



FEMA

September 1, 2018

Mr. Peter D. Lear
City Manager of North Port
4970 City Hall Boulevard
North Port, FL 34286

Dear Mr. Lear:

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 6 community in the NFIP CRS. The floodplain management activities implemented by your community will continue to qualify flood insurance policy holders in your community for a 20 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, 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 ten percent in Class 1-6 communities and five percent in Class 7-9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions.

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 annually. 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. 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, by telephone at (770) 220-8835.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Lesser".

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

Enclosure

cc: Elizabeth Wong, CRS Coordinator



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

City of North Port, FL

Verified Class 6

NFIP Number: 120279

Cycle

Date of Verification Visit: August 31, 2017

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 2346 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community remain classified as a CRS Class 6. The community has met the Class 6 prerequisite with a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 4/4. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates: The Public Works Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. (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). Credit is also provided for the community furnishing additional FIRM information, information about problems not shown on the FIRM, flood depth data, historical flood information, and natural floodplain functions. The service is publicized annually and records are maintained. (90 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: Credit is provided for informational material that include a Disaster Guide, general outreach projects that include an ad in the newspaper, newsletter to the community, and the 10 Topics Brochure. These projects are disseminated annually. (106 points)

Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure: Credit is provided for real estate agents providing a brochure advising prospective buyers about insurance and checking property flood hazards. (8 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the North Port Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (95 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. (55 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 24 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. (431 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require development limitations, freeboard for new and substantial improvement construction, and local drainage protection. Credit is also provided for the enforcement of building codes, a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 4/4, and regulations administration. (227 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using digitized maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. Credit is also provided for maintaining copies of all previous FIRMs and Flood Insurance Study Reports. (164 points)

Activity 450 – Stormwater Management: The community enforces regulations for stormwater management, low impact development, soil and erosion control, and water quality. (143 points)

Section 502 - Repetitive Loss Category: The City of North Port, FL is a Category A community for CRS purposes and no action is required. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning: Credit is provided for the adoption and implementation of the Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy, adopted on February 9, 2016. A progress report must be submitted on an annual basis. An update to the credited plan will be due by October 1, 2021. (263 points)

Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance: All of the community's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed. Credit is also provided for listing problem sites that are inspected more frequently, for implementing an ongoing Capital Improvements Program and for maintaining storage basins. The community enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system, and annually publicizes the regulation and has appropriate signs posted. (413 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. Credit is also provided for the designation as a Storm Ready Community by the National Weather Service. (291 points)

Activity 630 – Dams: Credit is provided for a State Dam Safety Program. (22 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 is 1.08.

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

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Date Report Prepared: May 24, 2018

Community : City of North Port, FL

NFIP Number : 120279

720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:				Credit
c310	38			38
c320	90			90
c330	106			106
c340	8			8
c350	95			95
c360	55			55
c370				
c410		x CGA	=	
c420	399	x CGA	1.08 =	431
c430	210	x CGA	1.08 =	227
c440	152	x CGA	1.08 =	164
c450	132	x CGA	1.08 =	143
c510	263			263
c520				
c530				
c540	413			413
c610	291			291
c620				
c630	22			22

Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above	cT =	2346
Community Classification (from Table 110-1):	Class =	6

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