

COASTAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM WORKGROUP



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER VIRGINIA

CFM POLL

**Please fill out each poll to receive
the full 1.5 (or more!) CECs**



UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workgroup Meeting Introductions

Future Meeting Dates (James Room & Zoom)

2022

Wednesday, September 28, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, November 30, 10AM-Noon – moving locations! TBD

2023

Wednesday, January 25, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, March 29, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, May 31, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, July 26, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, September 27, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, November 29, 10AM-Noon



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Confirmed CFM CECs (expect 1.5 most meetings)

September 2021 – 1.5 credits

November 2021 – 1.5 credits

January 2022 – 2.5 credits

March 2022 – 1.5

May 2022 – 1.51



VA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



Individual Memberships (\$25.00)

- Networking Opportunities
- Training and Workshops
- Membership Directory
- Quarterly Newsletters

Corporate Memberships (\$150.00)

- Same access as Individual Members
- Includes 7 members (1 membership free – \$25 discount)
- Company logo on the VFMA website



ISO VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

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Coastal VA CRS Workgroup
July 27, 2022

CYCLE VISITS POLL & DISCUSSION



CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

Survey:

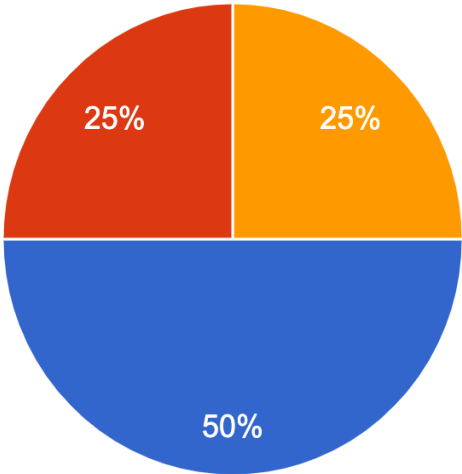
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SURVEY RESULTS: CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

Are you a Certified Flood Manager (CFM)?

20 responses



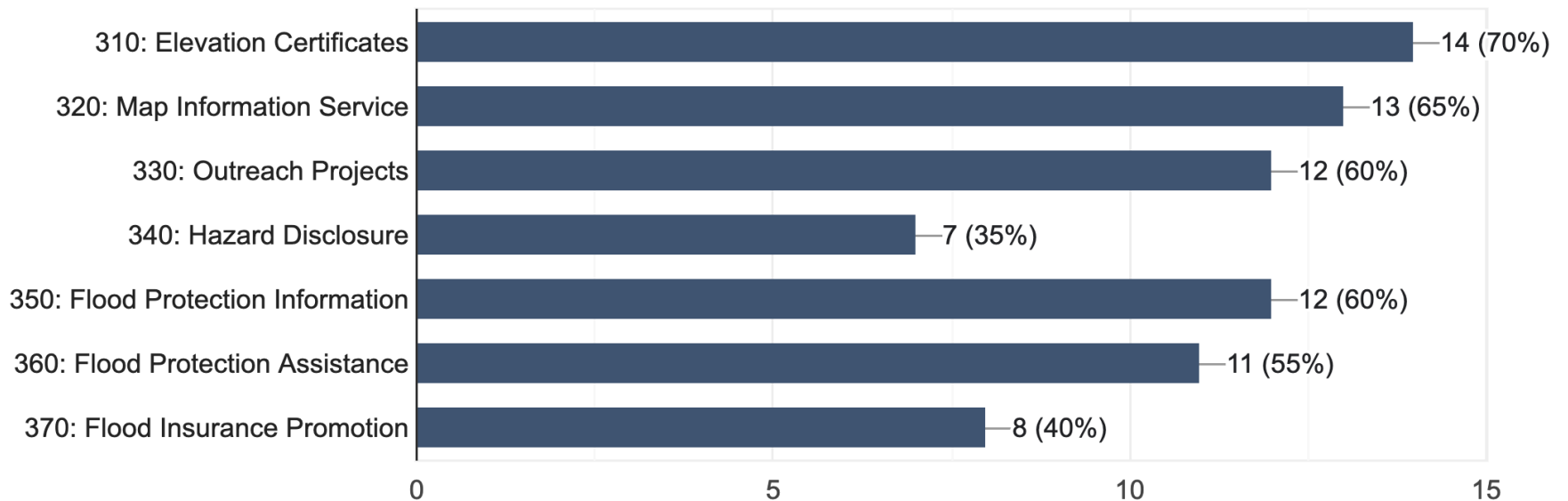
- Yes
- No
- Working on becoming a CFM



SURVEY RESULTS: CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

Which activities in section 300 would you like to view detailed training videos about & earn CECs for watching? (Choose all that apply)

