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Title: Natural and Beneficial Functions/Natural Resource Protection: A way to Build a CRS Program and Enhance your Community.

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Abstract: Communities whether coastal or inland benefit from natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain. Undeveloped portions of a community's floodplain can provide economic, social and environmental value all at the same time. Protection of natural resources is how communities can bolster CRS credits and advance to a lower class. This presentation will look at which CRS activities offer natural resource credits and how communities can easily take advantage of these credits to implement them locally. From outreach programs to open space preservation to preventing stream bank and coastal erosion, the CRS Program has many activities of credit built upon natural resource protection. Find out which ones your community may be missing and could take advantage of for increased CRS credits.

These natural resource activities and programs can even benefit communities who are not currently enrolled in the CRS by providing aesthetically pleasing areas which protect habitat, encourage preservation of sensitive areas including wetlands while improve water quality. Learn the steps to a healthier and happier community.

Bio: Mr. Stroud is the Emergency & Hazard Mitigation Lead for Wood EI&S in Raleigh, NC. He has over 26 years' experience in hazard mitigation planning, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and Community Rating System (CRS). Previously, David worked 18 years as the Flood Training Coordinator and lead hazard mitigation planner for FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) Program. For 16 years, David was a primary instructor for E-278, the CRS Course at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, MD. David is contracting to the CRS Program performing mitigation plan reviews and other program assistance. David has a bachelor and master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Ball State University in Muncie, IN.