

CRS Activity 510
Annual Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

Which Plan is this for (use separate templates for each credited Plan):

- Floodplain Management Plan (Hazard Mitigation Plan)**
- Repetitive Loss Area Analysis**
- Floodplain Species Plan**
- Substantial Damage Plan**

Name of Community:
San Juan County

Date this Annual Progress Report was prepared (not the date of adoption of the credited Plan): 10/10/2024

Name of Plan: San Juan County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan

Date of Adoption of Plan: 2/4/2021

5 Year CRS Expiration Date: October 15, 2026

1. How can a copy of the credited Plan be obtained:

The San Juan County Hazard Mitigation Plan can be obtained by:

IPRA request at <https://sanjuancountynm.justfoia.com/publicportal/home/newrequest>
or

a redacted version is available online on the SJC Floodplain web page:

<https://www.sjcounty.net/government/community-development/floodplain-management>

Parts of the plan that have been deemed protected information by San Juan County Office of Emergency Management have been redacted.

2. Describe how ***this annual progress report*** (not the credited Plan) was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public:

The report was provided to the San Juan County Board of Commissioners as an informational item. The report is made available to the public on the SJC Floodplain web page alongside the current Hazard Mitigation Plan.

3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

Pg. 132 of SJC HMP:

Create internal policy and procedure to ensure all proposed development, structural and non-structural, have floodplain determinations prior to approval of development	Flooding	San Juan County
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Implementation of the LAMA permitting software program has increased the reliability of floodplain review significantly. 1,598 permit reviews were conducted from October 2023 to October 2024. Reviews included Addressing, Construction, Trade, and Floodplain permits. Of the 1598 reviews, 102 properties were found to have floodplain involvement. *(not all reviews resulted in floodplain permits being issued)*

Partner with local utility agencies and other jurisdictions to ensure floodplain determinations are completed prior to development approval	Flooding	San Juan County
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This action item has been difficult to achieve progress on. There will need to be continued efforts to engage local utilities in floodplain identification. San Juan County has been able to successfully identify floodplain interaction via review of 9-1-1 Addressing services provided by San Juan County Rural Addressing.

Partner with Federal and State agencies to ensure floodplain determinations are completed prior to development approval	Flooding	San Juan County
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Although recent changes have been made to the State statutes regulating the State's compliance with NFIP regulations, NM Manufactured Home Division continues to operate in violation of the NFIP and NM State floodplain regulations/statute respectively.

Identify flash flood hazard areas using past event and future development trends; using engineering consultation, develop new Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or enhance existing NFIP flood hazard boundaries	Flooding	San Juan County
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Persistent drought conditions and a lack of funding have prevented progress on this action item. San Juan County Floodplain Management continues to track identified events but engineering of new or existing Special Flood Hazard Areas has not occurred.

Enact legislation for San Juan County concerning the responsibility for keeping waterways clear of debris and vegetation that can magnify the effects of flooding	Flooding	San Juan County
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San Juan County continues to lack land use management codes. Should the concept of land use planning become a reality, the Floodplain Administrator will ensure this issue is presented.

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:

The largest obstacle to project implementation is funding.

The largest obstacle to regulation change is the lack of support from residents. San Juan County continues to be a largely rural community outside municipal boundaries. Residents outside of the municipal boundaries are resistant to the idea of zoning regulation. Continued education efforts and increasing complaints by residents of residential areas against commercial development may eventually lead to support for better land use management regulation.

5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?

Residents on the San Juan River, continue to experience issues related to Navajo Dam high release flooding. This may provide opportunities for additional future mitigation projects, such as a new study to change the established high-water capacity of the San Juan River. The difficulty in gaining support from Federal partners for such a study and change stems from the down stream agreements established early on in the construction of Navajo Dam.

The development of land use management codes would bring new opportunities to better serve the citizens of San Juan County and provide additional protections from all forms of flooding. We continue to see localized flooding events, mostly related to arroyo activity or more precisely the disruption of existing arroyo flows, leading to sheet flow or altered flows during storm events.