



## Village of Lake in the Hills Press Release

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### **For Immediate Release**

Lake in the Hills, IL – Lake in the Hills residents and business owners now have access to an increased rate reduction of 25% off their flood insurance premiums. The Village recently moved from a Class 6 to a Class 5 rating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), an improvement that led to a 5% increase in the discount.

The CRS program, a voluntary incentive program managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), rewards communities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements in an effort to help residents and businesses prevent or reduce flood losses. CRS representatives evaluate participating communities every five years and issue scores in Public Information, Mapping and Regulations, Flood Damage Reduction, and Flood Preparedness.

“We received additional points for implementing a new GIS mapping procedure used in day-to-day floodplain management activities and for participating in the McHenry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan,” said Superintendent of Streets and CRS Coordinator Guy Fehrman.

Lake in the Hills is rated in the top 10% of all CRS-rated communities in the nation, and only one community within Illinois ranks higher than the Village.

“This achievement reflects the Village’s commitment to public safety and preparedness,” said Village Administrator Fred Mullard. “Our staff strives to exceed expectations and deliver exemplary service to our residents.”

The Class 5 rating will take effect on October 1, 2020.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500 with any questions they have about the CRS program or the flood insurance rate reduction.

The mission of the Lake in the Hills Public Works Department is to preserve and enhance the highest quality of life, public health, safety, and economic growth by providing services that are well planned, environmentally sensitive, and cost effective.

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