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GRETNA PARTICIPATES IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM, COMPLETES REPETITIVE LOSS AREA ANALYSIS

GRETNA, LA – The Community Rating System (CRS) program rewards participating communities for implementing floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These rewards are in the form of flood insurance discounts. Gretna residents see over \$240,858 in flood insurance savings annually through its CRS activities.

The City of Gretna, working with the Jefferson Parish Department of Floodplain Management & Hazard Mitigation, recently completed a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA), an in-depth look at areas that have experienced multiple losses from flooding. During this analysis, detailed building information is collected through field visits to develop an understanding of the causes of repetitive flood damage at those sites. The purpose of the RLAA is to generate specific guidance solutions for individual buildings or areas, in contrast to a community-wide approach presented in a hazard mitigation or floodplain management plan.

The RLAA was conducted for two repetitive loss areas within the city and the resulting report is available to help property owners reduce their risk of future flooding by providing an understanding of the flood risk, flooding sources and resources for mitigation. The final report was adopted by the Gretna City Council on August 8, 2018, and can be viewed at www.gretnala.com/rlaa.