

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP):



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CWPP's are produced at the Municipal Level.



Why a CWPP?

- 🔥 A CWPP is a top-down approach that provides a broad analysis of wildfire risks across the entire municipality.
- 🔥 A CWPP will provide the framework for all other wildfire preparedness programs and help coordinate all mitigation actions.
- 🔥 By design, a CWPP is collaborative.
- 🔥 A CWPP qualifies as a pre-planning initiative in the event of a FEMA declaration.

What is needed to complete the CWPP Action?

- 🔥 The Forest Fire Service helps determine if your municipality is "at risk".
- 🔥 Funding may be available for high risk areas through the NJ Forest Fire Service.
- 🔥 Municipalities not qualifying for financial assistance from the NJ Forest Fire Service but wishing to pursue the CWPP planning process can hire a consultant to complete the CWPP. Costs are \$5-7k with 20-40 hours of Municipal staff time

CWPP's must meet the following national criteria:

- 🔥 **Collaboration:** Must be cooperatively developed by local and state government.
- 🔥 **Prioritized Fuel Reduction:** CWPP's MUST identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reductions.
- 🔥 **Treatment of Structural Ignitability:** A CWPP must recommend measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed in the plan.

Who Should Lead and be Involved in This Action?



Prescribed fire reduces fuel loads and helps reduce the risk of damaging wildfire.

- 🔥 Municipal stakeholders are essential to creating a good CWPP.
- 🔥 Mayor, Business Administrator, Borough or Township Committee
- 🔥 Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- 🔥 Dept. of Public Works (DPW)
- 🔥 Code Enforcement Official
- 🔥 Police Department
- 🔥 Local Fire Chief(s)
- 🔥 NJ Forest Fire Service

What are the benefits of a CWPP?

- 🔥 Safer and more efficient coordination of resources.
- 🔥 Proactive planning.
- 🔥 Networking and training.
- 🔥 Better prepared and more resilient communities.
- 🔥 Less loss of infrastructure.
- 🔥 Funding to implement hazard mitigation projects.





What to Submit

- ▶ Your APPROVED Community Wildfire Protection Plan including the signature page with the Mayor's signature, as well as the approval signature from the NJ Forest Fire Service.
- ▶ Points will be awarded for this action during the plan's 10 year timeframe. Make sure that the plan clearly indicates the plan approval date.
- ▶ Once the initial planning timeframe has expired, the CWPP will need to be updated to continue to earn points under this action.

For More Information on CWPP's.....

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