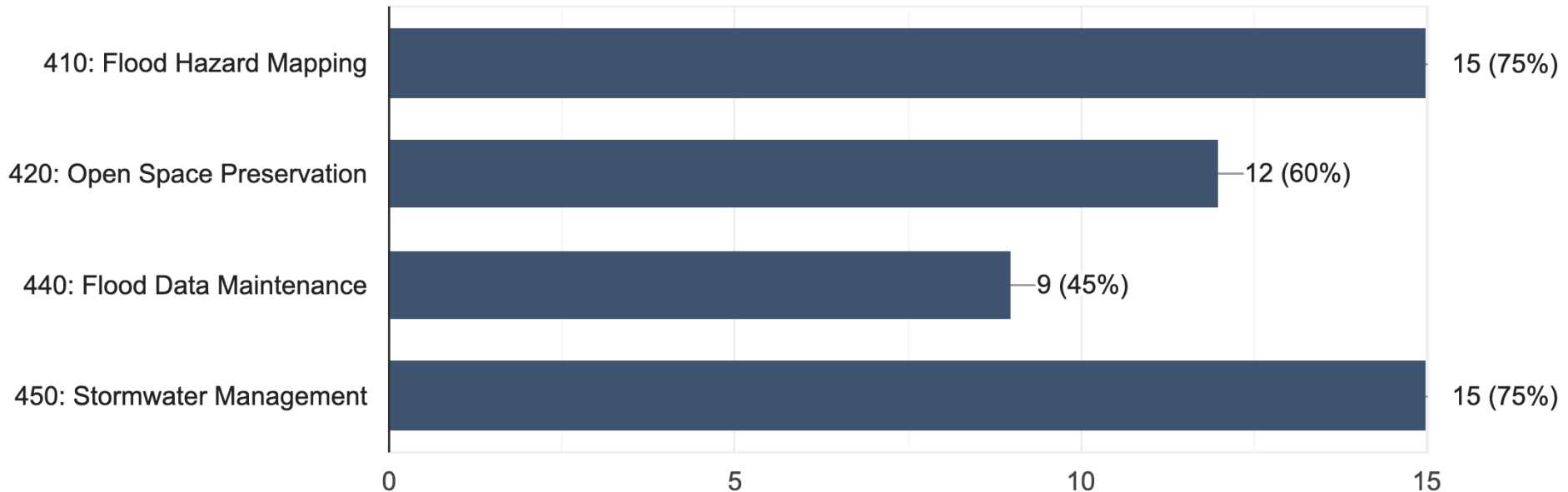
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SURVEY RESULTS: CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

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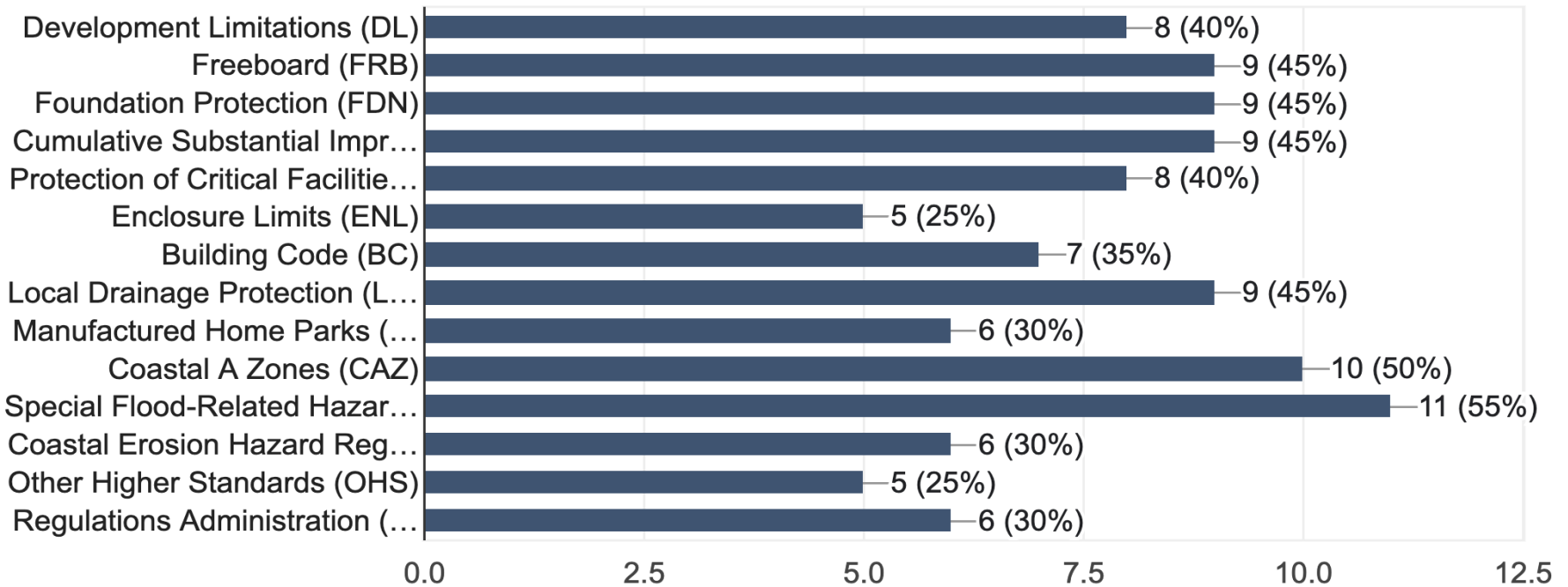
20 responses



