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Hinesville residents receive discount on flood insurance, city rated class 7

Hinesville, GA— It doesn't take much to cause a flood. Whether you are living on the coast, near a body of water, or surrounded by land, a few inches of rain may be all it takes to cause some damage.

Many local residents don't think that flooding can happen leaving them often unprepared for the "unthinkable." This has led several local agencies to carefully document floodplain management tasks and spread the word to residents about flood protection.

In 2012, the city of Hinesville voluntarily began participating in a FEMA program administered by the Insurance Services Office to improve floodplain management services that results in savings to its residents. The program offers relief in the form of flood insurance premium discounts.

After completing the Community Rating System application through the National Flood Insurance Program, Hinesville received a rating of 7 which results in a 5 to 15 percent savings for more than 600 policy holders in Hinesville.

"You are meeting the national average and beating the state average." ISO/CRS Specialist Sue Hopfensperger said during a July 9 presentation to city of Hinesville officials. "It isn't just about saving money. It's about saving lives and saving property.

The national average is 7 and the Average CRS score in Georgia is 8.

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"Participating in this program prepares us for flooding and makes us more resilient after a flood," Hinesville Mayor James Thomas said. "This speaks well of the people that worked well together to make this city great and put money back in the pockets of citizens."

Some residents are under the misconception that they are ineligible for flood insurance because of where they live, or their mortgage status. As long as the home is in an NFIP community such as Hinesville, most homeowners, business owners and renters can get flood insurance.

"The City of Hinesville is grateful for the leadership of our Mayor and Council along with the coordination of Matthew Barrow, who is an engineer with the firm of P.C. Simonton & Assoc., and Steve Welborn, our Director of Inspection, for acquiring \$68,163 in savings for our citizens," City Manager Billy Edwards said.

As of May 1, the percent savings is automatically deducted from flood insurance premiums for those within Hinesville city limits. Residents can check their home insurance declarations page or ask their insurance agent to check for the discount.

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The City of Hinesville is the county seat and largest city in Liberty County. It is a progressive and pro business community that welcomes all. With a population of more than 30,000, Hinesville is also one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. For more information, please visit www.cityofhinesville.org.

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Hinesville Mayor James Thomas accepts a plaque from ISO/CRS Specialist Sue Hopfensperger given to the City of Hinesville recognizing its CRS Rating 7 during a presentation on July 9.

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City of Hinesville representatives attend a National Flood Insurance Program presentation given by ISO/CRS Specialist Sue Hopfensperger on July 9 at Hinesville City Hall.

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