



City of Venice
401 W. Venice Ave.
Venice, FL 34285

AGENDA
CRS FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.
Building Department Conference Room

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 1. February 6, 2024
- IV. Audience Participation (five-minute limit per speaker)
- V. Old Business
 1. Stormwater inlet marking program.
 2. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): Relocation of Fire Station 2
- VI. New Business
 1. CRS Class Rating
 2. Storm related topics
- VII. Board Discussion
- VIII. Adjournment

If you are disabled and need assistance, please contact the City Clerk's office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

NOTE: No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of this meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at this meeting upon which any appeal is to be based.



MINUTES
CRS FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AT 8:30 AM
BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Kathleen Weeden, Derek Applegate, Kaitlyn Panfil, Nicole Tremblay, and Frank Butry

Members Absent: Mary Elizabeth Petty, Gillian Beck, and Anthony Pinzone

Non-Members Present: Christina Rimes and Darlene Culpepper

I. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

A motion was made by Nicole Tremblay, seconded by Frank Butry, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously by vote.

Ms. Rimes discussed the new FEMA flood zone maps update. There will be an open house on February 12, 2024, from 8-1, at the Venice Community Center. The stormwater inlet markers have been delivered so Ms. Rimes will schedule a date for volunteers to come in and install them. The new markers are stainless steel so they should last longer than the plastic ones. Ms. Weeden discussed the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and that fire station 2 will be relocated out of the floodplain, next to the current police station. It is currently in evacuation zone A. The current HMGP grant is for Hurricane Idalia and Ms. Rimes will email the committee the criteria for the grant. The application is due in April.

Ms. Rimes discussed the memo to City Council regarding the annual report for the Floodplain Management Plan. **A motion was made by Nicole Tremblay, seconded by Derek Applegate, to approve the City Council memo regarding the Floodplain Management Plan Annual Report. The motion was carried unanimously by vote.** Ms. Rimes discussed the Program for Public Information document and that it is for resident flood awareness. The document outlines certain activities required for the CRS program. She will be mailing flood-related information to the HOAs, repetitive loss properties and realtors. Flood Awareness Week is March 6-10 and there will be a proclamation at City Council. Ms. Rimes discussed the current flood insurance policies, and how much has been paid out in policy claims within the City.

II. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.



The total number of points your community earns determined your CRS class. Your discount on flood insurance premiums is based on your CRS class.

For example, if your community earns 4,500 points or more, it qualifies for Class 1, and property owners get a 45% discount on their insurance

premiums. If your community earns as little as 500 points, it's in Class 9, and property owners get a 5% discount. If a community does not apply or fails to receive at least 500 points, it's in Class 10, and property owners get no discount.

Table 1, below, shows the number of points required for each class and the corresponding discount.

Table 1. How Much Discount Property Owners in Your Community Can Get

<i>CRS Class</i>	<i>CRS Discount</i>	<i>Credit Points Required</i>
1	45%	4,500+
2	40%	4,000–4,499
3	35%	3,500–3,999
4	30%	3,000–3,499
5	25%	2,500–2,999
6	20%	2,000–2,499
7	15%	1,500–1,999
8	10%	1,000–1,499
9	5%	500–999
10	0%	0–499



October 3, 2024

Mr. Ed Lavallee
Venice City Manager
401 W. Venice Avenue
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Dear Mr. Lavallee:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the results of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) field verification findings based on your 5-year cycle verification. The field verification report is enclosed for your records.

Congratulations! The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that the City of Venice will increase to a Class 5 in the NFIP CRS. The floodplain management activities implemented by your community qualify it for a 25 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for most NFIP policies issued or renewed on or after April 1, 2025. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage.

The CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually as long as there are no NFIP noncompliance actions, so a notification letter will not be sent every year. This annual renewal will take place as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify in your annual recertification documentation. 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. In the interim, FEMA will periodically send the *NFIP/CRS Update* newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator to keep your community informed.

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

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region IV Office, CRS Coordinator Roy McClure at (770) 220-8835.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Lesser". The signature is written in a cursive style.