SURVEY RESULTS: CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

Activity 430: Higher Regulatory Standards has already been identified as an activity of interest for a training video. Which sub-activities within 430 would you like us to focus on? (Choose all that apply)

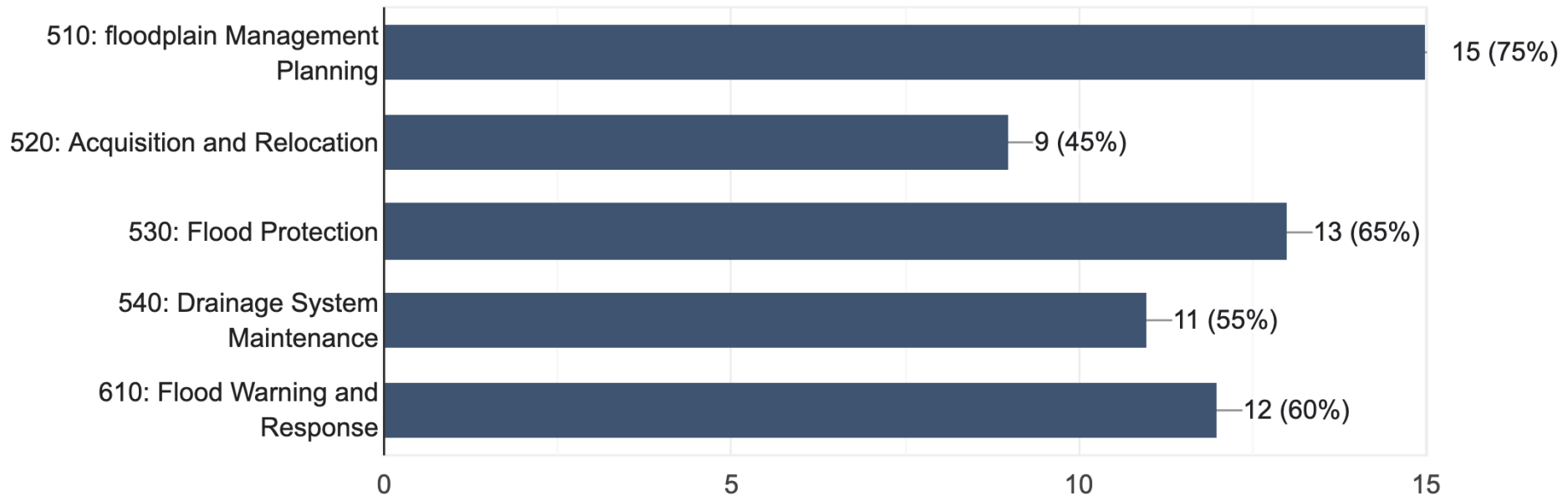
20 responses



SURVEY RESULTS: CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

Which activities in sections 500 & 600 would you like to view detailed training videos about & earn CECs for watching?

20 responses



SURVEY RESULTS: CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

Are there other CRS activities not listed above that we should focus on? If so, what are they?

