

# City of Jacksonville Management Report

**To: The Honorable Mayor and Council**  
**From: Joshua W. Ray, City Manager**  
**Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

## **August**

Thu, Aug 17	11:30 AM	Public Safety Awards Luncheon
Tue, Aug 22	5:30 PM	City Council Regular Meeting
Thu, Aug 24	8:00 AM	Montford Point Marines Ceremony

- **2023 Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan – Southeastern North Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan** – As part of the City of Jacksonville’s annual Community Rating System (CRS) recertification process, the attached report must be shared with City Council and be made available to the public. CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Every year Planning and Permitting staff ensures the minimum NFIP requirements are achieved through public outreach and by enforcing the City of Jacksonville Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The primary ways this is accomplished is during the permitting (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing) process and the annual Repetitive Loss (RL) letters sent. A repetitive loss is a structure with flood insurance has had two or more claims of at least \$1,000.00 during any given 10-year period. These letters serve as an awareness tool for both the property owner and tenants that occupy the property.

Additionally, the annual report will also be available on the City of Jacksonville Flood Plain Resources web page.

- **Parks Update** – Parks staff pruned shrubs, trees, and installed chocolate mulch in all the landscaped beds at Riverwalk and LP Willingham Parks for National Night Out. Parks crews sprayed liquid iron on all the pods of Crowne Zoysia grass at Riverwalk and LP Willingham Parks to assist with green up of the grass. Parks staff gathered and distributed the tables, chairs, and tents for the City booths at National Night Out. Crews continue to clean the Rails to Trails from East Thompson Street to the Holcomb Boulevard Gate at Camp Lejeune to include changing out trash bags and doggy pot liners as needed. Parks staff continues to maintain mowing areas as needed, drag and line ballfields, and pick up litter as needed throughout the Park system and City.

- **Recreation** – Summer Day Camp is officially ending a successful summer on August 11. Each of the four summer sessions operated at full capacity, with 260 participants in each session. Throughout the summer, children and staff enjoyed activities and field trips to Fort Macon, Hammocks Beach, Mac Daddy's, Altitude and Jungle Rapids just to name a few. The Dayz Out program will be at the Commons Recreation Center starting on Monday, August 14 thru Friday, August 25 covering parents before the upcoming school year begins. Afterschool registration is ongoing. We are proud to announce we will be offering afterschool care for Clyde Erwin at Jack Amyette Recreation Center. New Bridge Middle School afterschool care will be at our Kerr Street Recreation Center, and we will continue to provide afterschool care at Parkwood Elementary, Northwoods Elementary, Carolina Forest Elementary, Jacksonville Commons Elementary and Bell Fork Elementary schools.

We will be adding Before Care at Parkwood Elementary, Jacksonville Commons Elementary and Northwoods Recreation Center due to a change in the starting time in all the Onslow County Public Schools

Wheelchair Basketball is now being offered at Jack Amyette on Wednesday nights, from 7 PM to 9 PM for ages 18 and up.

- **Current Bids**  
[RFQ-PEST CONTROL SERVICE 23-24](#)  
North Carolina  
Published 08/08/2023 Closing 08/14/2023

Attachment: 2023 Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

# **CRS 510 Floodplain Management**

## **2023 Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan**

Date: August 1, 2023

Name of Community: City of Jacksonville

Name of Plan: Southeastern North Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan

Date Adopted: April 6, 2021

5-year CRS Expiration Date: April 6, 2026

### **1. Availability of Plan**

Copies of the plan are available for review at the City Hall & the Center for Public Safety. The plan is also available for viewing on the City of Jacksonville website at the following link:

<https://jacksonvillenc.gov/548/Emergency-Preparedness>

### **2. Dissemination of Report:**

This report was prepared by Planning & Permitting staff after conducting an analysis of implementation strategies specifically related to floodplain management. After review and approval by the City Manager, the 2023 progress report will be shared with the Jacksonville City Council. The report will be submitted to the media through the City's Media Services office, and the public may obtain this report from the City of Jacksonville website – Flood Plain Resources.

### **3. Review of Each Mitigation Action:**

The Southeastern NC Hazard Mitigation Plan is a regional, multi-jurisdictional plan with each county having its own subsection of implementation strategies. The City of Jacksonville has 13 mitigation strategies, and the following tables provide a status update of those strategies pertinent to the City of Jacksonville's floodplain management program.

