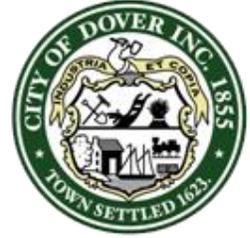


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City of Dover Awarded Floodplain Outreach Grant

DOVER, N.H. – The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development was recently awarded a \$7,500.00 grant for a floodplain management community outreach project. In November, the Department responded to a request for proposals for funding through the Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) New England Coastal Community Resilience Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to support local actions to reduce long-term risk to people, property and ecosystems from coastal hazards - such as coastal flooding and coastal storm damage - and to promote new or continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.

The grant award will help fund the preparation of informational pamphlets designed to raise awareness about floodplain management and the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The pamphlet will be posted on the City's website and will be mailed to all of the City's property owners that are located near or within a floodplain beginning in the spring of 2014, and thereafter on an annual basis. The grant award will secure funding for the design and printing of the pamphlets and for the 2014 and 2015 annual mailings.

Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner, says that the goals of the project are to provide information about the City's current floodplain management program including the minimum floodplain development regulations and use restrictions, to provide loss prevention tips, and to describe and explain the link between strong floodplain management and effective adaptation to sea level rise.

In addition to increasing awareness of the floodplain and the NFIP, the outreach project is also designed to spearhead the City's effort to apply for participation in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS). "Participation in the CRS, which requires demonstration that the City has a robust, active and effective floodplain management program, will bring potentially significant costs savings to our property owners in the form of reduced flood insurance premiums," says Corwin.

A successful application for the participation in the CRS requires a minimum number of "points" which are granted for various aspects of a community's floodplain management program. The outreach project funding by the grant award will help the City earn additional points for its

application to the CRS, which the City hopes to complete in 2014. “We’re thankful to the Northeast Regional Ocean Council for giving us an opportunity to both educate our floodplain property owners and to give a boost to our CRS application,” says Corwin. “Only a handful of New Hampshire communities have been accepted for participation in the CRS and we look forward to being included among them.”

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