It would be really helpful to identify those areas where you just have to do it their way, no matter how much better your method is than theirs.



SURVEY RESULTS: CRS TRAINING VIDEOS

Is there anything in particular we should consider when creating training videos?

- We found there were a lot of forms that kept getting handed to us at the end that weren't all readily available online or weren't obvious what they were. As we transferred information, the instructions were sometimes ambiguous.
- Keep in mind non-CRS communities or personnel
- My personal preference would be to have a series of short and concise videos focusing on a few aspects of the topic.



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HAMPTON ROADS HMP UPDATE

Ben McFarlane
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

WORKGROUP MEMBER QUESTION

Anyone have a good example of an inland locality using CDBG funding to address riverine flooding?

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CRS NEXT

- Bold shifts in CRS Program
 - Broader programmatic review with significant changes that may result in program & policy updates
- Goal: Improve so it better aligns with current understanding of risk & risk reduction strategies
- Multi-year effort
 - Long-term coordination – in tandem with NFIP minimum standards update



ASFPM CONFERENCE



Foundational Assumptions

CRS continues to provide whole-community public benefits through a rewards-based program.

CRS increases both the visibility of comprehensive flood risk and recognition of actions taken by a community.

CRS will support and contribute to the financial soundness of the NFIP

CRS will be simpler for communities to join and participate in.

CRS will be simpler to communicate.

CRS focuses on community-wide efforts rather than structure-based risk reduction activities and avoids duplication between CRS and RR 2.0

CRS is driven by processes and accountability, with any exceptions managed, escalated, and documented.



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Positives Summary

- CRS incentives are valuable
- CRS strengthened floodplain management techniques
- CRS offers flexibility in # of different activities available
- Helps get political buy-in

Challenges Summary

- Administrative burden is too much and return on investment is small
- No local govt discount
- Complicated program – documentation is burdensome
- Duplication of efforts in some places (ECs, CAVs, cycle visits, etc.)



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Equity summary

- Score system should account for community sizes, urban/rural, capacity, etc.
- Direct technical assistance for underserved communities
- Grant funds to increase local staff capacity
- CRS provide outreach tools to reach underserved communities

Future conditions

- CRS should be more flexible to credit creative efforts to address future conditions
- Want to incorporate climate resilience in the CRS & enable communities by providing resources/materials for localities
- Future conditions should be included in more credits, generally
- More guidance for localities w/o knowledge of future conditions

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Floodplain Management/Risk Management

- CRS should continue to support & expand incentives for community level action
- CRS should better align measurable risk reduction with both current and future risks with program incentives

Data & Technology

- Improve modeling & mapping techniques & expanding building survey data collection through LiDAR & other methods
- Promote & increase access to existing sources of its own data & tools (grants, FIRMs, etc.)
- CRS program should better leverage technology to reduce burden experienced in applying or in verification cycles
- Desire to leverage data sets and tools of other federal agencies for rural communities to supplement FISs

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Creditable Activities

- Want to increase credits for outreach & PPI
- Activity 420: increase credits that encourage proactive approaches to decreasing flood risk & preserving natural floodplain functions
- Revise the all or nothing scoring for 600 series
- Expand the suite of creditable activities to include investments in broader array of nature based solutions and measures to address accelerated sea level rise
- Activity 430: CRS should increase credit for freeboard, building code adoption, & increase for SI/SD tracking & regulations

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Participation & Simplification

- Simplify program
- Documentation submission should be easier to remove need for 3rd party consultants
- Simplify and scale the scoring system to increase transparency; narrow focus on CRS to high impact risk reduction activities
- Need capability & capacity building, technical assistance, outreach, multi-state coordinate & promotion

Collaboration, Integration & Alignment

- Increased success stories & best practices
- Alignment between CRS and programs with Risk management, grant opportunities, federal agencies, etc.
- Govt funded local positions for cost-sharing across localities
- Regional & multi-jurisdictional partnerships on credible activities

VA COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

Resources

- NEW: Local Resilience Plan [Application Outline](#)
- WW CFPF tracking [website](#) (includes approved plans)
- WW [Fact Sheet](#) on CFPF
- WW Local Flood Resilience Plan [consultant list](#)
- Interactive [map](#) of approved applications



WORKGROUP ATTENDEE REPORT OUT

Time for Workgroup attendees to bring up any news, questions, or future meeting topics to the group



THANK YOU!

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