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CRS Information

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State:	Missouri
BCEGS: *	ABDC / 12345 ?
NFIP Number: *	REF23456 ?
FIRM Effective Date: *	12/19/2006 ?
Population: *	1,000,000 ?
Current FIRM Date: *	12/12/2006 ?
Application Date: *	12/03/2005 ?
County: *	Carson City ?
CEO Title: *	Chief Executive Officer ?
CEO Name: *	Antonio Morris ?
CEO Address: *	101 D St. NW ?
CEO City: *	Washington ?
CEO Zip: *	22222 ?
Coordinator Title: *	Coor Title ?
Coordinator Name: *	Nikita Morris ?
Coordinator Address: *	202 F st. SW ?
Coordinator City: *	Fairfax ?
Coordinator Phone: *	(222) 222-2222 ?
Coordinator Fax: *	(333) 333-3333 ?
Coordinators Zip: *	33333 ?
Coordinators Email: *	test@email.gov ?
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CRS Questionnaire ?

1. Does your community participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)?
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   - ○ No

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CRS Questionnaire Please select Yes or No. ?

1. Does your community participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)?
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No

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CRS Questionnaire ?

1. Does your community participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)?
   - (•) Yes
   - ( ) No

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2. Has your community been in regular phase of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for at least one year?

- Yes
- No

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3. Is your community in full compliance with the minimum standards of the NFIP?

- Yes
- No

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4. Does your community have repetitive loss properties as defined by the NFIP?

- Yes
- No

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5. Does your community have any flood insurance policies on community-owned property?

- Yes
- No

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310 ELEVATION CERTIFICATES

NOTE: Section 311.a is required of all communities.
This activity provides credit for maintaining records of flood data and elevations of new, substantially improved, and substantially damaged buildings on FEMA's elevation certificate. For this credit, your community's program must do all of the following:

a. The records must be on a FEMA elevation certificate (FEMA Form 81-31) or FEMA floodproofing certificate (FEMA Form 81-65). Copies of the forms are available for downloading at http://www.fema.gov/library/elvinst.htm. The elevation certificate's first page is on page 11. You may transfer data from earlier records to the FEMA forms.

b. You must maintain completed certificates for all buildings constructed or substantially improved in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) during the period credited. The forms must show the "finished construction" elevations.

c. You must review the certificates to ensure that the information is correct (each FEMA certificate includes instructions). It is the community's responsibility to ensure that the elevation certificates it maintains have been completed correctly. Certificates provided by surveyors must be proofread and corrected if there are errors or omissions.

d. You must make copies of the certificates available to any inquirer.

311 Credit Points

56 a. All CRS communities must receive credit for this element. Enter **56 points** because you will complete and maintain FEMA's certificates for ALL buildings constructed or substantially improved in the SFHA after the date you apply to the CRS.

56 b. This credit is for maintaining FEMA elevation certificates on buildings built or substantially improved during the period between your community's initial FIRM effective date and the date you applied to the CRS. These buildings are known as post-FIRM buildings. Enter **56 points** if you have FEMA elevation certificates for ALL your post-FIRM buildings or enter **14 points** if you have FEMA certificates on at least 25% of the buildings built in the SFHA since your initial FIRM date.

15 c. This credit is for maintaining FEMA elevation certificates on buildings built before your community's initial FIRM effective date. These buildings are known as pre-FIRM buildings. Enter **15 points** if you have FEMA elevation certificates for ALL your pre-FIRM buildings or enter **4 points** if you have FEMA certificates

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320 MAP INFORMATION SERVICE

140 If your community does ALL EIGHT of the items listed on page 12, enter **140 points**.

323 Application Documentation

You must attach the following documentation to this page of your application. Check the sections that apply:

a. Documentation that shows how you publicized the service each year (use one of the following methods). The publicity must also state that your community has elevation certificates for recent construction.

- [x] 1. If you send letters to appropriate institutions and agencies, a copy of one of the letters
- [x] 2. If you notify organizations of or agencies responsible for lenders, insurance and real estate agencies,
- [x] 3. The documentation attached to Activity 330 (Outreach Projects) includes a section that publicizes

- [x] c. If you send letters to institutions and agencies, a mailing list for those institutions and agencies.
- [x] d. Copies of the letters to inquirers or other record (such as the log on page 15)
- [x] e. Documentation showing how you keep your FIRM updated.

