

*New York's Great Lakes Basin
Small Grants Program*

CRS Demonstration Project

Kick-off Meeting

Sodus Point Village Hall

May 25, 2016

CRS Demonstration Project

- New York Sea Grant is working in partnership with the NYSDEC
- Funding is made possible by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and Article 14 of Environmental Conservation Law

Time Line

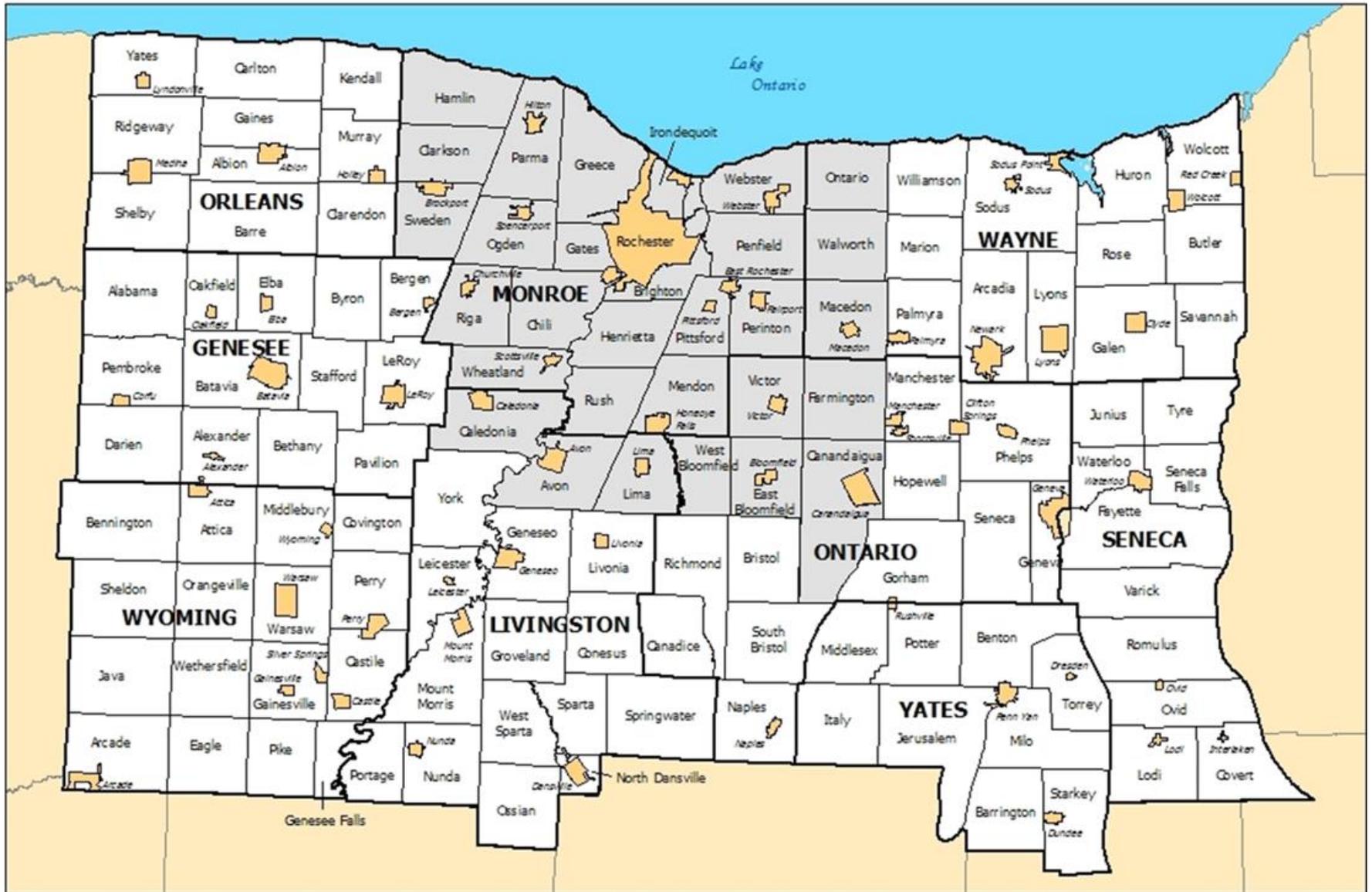
Project Term Dates –

January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Projects must be completed by June 30, 2017

Final Reports due by August 14, 2017

Who is G/FLRPC?



