Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Process
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A local Firewise Communities/USA representative is notified of your interest in earning recognition status.
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The specialist will gather information for a community assessment.
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Board members should expect to commit up to six months of time in developing a local WUI plan.
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If the Board accepts the assessment and evaluation, the Firewise process continues.
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The specialist may work with the community to identify project implementation funds.
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A permanent Firewise task force, committee, commission or department will be created to maintain the program into the future.
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Working with local fire professionals, communities in fire-prone areas can earn Firewise Communities/USA status by observing the following standards:

- Enlist a wildland/urban interface specialist to complete an assessment and create a plan that identifies locally agreed-upon solutions that the community can implement.

- Sponsor a local Firewise task force, committee, commission or department which maintains the Firewise Community program and tracks its progress or status.

- Observe a Firewise Communities/USA Day each spring that is dedicated to a local Firewise project.

- Invest a minimum of $2.00 annually per capita in local Firewise Communities/USA efforts. (Work by municipal employees or volunteers using municipal and other equipment can be included, as can state/federal grants dedicated to that purpose.)

- Submit an annual report to Firewise Communities/USA, documenting continuing compliance with the program.

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