

13. CITY MANAGER

a. Informational Items

- i. Written notification regarding the City of Sanibel's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) retaining the current Class 5 community rating**

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Judith Zimomra
Manager, City of Sanibel
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, Florida 33957

Dear Ms. Zimomra:

BUILDING DEPT.
CITY OF SANIBEL

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 five-year cycle application. I am pleased to inform you the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that your community will retain its current rating as a CRS Class 5 community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The floodplain management activities implemented by your community will continue to qualify flood insurance policy holders in your community for a 25 percent discount in the premium costs for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas. I am enclosing the field verification report based on your five-year cycle application for your records. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage.

Please note Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X, 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 ten percent in Class 1-6 communities and five percent in Class 7-9 communities. The Standard Flood Insurance Policy rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions. The CRS discount is applied before the addition of the Federal Policy Fee.

If there are no NFIP noncompliance actions, 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 five-year cycle or three-year cycle for CRS Class 3 or better communities. 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 and property protection and protects the natural functions of floodplains as well as reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region IV Office, CRS Coordinator, Robert Durrin, by telephone at (770) 220-5428.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Buckley
Acting Assistant Administrator
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosure

cc: Harold Law, CRS Coordinator

Activity 410 – Additional Flood Data: Credit is provided for enforcing coastal erosion regulations. (34 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 7,419 acres in the SFHA as open space. Credit is also provided for open space land that is deed restricted and preserved in a natural state. (698 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require cumulative substantial improvement, natural and beneficial functions, other higher regulatory standards, special hazards, land development criteria, state mandated regulatory standards, and for enforcing the Florida Building Code. Credit is also provided for a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 2/2 and for certification as a floodplain manager. (508 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using digitized maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. (141 points)

Activity 450 – Stormwater Management: The community enforces regulations for stormwater management, freeboard in non-SFHA zones, soil and erosion control, and water quality. (135 points)

Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of September 30, 2007, the City of Sanibel has 63 repetitive loss properties and is a Category C community for CRS purposes. All requirements for the 2007 cycle have been met. Credit is provided for the adoption and implementation of the Floodplain Management Plan. Since the City of Sanibel is a Category C community with an approved Floodplain Management Plan, a progress report must be submitted on an annual basis. (140 points)

Activity 520 – Acquisition and Relocation: Credit is provided for acquiring and relocating buildings from the community's flood hazard area. (55 points)

Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance: Portions of the community's drainage system are inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed by the City of Sanibel Public Works Department. Records are being maintained for both inspections and required maintenance. Credit is also provided for an ongoing Capital Improvements Program. The community also enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system. (230 points)

Activity 610 – Flood Warning Program: 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. (135 points)

Community : City of Sanibel, FL

NFIP Number : 120402

720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:				Credit
c310	<u>70</u>			<u>70</u>
c320	<u>140</u>			<u>140</u>
c330	<u>219</u>			<u>219</u>
c340	<u>25</u>			<u>25</u>
c350	<u>66</u>			<u>66</u>
c360	<u>71</u>			<u>71</u>
c410	<u>25</u>	x CGA	<u>1.34</u> =	<u>34</u>
c420	<u>521</u>	x CGA	<u>1.34</u> =	<u>698</u>
c430	<u>379</u>	x CGA	<u>1.34</u> =	<u>508</u>
c440	<u>105</u>	x CGA	<u>1.34</u> =	<u>141</u>
c450	<u>101</u>	x CGA	<u>1.34</u> =	<u>135</u>
c510	<u>140</u>			<u>140</u>
c520	<u>55</u>			<u>55</u>
c530				
c540	<u>230</u>			<u>230</u>
c610	<u>135</u>			<u>135</u>
c620				
c630	<u>67</u>			<u>67</u>

722 Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above

cT = 2734

Community Classification (from Appendix C):

Class = 5

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