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City Efforts in Floodplain Management Nets Salem Residents 25 Percent Flood Insurance Premium Discount

Salem is the highest ranked city in Oregon for Floodplain Management

Thanks to floodplain management activities by the City of Salem, residents will save 25 percent on their flood insurance premiums. The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, has upgraded Salem from Class 6 to Class 5 in the National flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Ratings System (CRS). The discount applies to NFIP policies issued on or after October 1, 2016 for properties in a Special Flood Hazard Area. This also means Salem is the highest ranked city in Oregon for floodplain management activities and one of only 123 cities in the United States to achieve a Class 5 rating.

In a letter to City Manager Steve Powers, William Lesser, CRS Project Coordinator for the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration commended the City's actions and its determination to lead the community to be more disaster resistant. "This commitment enhances public safety, protects property, preserves natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums," he wrote.

Among the floodplain management and damage mitigation activities undertaken by the City include: providing one-on-one advice to residents regarding property protection, having higher regulatory standards, maintaining open space, good stormwater management, and having a flood warning and response program. Residents who would like to see floodplain management related documents can find them on the [City's website](#).

The CRS rating system is a three-year application cycle that requires a field verification report. The rating-scale is from 10 to 1 with 1 being the highest rating. For more about flooding in Salem, including local hazards, safety tips and flood insurance information, please visit bit.ly/salemflooding.

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