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The Honorable David Dunfield  
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City of Lawrence  
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**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE  
LAWRENCE, KS**

Dear Mayor Dunfield:

I would like to congratulate your community on its application to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Community Rating System (CRS). The voluntary actions undertaken by your community exceeding the minimum standards of the NFIP have been verified, and meet the requirements for a Class 8 rating.

The reward for your community's activities will be a ten percent discount for NFIP policies issued or renewed in the Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after October 1, 2004. This saving is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community has implemented that protect lives and property. It should be noted that there are no CRS discounts for reduced rate Preferred Risk Policies (available for eligible B, C, & X zone properties); and the discounts in B, C, X, D, AR and A99 zones are limited to ten percent in Class 1-6 communities, and five percent in Class 7-9 communities; since the rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions. All CRS discounts are applied before the addition of the Federal Policy Fee.

Provided that there are no NFIP compliance actions, the rating will be automatically renewed yearly (no letter will be sent) as long as your community continues to implement the activities you certify annually each October. If no additional modifications or new activities are added, your community will not receive another verification for five years. Meanwhile, we will periodically send to you CRS information to keep your community informed.

You are encouraged to add new activities annually in order to obtain a better CRS classification. Each improvement in CRS Class brings higher flood insurance premium savings and brings your community closer to being truly disaster resistant. If you have any questions regarding your classification or desire more information, please contact the FEMA regional office. Once again, I commend your community for the CRS activities you have undertaken.

Sincerely,

David I. Maurstad  
Acting Director  
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Enclosure



COMMUNITY  
RATING  
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION  
REPORT

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Lawrence, KS

Verified Class 8

NFIP Number: 200090

New Application

Date of Verification Visit: March 9, 2004

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 1272 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community be classified as a CRS Class 8. The following is a summary of our findings with the total credit points for each activity noted in parenthesis:

**Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates:** The Building Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. (56 points)

**Activity 320 – Map Information:** Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), publicizing the service annually and maintaining records. (140 points)

**Activity 330 – Outreach Projects:** A community brochure is mailed to all properties in the community on an annual basis. An outreach brochure is mailed annually to all properties in the community's Special Flood Hazard Area (SHFA). The community also provides flood information through a display at city hall, building department and library. (195 points)

**Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure:** Credit is provided for state and community regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. (15 points)

**Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information:** Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the Lawrence/Douglas County Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (54 points)

**Activity 360 – Flood Protection Assistance:** The community provides information on how to select a retrofitting contractor. (3 points)

**Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation:** Credit is provided for preserving approximately 1182 acres in the special flood hazard area as open space. (505 points)

**Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards:** Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require freeboard for new and substantial improvement construction, and state mandated regulatory standards (88 points)

**Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance:** Credit is provided for maintaining and using digitized maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. (86 points)

**Activity 450 – Stormwater Management:** The community enforces regulations for soil and erosion control and water quality. (66 points)

**Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category:** Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of 01/31/2003, Lawrence has 2 repetitive loss properties and is a Category B community for CRS purposes. All requirements for a Category B community have been met. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

**Activity 630 – Dam Safety:** All Kansas communities currently receive CRS credit for the state's dam safety program. (64 points)

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

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Community : Lawrence, KS

NFIP Number : 200090

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**720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (New Application):**

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**CALCULATION SECTION :**

Verified Activity Calculations:				Credit
c310	56			56
c320	140			140
c330	195			195
c340	15			15
c350	54			54
c360	3			3
c410		x CGA	=	
c420	421	x CGA	1.20 =	505
c430	73	x CGA	1.20 =	88
c440	72	x CGA	1.20 =	86
c450	55	x CGA	1.20 =	66
c510				
c520				
c530				
c540				
c610				
c620				
c630	64			64

**722 Community Classification Calculation:**

cT = total of above

cT = 1272

Community Classification (from Appendix C):

Class = 8

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