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State of New Jersey Silver Jackets



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NEW JERSEY SILVER JACKETS CHARTER

This charter establishes and formalizes the expectations for implementation of the Silver Jackets Team for the State of New Jersey. This charter will be reviewed annually and may be revised at any time with the consent of the core agencies.

VISION STATEMENT

It is the focus of the Silver Jackets Team in New Jersey to develop strong intergovernmental partnerships that result in comprehensive and sustainable solutions to state flood hazards

MISSION STATEMENT

Through an intergovernmental team of state and Federal agencies, a collaborative process to mitigate New Jersey's flood risk will:

- enable the effective and efficient sharing of information;
- foster the leveraging of available agency resources;
- increase and improve flood risk communication and outreach;
- provide improved service to our mutual customers; and
- promote wise stewardship of the taxpayers' investment.

GOALS

1. Document and share information on current projects and initiatives.
2. Catalog and share information on past and future projects and initiatives; incorporate documentation from Goal #1.
3. Prioritize current and future initiatives individually and collectively.
4. Identify other collaboration opportunities to combine resources and identify gaps in an effort to minimize duplication of effort.
5. Identify and facilitate improvements to existing programs, policies and processes.
6. Educate team members about individual programs, identifying limitations and opportunities within the program.
7. Foster education of agency programs to key stakeholders and authorities.
8. Work with communities to develop comprehensive and sustainable solutions to natural hazard issues.
9. Become a unified resource to State and Federal officials for natural hazard issues within the State of Jersey.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The team will be interagency in nature. Membership will vary based on available resources and team project focus; however, the core agencies that will be involved at all times include the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM). Representatives may be from the regional and state levels of the organizations. All participating agencies will contribute experience and information to all team efforts. The USACE representative will maintain and distribute a contact sheet.

MEETINGS

At a minimum, meetings will be conducted on a quarterly basis. With the support of all team members, the District will coordinate and facilitate team meetings. Draft meeting minutes shall be distributed for review and presented for formal approval at the following meeting. The District will maintain final minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS

All commitments and participation by each federal or state agency or organization in the actions and activities covered by this Charter is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds and budget priorities. Nothing in this Charter, in and of itself, or any decisions made by the team, obligates the parties to expend appropriations or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, interagency agreement or other financial obligation.