William H. Lesser, CRS Coordinator
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Christina Rimes, CRS Coordinator



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

City of Venice, FL

Verified Class 5

NFIP Number: 125154

Cycle

Date of Verification Visit: July 19, 2023

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 2827 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community improve from a CRS Class 6 to a CRS Class 5. The community has met all class prerequisites. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Construction Certificate Management: Credit is provided for having written construction certificate management procedures for all new and substantially improved/substantially damaged buildings. (38 points)

Activity 320 – Map Information Service: Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with basic flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The service is publicized annually, and records are maintained. (30 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: Credit is provided for informational outreach projects, general outreach projects, and targeted outreach projects. These projects are disseminated annually. Credit is also provided for having a pre-flood plan for public information. Credit is enhanced by having a Program for Public Information (PPI) and by having the information disseminated by stakeholders outside the local government. A progress report for the PPI must be submitted on an annual basis. (350 points)

Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure: Credit is provided for state regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. Real estate agents provide a brochure advising prospective buyers about insurance and checking property flood hazards. Credit is enhanced by having a PPI. (22 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the Sarasota County Public Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. Credit is enhanced by having a PPI. (97 points)

Activity 360 – Flood Protection Assistance: Credit is provided for offering one-on-one advice regarding property protection and making site visits before providing advice. Credit is also provided for advisor training at appropriate Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses. The service is publicized annually, and records are maintained. Credit is enhanced by having a PPI. (89 points)

Activity 370 – Flood Insurance Promotion: Credit is provided for assessing the community's current level of flood insurance coverage. Credit is provided for the development and implementation of a coverage improvement plan. A progress report must be submitted on an annual basis. State insurance regulations require continuing education for insurance agents. Credit for implementing a coverage improvement plan is enhanced by having a PPI. (105 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 45 percent of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as open space, protecting open space land with deed restrictions, and preserving open space land in a natural state. Credit is also provided for regulations and incentives that minimize development in the SFHA. (789 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require freeboard for new construction and substantial improvement, foundation protection, protection of critical facilities, enclosure limits, local drainage protection, and elevation of new and replacement homes in existing manufactured home parks. Credit is also provided for the enforcement of building codes, a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS®) Classification, and regulations administration. (258 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using additional map data in the day to day management of the floodplain. (167 points)

Activity 450 – Stormwater Management: The community enforces regulations for stormwater management, soil and erosion control, and water quality. (148 points)

Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of February 9, 2021, the City of Venice, FL has 17 repetitive loss properties and is a Category B community for CRS purposes. All requirements for a Category B community have been met. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning: Credit is provided for the City of Venice 2023-2028 Floodplain Management Plan, adopted on November 16, 2021, A progress report must be submitted on an annual basis. (320 points)

Activity 520 – Acquisition and Relocation: Credit is provided for acquiring and relocating 2 buildings from the community's regulatory floodplain. (9 points)

Activity 530 – Flood Protection: Credit is provided for 7 buildings that have been flood proofed, elevated, or otherwise modified to protect them from flood damage. (17 points)

Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance: Credit is provided for the regular inspection and maintenance of the community's natural drainage system and identified problem sites. Credit is provided for implementing an ongoing Capital Improvements Program. (108 points)

Activity 610 – Flood Warning and Response: Credit is provided for a program that provides timely identification of impending flood threats, disseminates warnings to appropriate floodplain residents, and coordinates flood response activities. A description of the flood exercise or After Action Report from an actual flood event must be submitted on an annual basis. Warning information and safety measures must be publicized annually. (280 points)

Activity 710 – County Growth Adjustment: All credit in the 400 series is multiplied by the growth rate of the county to account for growth pressures. The growth rate for Sarasota County, FL is 1.16.

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

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Date Report Prepared: August 26, 2024

720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:		Credit
c310	38	38
c320	30	30
c330	350	350
c340	22	22
c350	97	97
c360	89	89
c370	105	105
c410	x CGA	=
c420	680 x CGA 1.16	= 789
c430	222 x CGA 1.16	= 258
c440	144 x CGA 1.16	= 167
c450	128 x CGA 1.16	= 148
c510	320	320
c520	9	9
c530	17	17
c540	108	108
c610	280	280
c620		
c630		

Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above	cT = <u>2827</u>
Community Classification (from Table 110-1):	Class = <u>5</u>

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