

CRS Activity 510
Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

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Name of Community: City of Nome

Name of Plan: City of Nome, Alaska -Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2/1/2017

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Date of Adoption of Plan: 1/3/2017 or 2/1/2017

5 Year CRS Expiration Date: October 1, 2022

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

The plan is on the City of Nome website, listed under: "Disaster, Hazard and Flood Plans". There are also copies available at City Hall.

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:

Nome's City Planner worked with the City Planning Commission in advertised, open public meetings. When the plan was ready it was accepted by the Planning Commission by Resolution 2017-1. It was then accepted by the Common Council by Resolution 17-01-03. The local newspaper and often radio station attend these meetings and report on them. Minutes of these meetings are also submitted to the Common Council during their publicized meetings and these are reported on also.

This Evaluation Report was prepared by reviewing our Hazard Mitigation Plan and judging what parts we had worked on in the last year to complete the plan. This Evaluation will be presented to the City Council and the Planning Commission at their next public meetings. It will also be placed on the City's website and notice of that will be made to the public via our two local radio stations and our local newspaper.

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:

FLD #1 City owned buildings were covered by flood insurance where necessary.

FLD #2 We did pursue and achieved a lower CRS ranking during our 5-year re-certification.

FLD #3 & #4 were not achieved. The City did not fund an engineering evaluation to flood-proof vulnerable structures or bring a flood proofing workshop to Nome.

FLD #5 With a new, better trained Building Inspector on board, we are even more serious on ensuring that all new construction or more than 50% remodel projects in the flood-plain, adhere to elevations that are required.

FLD #6 Some Nome Joint Utility lines have been relocated that are in the flood-plain and more will be moved as construction projects continue.

FLD #7 Money was applied for and appropriated to repair and reinforce Nome's Seawall within the last 5 years. This is Nome's major form of flood protection as our flooding dangers stem from ocean wave surges and high winds over a long fetch of ocean.

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

The City of Nome is mostly built right along the sea coast and most of it is old construction. The costs to flood-proof these old buildings would not really be practical versus the cost to raze and rebuild new structures properly if/when it becomes necessary.

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

The City is actively enforcing elevations and proper building methods going forward. We are also requiring Elevation Certificates before and after construction completion, which wasn't always done and we have informed the main surveyor in this area that he has to put the elevation of the mechanicals (furnace, water heater, etc.) on the Certificates. Our one Repetitive Loss property has been raised above grade, since the time that it was flooded in 2004 and 2005. I believe we should encourage the property owner to get a new Elevation Certificate and see where it is at compared to the regulations. This past summer 2020, due to so many Covid-19 difficulties, this property was not addressed. It is still much improved from its state in 2004 and 2005. The City Building Inspector intends to have a conversation with the current owner going forward.