

Community Rating System Webpage

The Community Rating System (CRS) recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards. Depending upon the level of participation, flood insurance premium rates for policyholders can be reduced. Besides the benefit of reduced insurance rates, CRS floodplain management activities enhance public safety, reduce damages to property and public infrastructure, avoid economic disruption and losses, reduce human suffering, and protect the environment.

The Town of Sandwich voluntarily participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) in an effort to reduce flood insurance premiums for Sandwich residents. This program is also part of a larger effort to promote community awareness of flood hazards and of flood mitigation methods.

As part of our participation in this program, the Town provides information regarding the location of individual properties with respect to special flood hazard areas, the specific flood zone a property may be located in, if the property is located within a Coastal Barrier Resource Area or Coastal A-zone, whether the property is located in or near areas that have a history of flooding, if the property is located in sensitive areas or subject to coastal erosion. We use the official Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that have an effective date of July 16, 2014. You may view this information on the Town website at www.sandwichmass.org/427/Floodplain-Information-Maps. Requests for Special Flood Hazard Area map information services may be directed to Planning and Development by phone at (508) 833-8001 or by email planning@sandwichmass.org

If you are interested in ways to reduce flood risk to your home or business, Brendan W. Brides, Town of Sandwich Building Commissioner, is available to discuss possible flood mitigation efforts with you. To schedule an appointment, please call Office Manager, Michelle Raymond at (508) 888-4200.

Additionally, if you have questions about flood insurance, Barnstable County's Floodplain Coordinator, Shannon Hulst, is available to discuss flood insurance questions at (508) 375-6952.