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330 OUTREACH PROJECTS

331 Credit Point

a. In the first column, enter **4 points** for each topic covered by the outreach project that you send out each year to the entire community.
b. In the second column, enter **10 points** for each topic covered by the outreach project that you send out each year to floodplain properties.
c. In the third, fourth, and fifth columns (c.1.a, c.1.b, and c.1.c), enter **2 points** for each topic covered by other annual outreach projects.

Project:	a	b	c.1.a	c.1.b	c.1.c
Points per topic covered:	4	10	2	2	2
1. Local flood hazard:	0	10	2	2	2
2. Flood safety:	4	10	2	2	2
3. Flood insurance:	4	0	2	2	2
4. Property protection:	4	10	2	2	2
5. Natural functions:	4	10	2	2	2
6. Flood hazard map:	4	10	2	2	2
7. Flood warning:	4	10	2	2	2
8. Permit requirements:	4	10	2	2	2
9. Substantial improvements:	4	10	2	2	2
10. Drainage maintenance:	0	10	2	2	2

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340 HAZARD DISCLOSURE

Various ways of telling people that a property is in a floodplain are credited under the CRS. No credit is given if the information is provided only if a person asks. The disclosure information must be volunteered or appear on a document, such as a Multiple Listing Service printout, fact sheet, or offer to purchase contract, that house hunters see before they have committed to buying or renting the property.

341 Credit Points

46 a. Enter **46 points** if real estate agents notify those interested in purchasing properties located in the floodplain about the flood hazard AND the flood insurance purchase requirement. Disclosure at the time of closing is not credited. See the Coordinator's Manual for the details about this credit; OR

10 b. Enter **5 points** each for other legal requirements that a property's flood hazard be disclosed to potential purchasers or renters. Examples of disclosure requirements include state or local laws that require sellers to state whether a property has ever flooded, require final recorded subdivision plats to show the hazard, or require lot surveys to state if the property is in a floodplain. Credit is provided for up to three different disclosure methods (maximum credit is **15 points**).

10 c. Enter **10 points** if real estate agents give potential buyers brochures or flyers that advise them to investigate the flood hazard for a property and discuss the flood insurance purchase requirement. An example of such a flyer is shown on page 22.

10 d. Enter **10 points** if the real estate agents' notification under 341.a also includes disclosure of other flood-related hazards, such as erosion, subsidence, or wetlands.

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350 FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

351 Credit Points

a. Enter the following points if the library meets the prerequisites listed on page 23 and contains at least one document that discusses the following topics:

4	Enter **4 points** for a copy of your community's Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Boundary and Floodway Map and an explanation of their use.
2	Enter **2 points** for documents on flood insurance.
8	Enter **8 points** for documents on protecting a building from flood damage.
3	Enter **3 points** for documents on floodplain management or flood hazard mitigation.
3	Enter **3 points** for documents on the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains.
3	Enter **3 points** for an up-to-date directory of addresses and telephone numbers of local agencies that can provide more information on the above topics.
2	Enter **2 points** for documents on special hazards that affect the community (see page 26).

b. Enter **1 point** for each document in the library that specifically addresses conditions in your community. Credit is provided for you to five documents (maximum credits is **5 points**).

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c. Enter the following points if the website meets the prerequisites listed on page 23 and covers the following topics:

3 Enter **3 points** for discussing the local flood hazard.

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360 FLOOD PROTECTION ASSISTANCE

The objective of this activity is to provide interested property owners with general information that responds to their needs. Providing construction plans or specifications that should be prepared by an architect or engineer is not necessary.

361 Credit Points

0	a. Enter **10 points** for providing site-specific flood and flood-related data, such as floor elevations, data on historical flooding in the neighborhood, or similar information so that inquirers can relate the flood threat to their own properties.
0	b. Enter **4 points** for providing names of contractors and consultants knowledgeable or experienced in retrofitting techniques and construction.
0	c. Enter **3 points** for providing material on how to select a qualified contractor and what recourse people have if they are dissatisfied with a contractor's performance.
0	d. Enter **35 points** for making site visits to review flooding, drainage, and sewer problems and providing one-on-one advice to the property owner, in writing.
0	e. Enter **14 points** for providing advice and assistance on how to retrofit or modify a building to protect it from flood damage, in writing.
2	f. Enter **5 points** if the person providing the assistance graduated from the Emergency Management Institute's course on Retrofitting Floodprone Residential Buildings (see inside back cover). Use **2 points** if the person successfully completed the independent study version of this course (IS-279).