Program Areas

- Regional, Local & Water Resources Planning

Land use, water resources, municipal, hazard/flood mitigation, main street revitalization, and historic preservation planning in addition to local government support and training/workshop/conference development and coordination

- Regional Economic Development Planning

Regional economic development coordination, revolving loan fund administration, community advocacy, strategic planning, impact analysis, community revitalization, infrastructure planning and client outreach

- Data, Technology & Resource Center

New York State Census Data Affiliate Program, Geographic Information Systems & Remote Sensing, Resource Library with GIS data inventory as well as a comprehensive website

What is the Community Rating System?

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes communities for enforcing floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

CRS credit points are earned for a wide range of floodplain management activities, which are organized under four categories:

- (1) Public Information Activities
- (2) Mapping and Regulations
- (3) Flood Damage Reduction Activities, and
- (4) Warning and Response

CID	Community Name	Initial FIRM Identified	Current Effective Map Date
360892#	Town of Huron	09/02/81	01/19/96
360895#	Town of Ontario	06/01/78	06/01/78
360899#	Village of Sodus Point	11/02/77	11/02/77

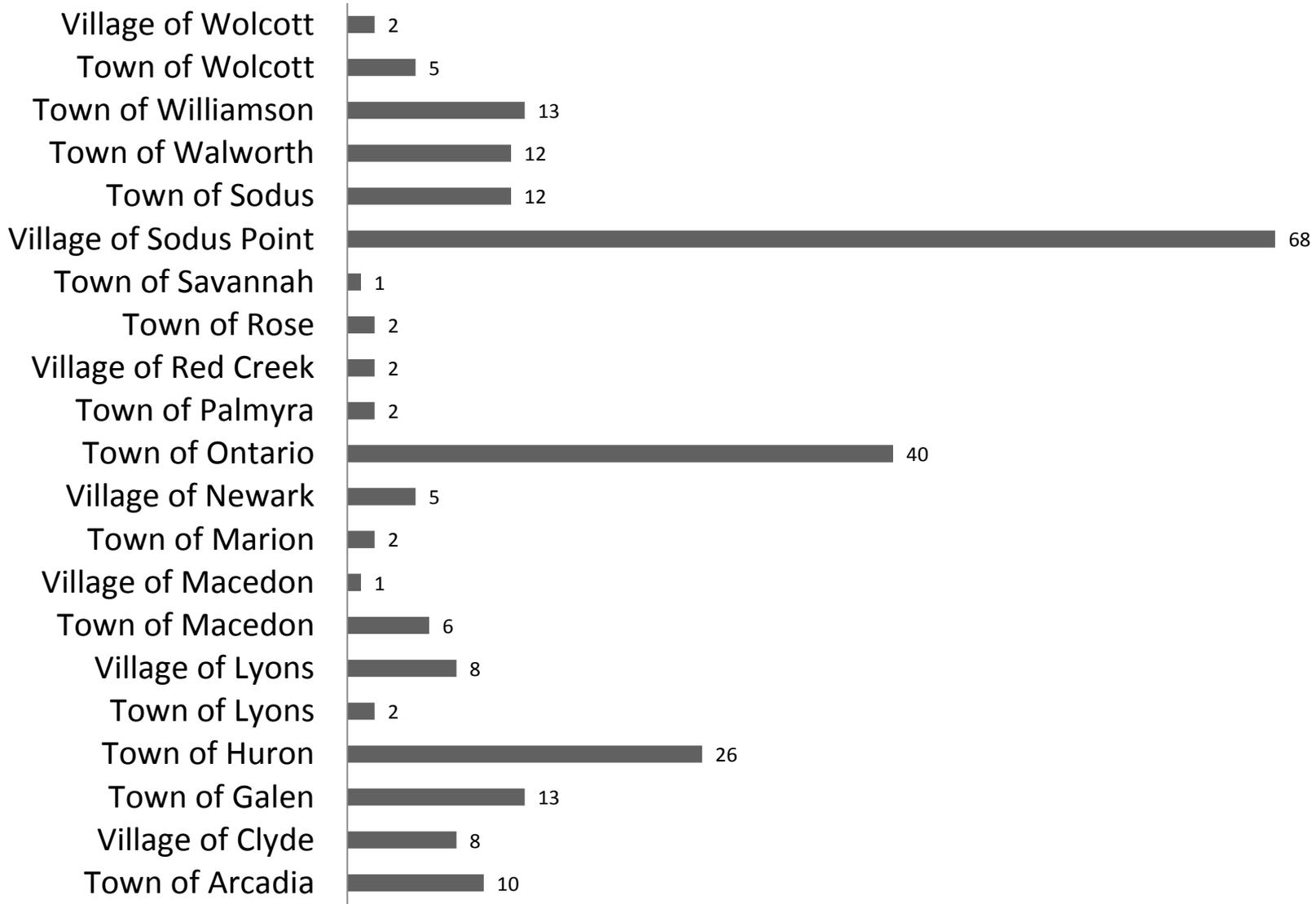
The Benefits

- Improved public safety
- Property loss reduction
- Open space and natural resource protection
- Better post-disaster recovery
- A discount of up to 45% off flood insurance premiums. All communities start out with a Class 10 rating (which provides no discount), then range from 5% (Class 9) to a maximum of 45% (Class 1).

CRS Class	Credit Points (cT)	Premium Reduction	
		In SFHA	Outside SFHA
1	4,500+	45%	10%
2	4,000–4,499	40%	10%
3	3,500–3,999	35%	10%
4	3,000–3,499	30%	10%
5	2,500–2,999	25%	10%
6	2,000–2,499	20%	10%
7	1,500–1,999	15%	5%
8	1,000–1,499	10%	5%
9	500–999	5%	5%
10	0–499	0	0

As a community engages in additional CRS-credited actions, increased NFIP policy premium discounts are available. Communities advance in CRS Classes by improving their floodplain management efforts and making changes to help eliminate or reduce exposure to floods. In this way, CRS performance metrics create a baseline by which municipalities can measure their progress towards reducing vulnerability to flooding and improved resiliency.

