



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB23-137
November 27, 2023
Committee Report

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	Annual Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	No action. Report only.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director	Emily Arteche	11/13/2023
	Finance	n/a	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Legal	n/a	Click or tap to enter a date.
	City Administrator	Mike Chambless	11/14/2023

DEPARTMENT:	Community Development		
STAFF:	Emily Arteche, AICP, Community Development Director		
COMMITTEE:	Community Development	COMMITTEE DATE: November 20, 2023	
EXHIBITS:	1. Progress Report, CRS Activity 510 2. Annual Flood Report Mailer 3. Repetitive Loss Letter		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This is a discussion of the annual update to Snoqualmie's Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Plan.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

A Resolution (Res 377) was approved on September 13, 1993.

BACKGROUND

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#). Over 1,500 communities participate nationwide. In CRS communities, like the City of Snoqualmie, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's efforts that address the three (3) goals of the program:

1. Reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable properties.
2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program.
3. Foster comprehensive floodplain management.

The City must update the background information and the recommendations in its floodplain management plans and repetitive loss area analyses at least every five (5) years and in its natural floodplain functions plan(s) every ten (10) years.

Attached is an Evaluation Report, the annual Flood Report mailer and its accompanying Repetitive Loss Letter. The latter two were mailed to property owners. The Evaluation Report, titled CRS Activity 510, is a yearly progress report which lists mitigation actions and steps described within the adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan. To maintain the City's CRS credits for Activity 510, every year, the City must evaluate its progress toward implementing the projects and programs in the plan, area analyses, or natural floodplain functions plan and submit a report of that evaluation with its annual CRS recertification.

ANALYSIS

The City is currently at a Class 5, under the CRS Credit Points, Classes, and Premium Discounts. This year the City Progress Report and recertification documents were submitted on November 6, 2023, covering the period of October 15, 2022 through October 15, 2023. The annual hazard mitigation plan progress report is a requirement of the program's credit criteria. A repetitive loss community like the City of Snoqualmie that fails to submit a copy of its annual outreach project or a Category C repetitive loss community that fails to submit its annual progress report as required by Activity 510 (Floodplain Management Planning) will retrograde to a Class 10, along with a loss of CRS participation and a loss of CRS NFIP policy discounts to the residents of Snoqualmie. In addition, every five (5) years, the City's ISO/CRS Specialist will visit to determine the community's CRS class. This "cycle verification visit" will consider changes in community floodplain maps, changes in regulations, or any other changes to Snoqualmie's Floodplain Management Program. The City is preparing for this review to begin in 2024.

BUDGET IMPACTS

N/A

NEXT STEPS

The City will continue with its Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA).

PROPOSED ACTION

Presentation only. No action required.