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410 ADDITIONAL FLOOD DATA

"Flood data" include base flood elevations and delineation of floodways and coastal velocity zones. This activity credits (1) studies conducted outside the SFHA, (2) studies conducted in the SFHA where base flood elevations were not shown on the FIRM, (3) restudying an area shown on the FIRM where the new study produced HIGHER base flood elevations, (4) studies that were conducted to higher standards than the normal FEMA mapping criteria, and (5) cost sharing with FEMA on a Flood Insurance Study.

PREREQUISITES:

1. The study must be based on a FEMA-approved technique or specifically approved by the FEMA Regional Office.
2. The community must use the new data in its floodplain development regulations.
3. If the study affects a length of stream or shoreline, it must be submitted to FEMA to revise the community's FIRM. This prerequisite does not apply to small scale studies.
4. At each cycle verification, the community must certify whether its regulatory floodplain maps and related data still reflect current conditions.

411 Credit Points

50	a. Enter **50 points** if (1) you have adopted base flood elevations for regulatory purposes in one or more areas (a) outside the SFHA, (b) where there are no flood elevations shown on the FIRM, and/or (c) where a restudy produced higher flood elevations, OR (2) you require regulatory flood elevations to be calculated as a condition of a permit.
10	b. Enter **10 points** if your community contributed to the cost of preparing a Flood Insurance Study, such as providing topographic mapping.
25	c. Enter **25 points** if your regulatory floodway standard is more restrictive than FEMA's one foot of allowable surcharge. (Do not confuse this with the FEMA requirement that development in the mapped floodway cannot increase flood heights at all.)
10	d. Enter **10 points** if your community or your state has signed a Cooperating Technical Partner agreement with FEMA.

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420 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

This activity credits preserving vacant land in the floodplain as open space, i.e., as areas where there will be no buildings and no filling. The areas must be PRESERVED as open space either through public ownership or by development regulations that prohibit buildings and filling. The areas can be public parks, private preserves, playing fields, golf courses, or other uses provided that the owner documents that the land will stay as open space.
The open space must not be federal land and it must not be water (i.e., not a lake or river). There must be no buildings on the land, although parcels larger than 10 acres may have one building that is a necessary appurtenance to open space use, such as a restroom facility, ranger's cabin, or bleachers. Open space is not credited in FIRM Zones A99 or AR.

421 Credit Points

72	a. Enter **36 points** if at least 5 acres of your community's SFHA are preserved as open space. Enter **72 points** if at least 10% of your SFHA is preserved as open space.
7	b. Enter **7 points** if at least 5 acres of the open space credited under 421.a have deed restrictions that prohibit future owners from building or filling on the property. The deed must have clauses ensuring that no new buildings may be allowed on the property, that the restriction runs with the land, and that the restriction cannot be changed by a future owner (it can only be amended by a court for just cause).
10	c. Enter **10 points** if at least 5 acres of the open space credited under 421.a are in an undeveloped natural state or have been restored to a natural state (i.e., there are no picnic grounds, ball fields, or recreational facilities other than trails).

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- [x] a. A copy of the prohibitory ordinance language (if your credit is based on restrictive regulations).
- [x] b. Documentation that shows that at least 5 acres of floodplain will continue to be preserved as open space, such as a letter from the head of the parks department that states that it is the community's intent to keep the parcel(s) as public open space.

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430 HIGHER REGULATORY STANDARDS

This activity provides credit for regulations that require new development to be protected to one or more standards stricter than the NFIP's minimum requirements. More information on this activity and example regulatory language are provided in CRS Credit for Higher Regulatory Standards (see page 51).

