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Egg Harbor Township accepted into the Community Rating System for Flood Insurance

Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey – Mayor McCullough announced today that starting on October 1, 2017, Egg Harbor Township property owners who have federal flood insurance will receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount.

Mayor McCullough stated, “Now that the Township has been approved by FEMA, property owners who have federal flood insurance will save 25% annually. The collective savings to all Township residents is more than \$169,000 annually. Since flood insurance rates are ever increasing, this savings will grow in the future.”

Almost 800 property owners in Egg Harbor Township have flood insurance policies. These policies insure over \$185 million in property and paid more than \$679,000 in premiums in 2016 alone.

Mayor McCullough stated “this process commenced in the spring of 2013 following Superstorm Sandy hitting our area. Over the past 4 years, the Township has worked closely with FEMA to bring these savings to our residents”

Township staff has worked tirelessly with representatives from the FEMA Regional Office and the NJDEP to be approved in the Community Rating System (CRS). The Township provided the necessary documentation to show that its policies are consistent with the standards of the National Flood Insurance Program. Last week, the Township received notification that they have achieved a Class 5 certification in the Community Rating System (CRS) program. Class 5 is the best level achieved by any community in New Jersey. Mayor McCullough stated that “the Township entering the CRS program with a class 5 rating is unprecedented, most communities enter with either a class 8 or 9 rating. He said the Township’s staff diligent work for the past few years has paid dividends to our residents”.

The flood insurance discount is based on the total number of points that the Township earns. A community accrues points to improve its CRS Class rating and receive increasingly higher discounts. Points are awarded for engaging in any of 19 creditable activities, organized under four categories: public information, mapping and regulations, flood damage reduction, warning and response.

“This was a team effort,” noted Township Administrator Peter Miller. He thanked several people for their assistance in helping the Township achieve a Class 5 rating, including Pat Naticchione, Township Construction Official; Ray Davis, Police Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator; Steve Newsome, Manager of Information Technology; Matthew von der Hayden, Deputy Administrator; and James Rutala of Rutala Associates.

The 25% premium reductions for property owners will take effect on October 1, 2017, when they renew their current flood insurance policies or change flood insurance providers.