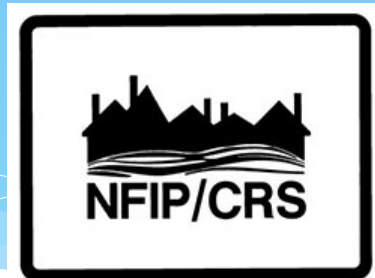


# Ocean County CRS Users Group

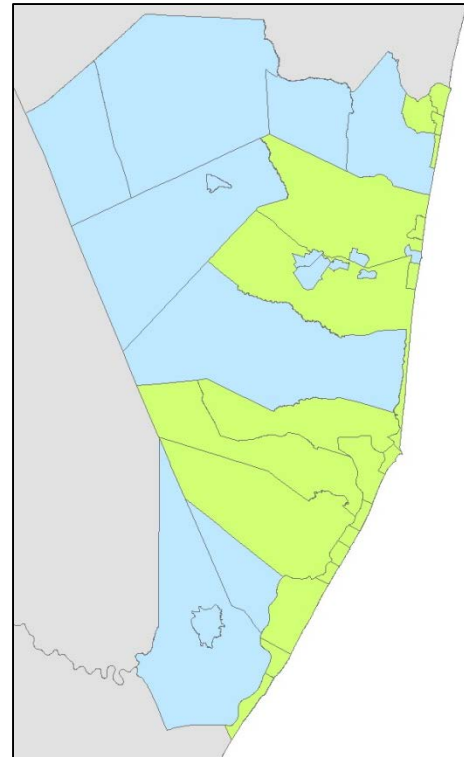
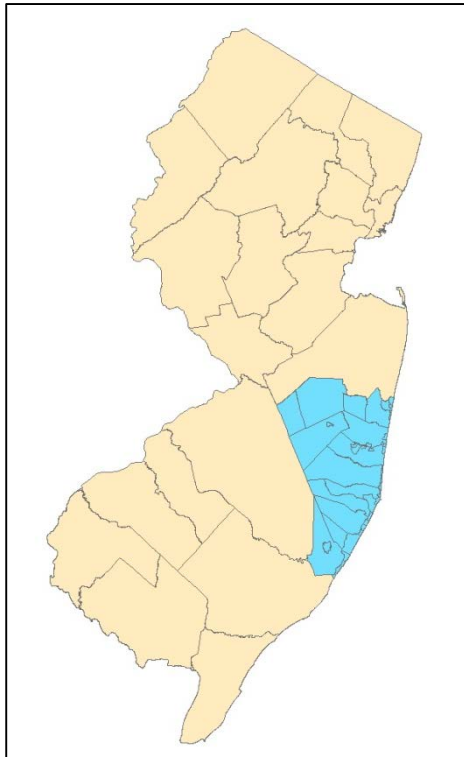
TNJ Community Rating System Peer Exchange

April 3, 2017

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# Ocean County Context



# Hazard Mitigation Plan

\*2014



2019

# Long Term Community Recovery Plan



## OCEAN COUNTY LONG-TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY PLAN

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Prepared for:



Prepared by:



### DEVELOP COUNTYWIDE TOOLS TO SUPPORT CRS PARTICIPATION

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program that provides reductions on flood insurance premiums of up to 45% for participating municipalities who go beyond minimum floodplain management requirements and provide extra protection from flooding. The CRS process is very involved, though, making it challenging for some municipalities to participate. In an effort to maximize municipal participation and the associated flood insurance premium discounts, the County will develop tools to assist with CRS program implementation. These tools will provide guidance for municipalities to begin participation in the CRS program and advice on how to increase the level of participation to further decrease premiums. Tools will focus on providing examples and best practices in each of the four CRS activity-classes: public information, mapping and regulations, flood damage reduction, and flood preparedness. The County will identify CRS credits that municipalities can receive by participating in the HMP and LTRC planning processes.

#### DESCRIPTION OF RECOVERY VALUE

Countywide tools to support CRS participation will have a moderate recovery value. This is a project with wide-ranging community support, and it supports all aspects of the community recovery vision. Developing CRS tools for municipal use will increase the community planning capability of participating municipalities and will have real financial benefits for residents in floodprone communities.

#### ACTION STEPS

- Step 1: Identify applicable activities that are already taking place.
- Step 2: Identify CRS activities that would benefit from county support tools.
- Step 3: Host joint CRS user groups with municipalities and interested parties in Monmouth and Ocean Counties to learn their lessons from the CRS application process.
- Step 4: Set up staffing to maintain support for municipal level participation from county.
- Step 5: Continue to maintain and improve participation through regular reporting.

#### POTENTIAL RESOURCES

- FEMA Region II CRS Coordinator – Technical
- Getting to Resilience Program - Technical, Volunteer
- Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve - Technical, Volunteer
- Monmouth County Planning Department - Technical

#### PROJECT LOCATION:

Countywide

#### PROJECT CHAMPION(S):

Ocean County Department of Planning; Ocean County Office of Emergency Management

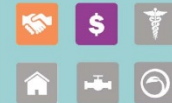
#### COST ESTIMATE:

Staff time

#### RECOVERY VALUE:

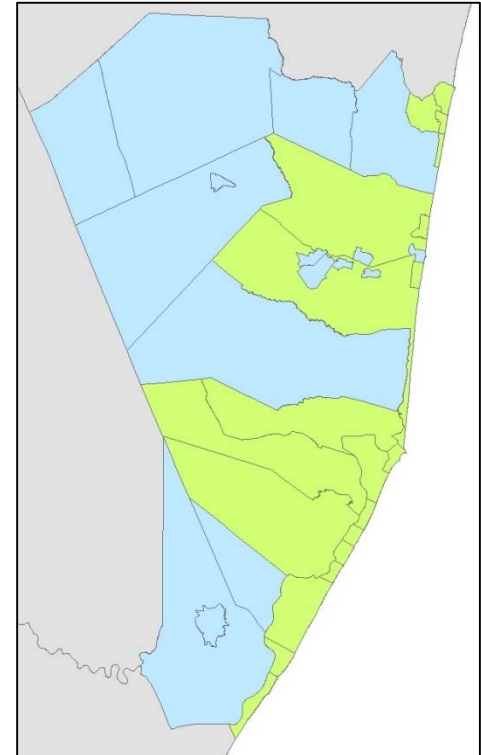


#### RECOVERY AREAS SUPPORTED:



# Ocean County Context

- Population: 588,721 (2015 est.)
- Land Area: 638.1 sq mi
- 45 miles of ocean front shoreline
- >150 miles of bayshore and estuaries
  
- 33 Municipalities
- 17 Current in CRS
- 3 Actively pursuing
  - 1 of which, Brick Township, will be in as of May 2017



# Starting the Group

## Identifying Resources and Partners

- FEMA Region II, CRS Coordinator
  - ISO/CRS Specialist
  - NJ State NFIP Coordinator
  - CRS Users Group Liaison\*
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- CRSResources.org
  - Emergency Management Institute (EMI)- training
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- Universities and cooperatives (Rutgers, JC NERR, Sea Grant)
  - Peer groups (Atlantic-Cape Coastal Coalition, Monmouth County CRS Users Group)

# Currently...

- OC CRS Users Group meets once every 3 months
- County is evaluating measures it can take to help municipalities obtain credit including:
  - Mapping
  - Open space
  - Signage
- Always looking for training opportunities to share with municipalities and partners
  - June 19-June 22: 4- Day NFIP/ CRS training, Ocean County OEM

# Ocean County CRS

- Questions?

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