



Town of Sandwich, MA
Floodplain: 2620.43 AC



Community Rating System (CRS) Testimonial Town of Sandwich

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Sandwich and the CRS Program

- Implementation
- Initial preparation
 - FEMA Community Assistance Visit (CAV)
 - Community Rating System Application
- Program activities
 - Sandwich currently participates in 15 CRS activities

Being a Coordinator

- Time
 - On average 3-4 hours a week
- Role and Tasks
 - Become familiar with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the CRS program
 - Manage all CRS program activities
 - Assure all activities are accomplished and documented, and that required submittals are made for annual recertifications and cycle visits
 - Coordinate with all relevant departments
 - Provide floodplain management resources and educational materials to town staff and the community

Value and Benefits

- Flood insurance policyholders receive discounts on their annual flood insurance premiums
- Overall heightened awareness of development in the floodplain
- Residents, business owners, contractors all benefit from the increased floodplain management outreach and education
- Improvement in internal communication

Helpful Tips

- Communication is key
 - All relevant departments and community officials should be aware of the program and what is required
- Stay organized
- Enforcement
 - Make sure higher standards are included in town ordinances so they can be enforced
- Education
 - Not familiar with floodplain management practices or the Community Rating System? Get Educated!
- Ask questions