DAUPHIN COUNTY, PA REGIONAL CRS INITIATIVE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

DAUPHIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Jeff Haste, Chairman
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Pennsylvania is the 2nd most flood-prone state in the country with the 2nd largest number of municipalities

Dauphin County has...

- 40 municipalities
- 3,255 flood insurance policies
- $4,587,503 in annual premiums
- a history of working regionally with its municipalities

Dauphin County is flood-prone and has a history of flooding that has resulted in serious damage and loss of life

Dauphin County Commissioners are concerned about the impacts of recent federal legislation:

- On property owners with flood insurance
- On municipalities and municipal budgets
- On school districts and their budgets

Dauphin County Commissioners are committed to sound flood mitigation practices in the County
Biggert Waters Act of 2012 (BW-12)
- Move towards actuarial rates (elevation rated) for all policies to be phased in over a time frame
- Resulted in some dramatic rate increases across the country

Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014
- Repealed and modified some provisions of BW-12
  - But, many BW-12 provisions remained
    - Lowered rate increases (no more that 18% annually) until full actuarial rates
- Tasked FEMA to perform an affordability study on flood insurance rates within 5 years.
Dauphin County’s Comprehensive Flood Insurance Reduction Program

• County-lead and sponsored Community Rating System (CRS) program
  – Provide technical capacity and support to the 40 municipalities in the County to enter the NFIP’s CRS program
  – 2 pronged approach to program
    • Baseline assessment
      – Are the communities ready to enter the program?
        » If yes, assist them with their application and meetings with FEMA
        » If no, provide them with some technical assistance of how to get ready
    • CRS application assistance
  – Long term solution to reduce flood insurance rates of property owners and mitigate flooding
NFIP’s - CRS Program
Point Awards and Discounts

For every CRS classification there is a corresponding rate reduction in flood insurance premiums.

5% per classification.

Some rate reductions are capped due to the flood zone.

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*note: The maximum possible discount for B,C,D and X zone flood insurance policies is 10%.*
Dauphin County’s program

- Municipal Leaders Educational Program
  - NFIP program, CRS program and County’s assistance

- Baseline assessment- will evaluate floodplain management program to determine CRS feasibility.
  - Technical staff will meet with community’s floodplain administrator.
  - Will coordinate with State NFIP Coordinating Office to determine NFIP compliance status.
  - CRS Impact Analysis Report for each municipality

- Assist with preparing CRS application and meeting with FEMA (for interested municipalities only)

- Conduct educational workshop to discuss the yearly municipal responsibilities for CRS program
Benefits to the Municipalities and Residents

• Lower the costs of flood insurance premiums (can mitigate some of the impacts for flood insurance reform)
• These savings stay in the community
• Insurance savings can offset costs (taxes, rates)
  – County, school district and municipal
• Leverage regional approach to attain benefits at the local level
• Communities can measure themselves against national standards
• Public information components builds constituency
• Improved floodplain management – safer communities