



On a motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-070

A resolution authorizing the Gretna City Council to adopt the Jefferson Parish 2021 Floodplain Species Plan prepared by the Department of Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation according to the Community Rating System Floodplain Species Plan guidelines.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) and maintains a Class 6 rating resulting in 20% savings on National Flood Insurance Premiums for policyholders; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2021 Addendum to the CRS Manual, up to 100 credit points are available for a floodplain species assessment and floodplain species plan under activity 510; and

WHEREAS, the CRS issues credit to communities that identify threatened and endangered species within the community, relate the species' locations to the floodplain, review feasible conservation and recovery actions, and create a plan of action; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish floodplain species assessment was completed with the assistance of FEMA as a sample for other communities across the nation and started the process of learning which species are listed or proposed for listing by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service or by the National Marine Fisheries Service and which associated critical habitats may be present within Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish further researched selected species identified in the floodplain species assessment and a more detailed plan was developed with input and assistance from subject-matter experts; and

WHEREAS, the floodplain species plan identifies actions Jefferson Parish will pursue to support conservation and recovery of the species; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Gretna City Council demonstrates commitment to further implement feasible actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Gretna, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City that:

The Gretna City Council hereby adopts the Jefferson Parish 2021 Floodplain Species Plan prepared by the Department of Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation according to the Community Rating System Floodplain Species Plan guidelines.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

- Yeas: **Council Members Rau, Smith, Hinyub, Miller, and Berthelot**
- Nays: None
- Absent: None
- Abstain: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ, LCMC
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GRETNA
STATE OF LOUISIANA

/S/ BELINDA C. CONSTANT
MAYOR
CITY OF GRETNA
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