



NEW JERSEY FOREST FIRE SERVICE

Protecting Lives, Property and Natural Resources
Since 1906

New Jersey's Firewise Communities/USA Program



Firewise Communities/USA

I. Why Firewise ?

II. Steps to Enrollment

III. Examples of Hazard
Mitigation Practices

IV. Funding Opportunities

Why Firewise Communities?

- In NJ 56 % of all homes are in the WUI.
- Wildfire can destroy the average home in the Pinelands in only 10 minutes.
- We can't predict when wildfire will happen, but we can prepare ourselves for it.
- Safer for residents and for firefighters.
- Not enough fire fighting resources to protect every home.

Becoming a Designated Firewise Community/USA

Six Simple Steps

Step 1: Form a Committee

Step 2: Conduct home evaluations

Step 3: Develop a Plan

Step 4: Host an “open house” for residents

Step 5: Invest in hazard mitigation opportunities

Step 6: Submit and Application for enrollment



Bringing Communities Together



Firewise in Action



Sustainable Jersey – Bonus



What to Submit

- Upload a copy of your welcome (if first time Firewise Community) or your annual renewal letter from the previous calendar year, for each recognized Firewise Community in your municipality
- 5 points awarded for each Firewise community in your municipality up to 15 points maximum



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