



FEMA

October 21, 2020

The Honorable Timothy Kabat
Mayor of La Crosse
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Dear Mayor Kabat:

Your community's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) has been appreciated.

I regret to inform you that FEMA Region V has determined that your community is no longer in compliance with the minimum floodplain management requirements of the NFIP. Therefore, your community is no longer eligible to participate in the CRS. This requirement is referenced in Section 210 of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* on page 210-2.

Effective April 1, 2021, your community's CRS Class 8 rating and commensurate 10 percent reduction will no longer be applied to flood insurance premiums for policyholders in your community. When adequate resolution of the noncompliance is addressed, I encourage you to consider future participation in the CRS.

Flood insurance premium discounts often are the most widely recognized benefit of community participation in the CRS program. Although the premium discounts are important, we like to remind communities that all residents in CRS communities benefit from CRS participation as a result of the enhanced safety brought about by the floodplain management practices the CRS communities implement. This community-wide benefit of CRS participation may be useful to consider should your community choose CRS participation in the future.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region V Office, CRS Coordinator John Devine, by telephone at (312) 408-5567.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Lenz".

cc: Bernard Lenz, CRS Coordinator