431 Credit Points

60	a. Enter **60 points** if you have floodplain management regulations that require freeboard for all new buildings and substantial improvements (i.e., all new buildings (and their furnaces, utilities, ductwork, etc.) must be elevated or flood proofed to a level at least 1 foot above the base flood elevation).
15	b. Enter **15 points** if new buildings in the floodplain must be constructed on properly designed and compacted fill that extends beyond the building walls before dropping below the base flood elevation and has appropriate protection from erosion and scour.
40	c. Enter **40 points** if you have regulations that require ALL improvements, modifications, additions, and reconstruction projects to an existing building to be counted cumulatively over a period of at least five years.
18	d. Enter **18 points** if your threshold for substantial improvements is less than 50%.
40	e. Enter **40 points** if you prohibit or restrict critical facilities in the floodplain.
60	f. Enter **60 points** if you have regulations that prohibit fill in the floodplain (not just in the floodway) or that require compensatory storage.
5	g. Enter **5 points** if you have regulations that prohibit activities in the floodplain that are hazardous to public health or water quality, require buffer zones along streams, or that require that new floodplain developments avoid or minimize disruption to shorelines or stream channels and their banks.
40	h. Enter **40 points** if your regulations prohibit or restrict building enclosures, including breakaway walls, below the base flood elevation.
5	i. Enter **5 points** if any of your regulations are mandated by state law.
45	j. Enter **10 points** if your community has a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule of class 6 or better. Add **35 more points** if your community has adopted either the International Residential Code or the International Building

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430LD LAND DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

This section credits regulatory provisions that encourage developers to avoid the floodplain or to minimize the amount of construction in the floodplain. The area(s) designated for this credit cannot be the same as the area(s) designated for open space credit under Activity 420.

431LD Credit Points

25 a. Enter **25 points** if your regulations require developments to set aside floodplain areas as open space or drainage easements, require all new lots to be on natural high ground, require cluster developments, provide density transfers to flood-free sites, or otherwise discourage new buildings in the floodplain.

15 b. Credit is provided for having at least 5 acres of your floodplain in one or more zoning districts that requires a minimum lot size of 1 acre. This credit is available for undeveloped land within low density zoning districts, as well as for areas developed in accordance with the density requirements. For this element, it does not matter why an area is zoned for low density; what counts is the minimum lot size allowed.

Multiply the minimum lot size of your least-dense floodplain zoning district by 5. (The minimum lot size must be at least 1 acre.) Enter this value. If the result is **greater than 50**, enter **50 points**. (Example: if the zoning district includes floodplain areas and requires lots to be at least 10 acres, 10 x 5 = 50)

434 Application Documentation

You must attach the following documentation to your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification. Check each section that applies:

☑ a. A copy of the page(s) from the law or ordinance that adopts the regulatory standard. The document must be marked to clearly show where the credited language appears.

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440 FLOOD DATA MAINTENANCE

441 Credit Points

Credit is provided for keeping the community's floodplain maps and elevation reference marks more current, useful, or accurate in order to improve local regulations, planning, disclosures, and property appraisals.

1. 1. To receive this credit, the system must meet the following prerequisites:
   (a) The system must be used regularly by the community regulatory staff.
   (b) New data, including annexations, new subdivision maps, flood insurance restudies, Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs), Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), and studies performed for site-specific analyses, must be added at least annually to the data base or overlay map.
   (c) Digitized data must be made available annually to FEMA at no cost (if requested).
2. Enter the following points. No credit is provided unless the first item is included.

32	a. Enter **32 points**, for showing the regulatory floodplain boundaries, corporate limits, streets, and parcel or lot boundaries.
15	b. Enter **15 points**, for showing the location of buildings;
8	c. Enter **8 points**, for showing floodways or coastal high hazard areas;
8	d. Enter **8 points**, for showing base flood elevations;
6	e. Enter **6 points**, for including FIRM zone attributes (e.g., A3, VE, etc.);
8	f. Enter **8 points**, for showing the 500-year floodplain elevations or boundaries;
8	g. Enter **8 points**, for showing areas subject to other natural hazards;
10	h. Enter **10 points**, for showing topographic contour lines;
8	i. Enter **8 points**, for including updated floodplain data in the tax assessment data base;
8	j. Enter **8 points**, for including an overlay or layers for all FIRMs that have been

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450 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

This activity credits regulating new development in the watershed (not just the floodplain) to minimize the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff on downstream flooding and water quality. More information and examples of this activity are provided in CRS Credit for Stormwater Management (see page 52).

