

CRS Activity 510

Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

Date this Report was Prepared: **11/8/2022**

Name of Community: **Township of Bernards**

Name of Plan: **Somerset County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Date of Adoption of Plan: **10/29/2019**

5 Year CRS Expiration Date: 10/29/2024

1. How can a copy of the original plan or area analysis report be obtained:

A copy of the Somerset County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is available on Somerset County's website at the following link:

<https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/public-health-safety/hazard-mitigation/approved-hazard-mitigation-plan-july-2019>

2. Describe how this evaluation report was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public:

This plan was originally prepared in 2014 and was recently updated by a Mitigation Planning Committee comprised of Somerset County jurisdictions, agencies, organizations, etc. that identified appropriate natural hazard mitigation strategies within Somerset County in 2019. The planning process began in July 2017 with many meetings and focus group sessions conducted over a 2-year span until the final plan was approved in July 2019. Upon approval of the plan, the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Somerset County was introduced to the Bernards Township Committee where it was officially adopted by resolution at Committee's public meeting on October 29, 2019.

3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

BN1 – Participate in local, county, and/or state level projects and programs to develop improved structure and facility inventories and hazard datasets to support enhanced risk assessment efforts. – This initiative has not been

implemented. The Township is willing to participate pending State/County initiative and appropriate funding.

BN2 – Implement, review, and enforce municipal policies and programs to prevent trees from threatening lives and impacting power availability/interruption. – This is an ongoing initiative, however more work needs to be performed with code enforcement and Shade Tree Commission.

BN3 – Stormwater and Runoff Management – This is an ongoing initiative. NJDEP has recently enacted new stormwater regulations that have been adopted by the Township. Additionally, when private developments are introduced, easements are imposed on properties in order to conserve environmentally sensitive areas, such as wetlands and steep slopes, as conditions of approval.

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:

BN2 and BN3 are ongoing initiatives that reviewed each year to determine ways to improve. BN1 is dependent on the County and State initiating programs and will require training, tools, and funding provided at the County, State, and/or Federal level.

5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?

- **Replace a 300 ft long corrugated metal culvert that conveys stormwater to the Harrison Brook and is located within the flood hazard area. The existing pipe is severely deteriorated, and the receiving ditch filled with sediment.**