



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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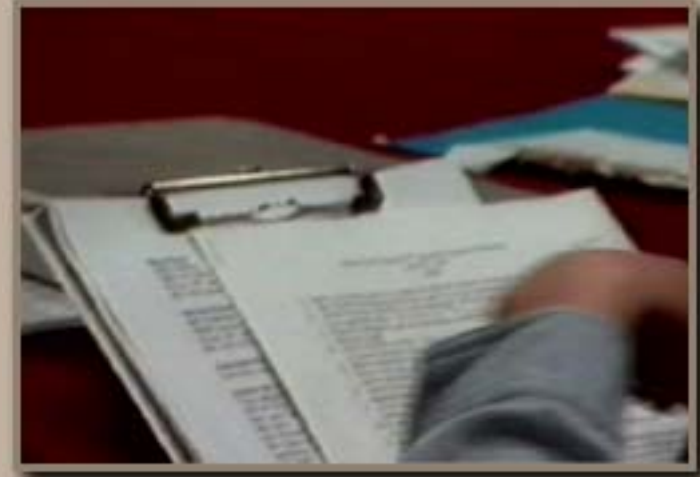


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The specialist may work with the community to identify project implementation funds.





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Program Standards

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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