this year's notice on property protection, flood insurance and financial assistance that we sent to our repetitive loss areas.**
- KD 510 FMP: **Attached is a copy of our floodplain management plan's annual progress report for the action items contained in the plan.** We have included a progress report template for you to use (in the email notification) if you don't have one of your own.
- 510 FMP: We have provided copies of this/these progress report(s) to our governing board and local media.
- KD 520 AR: We continue to maintain as open space the lots where buildings were acquired or relocated out of the floodplain. Initial here if there have been any changes (additions or deletions) to the parcels credited as open space. **Attach a description of those changes.**

CRS Activity 510

Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

Date this Report was Prepared: 2015 Update

Name of Community: Borough of Westwood, NJ

Name of Plan: Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

Date of Adoption of Plan: FEMA Approval Date April 13, 2015

5 Year CRS Expiration Date:

1. How can a copy of the original plan or area analysis report be obtained: *Online through Bergen County website at: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/emergency-management/all-hazard-mitigation-plan>. Please note a draft update dated April 2020 is also available and is under the public review period and has not been officially adopted.*
2. Describe how this evaluation report was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public: *The preparation of this report was a collaborative effort led by the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management (BCOEM) and New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) and included emergency management coordinators from 70 municipalities in Bergen County. The NJMC and BCOEM reviewed the data needed for the plan update, reached out to stakeholders for assistance to gather and disseminate information, examined vulnerable sites and facilities, and prioritized potential mitigation projects for future implementation and Federal funding. In addition to their interaction with the NJMC and BCOEM, the OEM Coordinators serve as the bridge to other elements in each community. For example, they serve as the liaisons to other departments within the municipality, including Engineer, Administrator, Construction official and Planner. The OEM Coordinators are also the link to the local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), civic organizations, advocacy groups, and the general public by providing outreach to these significant stakeholders, many of whom hold a wealth of information regarding areas in need of hazard management and mitigation at the local level.*

3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

Action items for the Boro of Westwood are listed on pages H-75 through H-79 of the Bergen County Hazard Mitigation Plan and consist of:

The tasks we listed (from the 2015 plan) are:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>
1.	<i>Acquire four Severe Repetitive Loss properties in Harding Nugent neighborhood. Acquired 5 and razed</i>	<i>Complete (pre-2020)</i>
2.	<i>Acquire 36 of the Repetitive Loss Properties in various neighborhoods.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
3.	<i>Develop and implement a multi-hazard public awareness program.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
4.	<i>Relocate DPW complex out of the floodplain.</i>	<i>Incomplete</i>
5.	<i>Enact Local ordinances favorable to pre and post flood construction to streamline permit process for post flood events.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
6.	<i>Elevate structures and utilities above base flood elevations.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
7.	<i>Implement SOP with local water utility to maintain 91' year round elevation of Woodcliff Lake reservoir.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
8.	<i>Develop a committee that meets regularly to discuss flooding issues and recommend projects.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Objectives</i>
1.	<i>Acquire four Severe Repetitive Loss properties in Harding Nugent neighborhood. Acquired 5 and razed</i>	<i>Objective reached</i>
2.	<i>Acquire 36 of the Repetitive Loss Properties in various neighborhoods.</i>	<i>Ongoing – subject to grant/funding opportunities and willingness of homeowners.</i>
3.	<i>Develop and implement a multi-hazard public awareness program.</i>	<i>Ongoing – draft copy of the April 2020 HMP update is being reviewed.</i>
4.	<i>Relocate DPW complex out of the floodplain.</i>	<i>Objective not met due to funding restrictions. The Borough of Westwood is investigating grant opportunities to assist with funding.</i>
5.	<i>Enact Local ordinances favorable to pre and post flood construction to streamline permit process for post</i>	<i>Ongoing – Hurricane Ida gave additional experience</i>

	flood events.	
6.	Elevate structures and utilities above base flood elevations.	<i>Ongoing – This is handled on a case-by-case basis as homeowners and property owners with structures in a flood zone apply for building permits. Substantial improvements require flood mitigation. The Borough strengthened this code by enacting a cumulative substantial improvement ordinance to prevent homeowners from segmenting work on their home to avoid the substantial improvement designation.</i>
7.	Implement SOP with local water utility to maintain 91' year round elevation of Woodcliff Lake reservoir.	<i>Ongoing – Discussions with the local water utility company are continuing.</i>
8.	Develop a committee that meets regularly to discuss flooding issues and recommend projects.	<i>Ongoing – Renewed interest after Hurricane Ida.</i>

5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations? *No recommendations for new projects in the past year as the previous list was comprehensive and ambitious.*