

CURRENT SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

1. **Elevation Certificates:** Skagit County maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request.
2. **Map Information:** Skagit County furnishes flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Annually publicizes the service and maintains records.
3. **Outreach Projects:** A brochure is mailed to all properties in Skagit County on an annual basis. A separate brochure is mailed annually to all properties located in the Special Flood Hazard Area.
4. **Hazard Disclosure:** Skagit County recognizes the disclosure requirements of the State of Washington disclosure law.
5. **Flood Protection Information:** Documents relating to floodplain management and locally pertinent flood issues are available throughout the Skagit County library system and its web site.
6. **Flood Protection Assistance:** Skagit County provides technical advice and assistance to interested property owners and annually publicizes the service.
7. **Additional Flood Data:** Skagit County maintains a high-level restrictive floodway standard and is provided credit for Washington State being a participant as a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP).
8. **Open Space Preservation:** Skagit County is preserving approximately 4,457 acres in the special flood hazard area as open space.
9. **Higher Regulatory Standards:** Skagit County enforces regulations that require freeboard for new construction and substantial improvement, foundation protection, protection of floodplain storage capacity, natural and beneficial function, other higher regulatory standards and low density zoning. The County also maintains a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) classification of 2/2.
10. **Flood Data Maintenance:** Skagit County maintains and uses digitized overlay maps in the day-to-day management of the floodplain. The County also has established and maintains a system of elevation reference marks and maintains copies of all previous FIRM maps and Flood Insurance Study Reports.
11. **Stormwater Management:** The State of Washington has instituted a Clean Water Program and Skagit County has adopted the Department of Ecology's Stormwater Manual for Puget Sound.
12. **Repetitive Loss:** As of the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses dated January 31, 2002, Skagit County has 53 repetitive loss properties and is a Category C community for CRS purposes. All requirements for the 2002 cycle have been met. An adopted Floodplain Management Plan is required to be submitted on or before October 1, 2003.

13. **Acquisition and Relocation:** Skagit County has acquired and demolished or removed 47 properties in the flood hazard area thus removing them from the repetitive loss roster.
14. **Drainage System Maintenance:** Skagit County's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed by the Public Works Department. Records are maintained for both inspections and required maintenance. A Capital Facilities Program is a planning and budgeting tool used for drainage improvement projects. The County also enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system.
15. **Flood Warning Program:** A program is provided for timely identification of impending flood threats, disseminating warnings to appropriate floodplain residents and coordinating flood response activities.
16. **Dam Safety:** All Washington communities currently receive CRS credit for the state's dam safety program.

For additional information regarding the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System and Skagit County's participation in the CRS Program, please contact:

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