

July 21, 2015



**FEMA**

The Honorable Karen Scheffler  
Mayor, Borough of Palmyra  
20 West Broad Street  
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Dear Mayor Scheffler:

Congratulations! The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that your community will increase to a Class 7 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

The floodplain management activities implemented by your community qualifies it for a 15 percent discount of the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after May 1, 2015. This increase in CRS class is based on a field verification of your 5-year cycle CRS application. I am enclosing the field verification report showing the results of your application review for your records.

Please note that Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X on your community's NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map, are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of 10 percent in CRS Class 1-6 communities and 5 percent in CRS Class 7-9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions.

If your community does not change its floodplain management practices, the CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually and a notification letter will not be sent to your community. This renewal will occur as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify each October. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established 5-year cycle. FEMA will periodically send the *NFIP/CRS Update* newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator.

I commend you on your community's actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, protects property, preserves the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region II Office, CRS Coordinator, Crystal Tramunti, CFM, by telephone at (212) 680 - 3625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy E. Wright".

Roy E. Wright  
Deputy Associate Administrator  
for Insurance and Mitigation

Enclosure

cc: Tracy Kilmer, Floodplain Administrator

## 113 Credit Points and Credited Activities

To be recognized in the insurance rating system, local floodplain management activities must be described, measured, and evaluated by the CRS. The basic document detailing the program is the *Coordinator's Manual*. It sets forth the procedures, creditable activities, and the credit points assigned to each activity, and gives examples of activities and how their credit is calculated.

### 113.a. Credit Points and Classification

A community receives a CRS classification based upon the total credit for its activities. There are 10 CRS classes. Class 1 requires the most credit points and gives the greatest premium reduction or discount. 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. The qualifying community total points, CRS classes, and flood insurance premium discounts are shown in Table 110-1.

<b>Table 110-1. CRS classes, credit points, and premium discounts.</b>			
<b>CRS Class</b>	<b>Credit Points (cT)</b>	<b>Premium Reduction</b>	
		<b>In SFHA</b>	<b>Outside SFHA</b>
1	4,500+	45%	10%
2	4,000-4,499	40%	10%
3	3,500-3,999	35%	10%
4	3,000-3,499	30%	10%
5	2,500-2,999	25%	10%
6	2,000-2,499	20%	10%
7	1,500-1,999	15%	5%
8	1,000-1,499	10%	5%
9	500-999	5%	5%
10	0-499	0	0

SFHA: Zones A, AE, A1-A30, V, V1-V30, AO, and AH  
 Outside the SFHA: Zones X, B, C, A99, AR, and D  
 Preferred Risk Policies are not eligible for CRS premium discounts because they already have premiums lower than other policies. Preferred Risk Policies are available only in B, C, and X Zones for properties that are shown to have a minimal risk of flood damage.  
 Some minus-rated policies may not be eligible for CRS premium discounts.  
 Premium discounts are subject to change.