451 Credit Points

25	a. Enter **25 points** if you have retention/detention regulations for new development in the watershed (not just the floodplain).
25	b. Enter **25 points** if you receive credit under Section 451.a and your community has adopted a master plan(s) that sets stormwater regulatory criteria for new development in your watershed(s).
25	c. Enter **25 points** if you have regulations for all new buildings OUTSIDE of your floodplain that require either that (1) the lowest floor or lowest opening be at least 1 foot above the crown of the nearest street or above the highest grade adjacent to the building, or (2) site plans that ensure that new buildings are protected from local drainage problems.
15	d. Enter **15 points** if you regulate erosion and soil loss from construction sites or other land disturbances during construction.
25	e. Enter **25 points** if you have regulations that require new developments to include in the design of their stormwater management facilities appropriate "best management practices" that will improve the quality of surface water.

444 Application Documentation

You must attach the following documentation to this page of your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification.

A copy of the appropriate pages from the ordinance, law or other legally enforceable regulations, with the sections marked to show the credit requested.

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501 The Repetitive Loss List

As noted on page 5, you must check with the FEMA Regional Office to see if your community has any repetitive loss properties. A repetitive loss property has had two or more claims of at least $1,000 paid by the NFIP over a 10-year period since 1978. If you have one or more such properties, ask FEMA or your ISO/CRS Specialist to send you a set of Repetitive Loss Update Worksheets, AW-501.

502 Repetitive Loss Category

☑ There are no repetitive loss properties in our community. (You have no additional requirements and may skip the next page.)

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE REPETITIVE LOSS PROPERTIES, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS PAGE AND THE DOCUMENTATION LISTED BELOW. YOU MUST ALSO REVIEW THE CURRENT LIST EACH TIME YOUR COMMUNITY HAS ITS 3-OR 5-YEAR CYCLE VERIFICATION VISIT.

Review the Repetitive Loss Update Worksheets for accuracy. Follow the instructions that come with them. For example, your worksheets could include properties that have been acquired and removed from the floodplain or properties that are in another community and the insurance records have the wrong NFIP community number.

If you have one or more repetitive loss properties, you must check one of the following:

☑ Attached are updated copies of FEMA's Repetitive Loss Update Worksheets (AW-501),

☑ We have no changes to FEMA's worksheets. All of the properties listed are in our community and will continue to be subject to repetitive flooding.

502 Repetitive Loss Category

The result of your review under Section 501 is an UPDATED repetitive loss list. Enter the number of properties on your updated list: 11 . For CRS purposes, there are three categories of repetitive loss communities based on the number of properties remaining on the updated repetitive loss list (i.e., after the updates have been reported and accepted by FEMA). Check the one that applies to your community:

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503 REPETITIVE LOSS AREAS OUTREACH PROJECT

If you are a Category B or C community, you must attach the following documentation to this page of your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification. Check each section that applies:

- [x] a. A description of the causes of the repetitive loss flooding. This may be a brief paragraph for each area.
- [x] b. A map identifying the repetitive loss AREAS. Those areas include the properties on the updated Repetitive Loss Update Worksheets and adjacent properties with similar flooding conditions. See the instructions on the next two pages.
- [x] c. A list of the addresses of all properties in the repetitive loss area(s) with insurable buildings on them.
- [x] d. The number of buildings in the repetitive loss area(s).
- [x] e. An outreach project must be sent to each property in your repetitive loss AREAS every year.

The outreach project must advise the recipient of four things:
(1) that the property is in or near an area subject to flooding,
(2) property protection measures appropriate for the flood situation,
(3) sources of financial assistance for property protection measures, and
(4) basic facts about flood insurance.

The project must be sent to all properties with buildings on them in the areas identified under 503.a, not just the properties on FEMA's list. This can be documented by:

1. Attaching a copy of the annual outreach project, or
2. Your annual outreach project to floodplain properties (see Section 331.b on page 16) can fulfill this requirement, provided that (1) it reaches all the properties in your repetitive loss areas, and (2) it covers the four topics listed above (see the example on the next two pages).

A copy of your annual outreach project will be sent to the ISO/CRS Specialist each year, usually with your annual recertification.

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510 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING

This activity provides credit for regulations that require new development to be protected to one or more standards stricter than the NFIP's minimum requirements. More information on this activity and example regulatory language are provided in CRS Credit for Higher Regulatory Standards (see page 51). The CRS provides credit for preparing, adopting, implementing, evaluating, and updating a comprehensive floodplain management plan. The CRS does not specify what activities a plan must recommend, but it credits plans that have been prepared according to a standard 10-step planning process.

In 2001, FEMA promulgated hazard mitigation planning regulations pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (44 CFR 201.6). The 10-step CRS process is consistent with those regulations, which identify four essential parts to mitigation planning. The 10 steps are organized in the table below with the four mitigation planning requirements.

