

Florida Floodplain Managers Association
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Abstracts

Title: New “How to” Helps Communities Map Open Space for Community Rating System Credit

Length: 30 minutes

Subject: Community Rating System (CRS)

Target Audience: FPMs, CRS coordinators from communities that haven't maximized their open space points

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Biography: With a background in public policy, coastal management, and sociology, Ms. Stiller has been with NOAA since 2001 and is based in St. Petersburg. Before joining NOAA, Ms. Stiller worked for the NC Division of Emergency Management and the FL Coastal Management Program. In recent years, NOAA has had a growing focus on the topic of resilience -- working to identify and promote activities that enhance the resilience of the built, natural, and social environments of coastal communities. Ms. Stiller has been involved in efforts to identify resilience factors, and to provide data and tools to help communities address and communicate coastal inundation risks. She contributed to long-term recovery planning after Katrina and Sandy, and was part of the advisory team for Florida's Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning initiative. Land use planning that incorporates hazard mitigation, climate adaptation, and sustainability is a focus of Ms. Stiller's work.

Co-Presenter: None

Biography:

Abstract: NOAA recently produced an interactive, online "How to" and companion GIS Workflow and Mapping Guide to help communities earn credits in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program by mapping and documenting preserved open space. These products respond to interest from coastal communities in the CRS and requests for technical help with GIS mapping. These new resources help communities identify places where they could earn credit for existing and future efforts to preserve open space in floodplains. The “How to” outlines the process – from mapping to documentation of preserved open space – in seven easy-to-understand steps, and is geared for community CRS coordinators and planners. The companion GIS workflow provides geospatial analysts with sources of data, information, and instruction needed for key mapping tasks.

<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/crs.html>