<b>Jacksonville P1</b>	Actively pursue state and federal grant funds to assist in the hazard mitigation recommendations included in the plan.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	

<b>Jacksonville P4</b>	Stay current with all Community Rating System reporting requirements to ensure continued program participation. Actively pursue activities that will lower our CRS rating.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	Planning and Permitting staff has participated in annual activities to maintain our participation in the CRS program. In fact, the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and this report are two items that provide points which helps our overall CRS ranking.

<b>Jacksonville P5</b>	Request courtesy review by the State NFIP Coordinator's office to identify areas where Jacksonville could acquire additional CRS credit points. Apply for CRS recertification, if applicable.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	The City applies for recertification on August 1 <sup>st</sup> of every year.

<b>Jacksonville P6</b>	Jacksonville will maintain compliance with State wellhead protection requirements.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	The City is in compliance with all State wellhead requirements.

<b>Jacksonville P7</b>	The requirements placed upon the City by its NPDES Coastal Rules Stormwater permit are intended to help prevent increases in the frequency, duration and intensity of repetitive flooding.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	NPDES Stormwater permit was issued on March 1, 2017. The City is in compliance with NPDES rules and anticipates an audit to take place in the fall of 2023.

<b>Jacksonville P8</b>	The City utilizes the NC state building code requirements for new installations of mobile homes.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	The City presently utilizes NC Building Code requirements for new installations of mobile homes. Additionally, during the permit review process we apply the standards found in the City of Jacksonville Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance which contains a 3 foot freeboard

<b>Jacksonville PP1</b>	Make use of Jacksonville's flood plain, parcel data, and aerial photographs in digital format. The City is capable of overlaying these coverages on its geographic information system (GIS). This is an existing program
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	City staff uses this data on a daily basis prior to issuing permits that are within or near flood hazard areas.

<b>Jacksonville PP3</b>	Electrical panels are to be positioned above the floodplain at three sewer pumping stations.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	To date one has been addressed. The remaining two will be addressed through the capital improvement program.

<b>Jacksonville PP4</b>	The City utilizes NC state fire code requirements for securing LP tanks and aboveground fuel tanks in areas subject to flooding. The Department of Public Safety periodically inspects commercial properties for these and other potential problems according to the schedule established by City Code and NC State Fire Code. This item is also addressed in periodic public awareness media regarding hurricanes and flooding.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	The City utilizes the 2018 NC Fire Prevention Code requirements as related to this description. The City also performs state mandated fire inspections of commercial and multi-family occupancies per the inspection scheduled stated within the fire code. Additionally, the City of Jacksonville’s Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance addresses above ground storage tanks and how to flood proof them.

<b>Jacksonville PP5</b>	The City utilizes NC state building code requirements to ensure adequate tie-down requirements for new installations and construction of accessory buildings greater than 144 square feet. The Building Inspections Division will provide information regarding anchoring and tie-down requirements to local suppliers.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	The City utilizes the NC Building Code requirements to ensure buildings are adequately tied down. Additionally, the City of Jacksonville’s Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance has standards for accessory buildings when located in special flood hazard areas.

<b>Jacksonville NR1</b>	The City revised the Flood Prevention Ordinance during September, 2005 to ban and/or remove existing companies with hazardous material/junkyards out of the floodplains.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	In 2020 City staff worked with state representatives and adopted a new model ordinance which was later revised in October 2022.

<b>Jacksonville S1</b>	Maintain ditches along streets to facilitate drainage. This is a Citywide program managed by the Streets Division wherever swales provide street drainage; this program is ongoing and includes routine ditch clearing, street sweepings, and catch basin cleaning.
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	The City has funded capital projects that are intended to improve storm water drainage in areas of the City where there is a significant history of flooding affecting multiple properties.



<b>Jacksonville P12</b>	Jacksonville will maintain documents about flood insurance, flood protection, flood plain management, and natural and beneficial functions of flood plains. Many documents are available free of charge from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This is work performed for the CRS program
<b>Review of Mitigation Action:</b>	The City reviews these documents on an annual basis and provides them at strategic locations.

**4. Implementation - Why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:**

All applicable mitigation strategies were either complete, in progress, or ongoing.

**5. Recommendations for New Projects or Revised Recommendations:**

Some of the recommended new projects and priorities include:

- New Bridge Street Project – Stormwater pipes will be replaced and upsized in order to eliminate street flooding which has also caused flooding to the commercial businesses during storm events.
- Georgetown – Replace and upsize pipes to reduce flooding within the area.
- Western Regional Sewer System – Construct new force main and pump station that will relieve pressure from the existing system.