Disater Mitigation Act Planning Regulations (44 CFR 201.6)	CRS Planning Steps	Maximum points
Planning process		
201.6(c)(1)	1. Organize	1
201.6(b)(1)	2. Involve the public	1
201.6(b)(b) & (3)	3. Coordinate	3
Risk Assessment		
201.6(c)(2)(i)	4. Assess the hazard	3
201.6(c)(2)(ii) & (iii)	5. Assess the problem	4
Mitigation strategy		
201.6(c)(3)(i)	6. Set goals	2
201.6(c)(3)(ii)	7. Review possible activities	4
201.6(c)(3)(iii)	8. Draft an action plan	4
Plan maintenance		
201.6(c)(5)	9. Adopt the plan	2
201.6(c)(4)	10. Implement, evaluate, and revise	4

The 10-step planning process is explained in more detail in Section 511 of the Coordinator's Manual and Example Plans (see page 52). An alternative approach is to conduct an analysis of each building in the community's repetitive loss area(s) and prepare an "area analysis" for each area following a five-step process.

A Category C repetitive loss community MUST prepare a floodplain management plan or an area analysis that covers at least all of its repetitive

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520 ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION

Credit is provided for acquiring, relocating, or otherwise clearing buildings out of the floodplain. This activity credits any approach as long as an insurable building is removed from the path of flooding. Credit is not provided for structural flood control projects that result in revisions to floodplain boundaries (but see Activity 530 for credit for structural flood control projects). Acquisition and relocation credit is provided only if the property qualifies for preserved open space (i.e., the property would meet the credit criteria for vacant lots under Activity 420 (Open Space Preservation)).

CRS credit is provided only for acquisition or relocation projects undertaken after the date of your community's initial FIRM. Credit is provided only if the lot is still vacant, even if a new building was built to flood protection standards. Credit is provided only for removing the main building on a lot, not for removing garages, sheds, or other accessory structures.

521 Credit Points

5 a. Enter **5 points** for each building your community has acquired, relocated, or otherwise cleared from your SFHA since your initial FIRM date. Do not count properties on your FEMA repetitive loss list.

10 b. Enter **10 points** for each building on FEMA's repetitive loss list (see page 33) that has been acquired, relocated, or otherwise cleared. These buildings do not have to be in the SFHA.

524 Application Documentation

No attachments are submitted with your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification. You must have the following items available for the verification visit:

a. A map showing all parcels where buildings have been demolished or relocated since the effective date of the FIRM.

b. Documentation that shows that each site credited also qualifies for credit as preserved open space under Activity 420 (Open Space Preservation).

c. A count or estimate of the total number of buildings remaining in your SFHA. For the purposes of this activity, accessory structures, such as garages or sheds, are not counted.

d. Real estate or permit records that document the date each building was removed.

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530 FLOOD PROTECTION

Credit is provided for protecting buildings from flood damage through either of two methods:

531 Credit Points

4 a. Enter **4 points** for each building in your SFHA that has been protected from flooding since your initial FIRM date. Do not count buildings on FEMA's repetitive loss list.

8 b. Using the same criteria, enter **8 points** for each protected building that is also on FEMA's repetitive loss list. Do not count more than a total of **20 buildings** under both criteria.

534 Application Documentation

No attachments are submitted with your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification.

a. A map showing all parcels where buildings have been demolished or relocated since the effective date of the FIRM.

b. Documentation that shows that each site credited also qualifies for credit as preserved open space under Activity 420 (Open Space Preservation).

c. A count or estimate of the total number of buildings remaining in your SFHA. For the purposes of this activity, accessory structures, such as garages or sheds, are not counted.

d. Real estate or permit records that document the date each building was removed.

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540 DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

This activity credits regulating new development in the watershed (not just the floodplain) to minimize the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff on downstream flooding and water quality. More information and examples of this activity are provided in CRS Credit for Stormwater Management (see page 52).

541 Credit Points

a. Channel and basin debris removal

25	a. Enter **25 points** if you have retention/detention regulations for new development in the watershed (not just the floodplain).
25	b. Enter **25 points** if you receive credit under Section 451.a and your community has adopted a master plan(s) that sets stormwater regulatory criteria for new development in your watershed(s).
25	c. Enter **25 points** if you have regulations for all new buildings OUTSIDE of your floodplain that require either that (1) the lowest floor or lowest opening be at least 1 foot above the crown of the nearest street or above the highest grade adjacent to the building, or (2) site plans that ensure that new buildings are protected from local drainage problems.
15	d. Enter **15 points** if you regulate erosion and soil loss from construction sites or other land disturbances during construction.