Policies In-force (3/31/2016)



<https://www.fema.gov/policy-claim-statistics-flood-insurance>

Community	A-Zone Properties (Special Flood Hazard Area)	Total NFIP Policies
Town of Parma, Monroe County	79	100
Town of Ontario, Wayne County	34	44
Village of Sodus Point, Wayne County	62	71
Town of Huron, Wayne County	17	26

Source: Policy and Claim Statistics, as of August 18, 2015.

Community	A-Zone Properties (Special Flood Hazard Area)	Total NFIP Policies
Town of Parma, Monroe County	80	100
Town of Ontario, Wayne County	30	40
Village of Sodus Point, Wayne County	62	69
Town of Huron, Wayne County	18	26

Source: Policy and Claim Statistics, as of February 29, 2016.

Next Steps

- A “CRS Quick Check” will be used for capturing each municipality’s current floodplain management activities and calculating potential CRS credit points. The Quick Check estimates credit for a community.
- G/FLRPC will serve as the facilitator to gather information, recognize planning gaps, and facilitate dialogue. Municipal staff will work collaboratively across departments to identify such information as the community’s floodplain, population, economic and growth factors, and the history of many types of flooding.

Community Rating System (CRS) Application/Quick Check

The objective of the CRS Quick Check is to show that the community is doing enough floodplain management activities above and beyond the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program to warrant 500 credit points, enough to be a CRS Class 9 or better.

<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/31255>

Final Deliverable

- A summary of each community's current level of activity, proposed improvements or potential new flood protection activities, and obstacles to applying to the CRS.
- A cost-benefit analysis tool that shows current and potential dollar savings in flood insurance premium reductions for various CRS classes.
- Potential solutions to encourage municipal participation and advancement in the CRS program can be brainstormed, such as intermunicipal agreements, shared services, nonprofit assistance, and/or regional planning.
- The final report will be a resource for all communities within New York's Great Lakes Basin as any community in full compliance with the rules and regulations of the NFIP may apply for a CRS classification.

Questions?

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