



July 29, 2022

Mr. Jeff Baldus
Chairman, Board of Mower County
201 1st Street NE
Austin, Minnesota 55912

Dear Mr. Baldus:

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 5-year cycle verification. The field verification report is enclosed for your records.

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that Mower County will retain its current rating as a Class 8 in the NFIP CRS. The floodplain management activities implemented by your community qualify it for a 10 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for most NFIP policies issued or renewed on or after April 1, 2023. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage.

The CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually as long as there are no NFIP noncompliance actions, so a notification letter will not be sent every year. This annual renewal will take place as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify in your annual recertification documentation. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established 5-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 V Office, CRS Coordinator Ashley Reimann at (312) 408-5563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Lesser". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Valerie Sheedy, CRS Coordinator



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

Mower County, MN

Verified Class 8

NFIP Number: 270307

Cycle

Date of Verification Visit: September 23, 2021

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 1000 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community remain a CRS Class 8. The community has met all Class 8 prerequisites. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Construction Certificate Management: Credit is provided for having written construction certificate management procedures for all new and substantially improved/substantially damaged buildings. (38 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: Credit is provided for general outreach projects and targeted outreach projects. These projects are disseminated annually. (44 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Credit is provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (28 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 20 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. (32 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require development limitations, freeboard for new construction and substantial improvement, and cumulative substantial improvement. (265 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using additional map data in the day-to-day management of the floodplain. (80 points)

Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of June 29, 2020, Mower County, MN has 6 repetitive loss properties and is a Category B community for CRS purposes. All requirements for a Category B community have been met. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

Activity 520 – Acquisition and Relocation: Credit is provided for acquiring and relocating 15 buildings from the community’s regulatory floodplain. (513 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 Mower County, MN is 1.02.

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

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Date Report Prepared: February 17, 2022

720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:	Credit
c310 38	38
c320	
c330 44	44
c340	
c350 28	28
c360	
c370	
c410 x CGA =	
c420 31 x CGA 1.02 =	32
c430 260 x CGA 1.02 =	265
c440 78 x CGA 1.02 =	80
c450 x CGA =	
c510	
c520 513	513
c530	
c540	
c610	
c620	
c630	

Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above	cT = <u>1000</u>
Community Classification (from Table 110-1):	Class = <u>8</u>

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