544 Application Documentation

You must attach the following documentation to this page of your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification. Check each section that applies:

☑ a. Your drainage system inspection and maintenance procedures. See the previous page for guidelines. Each of the five points on page 40 must be marked in the procedures you submit.

☑ b. [Required if you are applying for credit under Section 541.a.3] Excerpts of the capital improvements program or other documentation that shows the community (or other drainage maintenance agency) has an ongoing program to reduce drainage maintenance problems.

☑ c. [If you are applying for credit under Section 541.b] A copy of your stream dumping ordinance or law.

You must have the following items available for the verification visit. Check that you will have these available:

Inspection forms or other documentation that demonstrate that the inspections and maintenance were performed. This documentation must be the same as that described in your procedures (see Section 5 on the previous page).

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610 FLOOD WARNING PROGRAM

611 Credit Points

20	a.	Enter **20 points** if your community has a flood threat recognition system that meets the criteria specified in Section 610.a on the previous page.
20	b.	Enter **20 points** if your community disseminates emergency warnings according to procedures that meet the criteria specified in Section 610.b on the previous page.
15	c.	Enter **15 points** if your flood response plan specifies other flood response efforts and meets the criteria specified in Section 610.c on the previous page.
10	d.	Enter **10 points** if your community coordinates with critical facilities and this effort meets the criteria specified in Section 610.d on the previous page.
25	e.	Enter **25 points** if your community has been designated as a StormReady or a TsunamiReady community by the National Weather Service and you have credit under 611.a. For more information, Click here.

614 Application Documentation

You must attach the following documentation to your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification. Check each section that applies:

- ☑ a. A description of your community's flood threat recognition system. The following items must be included and the margins must be marked so these items can be located by the reviewer:
- ☑ b. If you are applying for credit under Sections 611.b through d:
- ☑ c. Documentation that the flood response plan has been formally adopted by your community's governing board.
- ☑ d. Copies of those portions of the plan or other documents demonstrating that the credit is appropriate. The credited section names or numbers must be marked in the margins (e.g., "critical facilities" or "611.d").
- ☑ e. A copy of the outreach project to the community or to floodplain properties that covers flood warning and safety.
- ☑ f. A map of all your floodplains that shows the areas covered by your warning program.

The office responsible for the flood warning program will be asked to complete a questionnaire on the community's program to facilitate verification of this activity. Include the name, title, and phone number of the person responsible for the flood warning program:

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620 LEVEE SAFETY

This activity provides credit to communities protected by levees that are properly maintained and operated but are not high enough to meet the criteria for mapping base flood levees. A community may receive this credit PROVIDED that the levee is NOT shown on the community's FIRM as protecting to the base flood. There is no credit under this activity if the area protected by the levee is designated as an AO, A99, AR, B, C, or X Zone or an AE or A numbered zone with the base flood elevation lower than on the water side of the levee.

621 Credit Points

20 If your community has at least five insurable buildings protected by a qualifying levee, enter **20 points**. This value will be carried forward in the blank after "620" on page 48. The ISO/CRS Specialist will calculate the verified score based on the levee protection level, the number of buildings protected, and the total number of buildings in your SFHA.

a. The levee's flood protection level must be above the 25-year protection level. The flood protection level can be determined in one of two ways: (1) it may be determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or other federal agency that has inspected the levee; or (2) in the absence of a determination by a federal agency with jurisdiction, the levee's flood protection level is 3 feet below the lowest point of the crown.

b. The levee must have been constructed before January 1, 1991.

c. You must have a levee emergency plan that specifies what to do at various flood stages. Actions that must be included are (1) periodic patrols of the structure; (2) closing openings that are structural parts of the system (sandbagging is not acceptable); (3) warning local emergency officials when the flood reaches within 4 feet of the crown of the levee; (4) monthly communications checks with local emergency officials; (5) annual inspections of emergency equipment and stockpiles; and (6) annual drills.

624 Application Documentation

You must attach the following documentation to this page of your application. The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification. Check each section that applies:

☑ a. (1) a statement signed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or other federal agency with jurisdiction that has inspected the levee that states the levee protection level and provides the date of construction;

☐ b. A copy of the community's levee emergency plan.

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630 DAM SAFETY

This activity provides credit for any community in a state with a dam safety program that has submitted the necessary documentation of its program to FEMA.

631 Credit Points

3	a.	Enter the credit points for your state's dam safety program that you obtained from your FEMA Regional Office (see item 4 on page 5). Prerequisite: if your community owns or operates a dam, it must meet your state's dam safety standards.
10	b.	Enter **10 points** if your community has a dam failure emergency response plan or dam failure annex to your emergency response plan that includes:
10	c.	Enter an additional **10 points** if your dam failure emergency response plan also includes at least three methods of warning affected residents of an imminent flood.
10	d.	Enter an additional **10 points** if your dam failure emergency response plan also includes evacuation routes, warning procedures for critical facilities, and annual outreach projects that notify residents of the hazards and appropriate safety measures.

634 Application Documentation

No documentation is needed for your state's dam safety program under Section 631.a.
If you are applying for credit under Section 631.b The dam failure portions of the community's emergency response plan, marked to show the items for which credit is requested.
The ISO/CRS Specialist will explain what additional materials will be needed during the verification visit and for your annual recertification. The office responsible for the dam failure portions of the community's emergency response plan will be asked to complete a questionnaire on the community's program to facilitate verification of this activity.

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720 COMMUNITY TOTAL POINTS

711.a. Enter your community's growth adjustment factor that you obtained from your ISO/CRS Specialist (see item 5 on page 5). Enter this number in each blank in the second column below, after the "**x**". The default Grouth Adjustment Fator is **1.0**. This may increase the credit points for the mapping and regulatory activities in the 400 series for communities in growing areas.

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				320	140
				330	182
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				360	2
410	95	X	1.5	=	142.5
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430	428	X	1.0	=	428
430LD	40	X	1.0	=	40
440	154	X	1.0	=	154
450	115	X	1.0	=	115
				510	28
				520	15
				530	12
				540	90
				610	90
				620	20
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			Total Credit Points:		1872

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310 ELEVATION CERTIFICATES

Community: _Advance City_____

NOTE: *Section 311.a is required of all communities.*

This activity provides credit for maintaining records of flood data and elevations of new, substantially improved, and substantially damaged buildings on FEMA's elevation certificate. For this credit, your community's program must do all of the following:

a. The records must be on a FEMA elevation certificate (FEMA Form 81-31) or FEMA floodproofing certificate (FEMA Form 81-65). Copies of the forms are available for downloading at http://www.fema.gov/library/elvinst.htm. The elevation certificate's first page is on page 11. You may transfer data from earlier records to the FEMA forms.

b. You must maintain completed certificates for all buildings constructed or substantially improved in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) during the period credited. The forms must show the "finished construction" elevations.

c. You must review the certificates to ensure that the information is correct (each FEMA certificate includes instructions). It is the community's responsibility to ensure that the elevation certificates it maintains have been completed correctly. Certificates provided by surveyors must be proofread and corrected if there are errors or omissions.

d. You must make copies of the certificates available to any inquirer.

311 Credit Points

56 a. All CRS communities must receive credit for this element. Enter 56 points because you will complete and maintain FEMA's certificates for ALL buildings constructed or substantially improved in the SFHA after the date you apply to the CRS.

56 b. This credit is for maintaining FEMA elevation certificates on buildings built or substantially improved during the period between your community's initial FIRM effective date and the date you applied to the CRS. These buildings are known as post-FIRM buildings. Enter 56 points if you have FEMA elevation certificates for ALL your post-FIRM buildings or enter 14 points if you have FEMA certificates on at least 25% of the buildings built in the SFHA since your initial FIRM date.

15 c. This credit is for maintaining FEMA elevation certificates on buildings built before your community's initial FIRM effective date. These buildings are known as pre-FIRM buildings. Enter 15 points if you have FEMA elevation certificates for ALL your pre-FIRM buildings or enter 4 points if you have FEMA certificates on at least 25% of the buildings built in the SFHA before your initial FIRM date.

10 d. Enter 10 points if the data from your certificates have been entered into a computer data base. A free copy of computer software for elevation certificates is available (see page 51). There is also credit for putting the data on your community's website.

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