ASFPM Update

FMA Annual Conference
Floods are 'acts of God,' but flood losses are largely acts of man.

1945 PhD Dissertation
Human Adjustments to Flood by Gilbert F. White
ASFPM’s Mission

Mitigate the losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding.

and...
Protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains.
What does ASFPM do?

- National and State Policy Issues
- National CFM® Certification
- State Chapter Services & Support
- Develop Publications & Resource Materials for Floodplain Managers
- No Adverse Impact (NAI)
- Conferences & Events
- Continuing Education Development (ASFPM Webinar Series)
- Research and Other Projects
Important Dates:
- Sponsor and Exhibitor Prospectus available Sept 2015
- Call for Abstracts and Workshops deadline Oct 31, 2015
- ASFPM Foundation Collegiate Student Paper Competition submission deadline TBD – approx. January 2016
- Registration Opens Feb 1, 2016
- Annual National Awards submittal deadline TBD – approx. March 2016. Forward winners of your Chapter awards for consideration
The broad problem of flood-loss reduction is that the rate at which flood losses are being eliminated by construction of engineering or land-treatment works is of about the same magnitude as the rate at which new property is being subjected to damage. - GFW
• Administration Request
  – **Flood Mapping. $400 m.** ($279 million in appropriated funds)
  – **Pre Disaster Mitigation. $200 m**
  – **Flood Mitigation Assistance. $175 m**

Not passed yet; most likely scenario is a negotiated budget between President and Congress
NFIP Reform Implementation

• Several studies recently released or to be released soon:
  – Community Based Flood Insurance (7/15)
  – NFIP Affordability Part 1 (3/15)
  – NFIP Affordability Part 2 (fall 2015)
  – Flood Risk Rating (negatively elevated structures – 6/15)

• TMAC established and working
  – First report focusing on incorporating best available climate science and future flood risk in flood mapping due this fall, as well as the TMAC annual report
NFIP Reform Implementation

• Continued rate adjustments
  • HFIAA surcharges added (4/15) - $25 primary residences, $250 all other buildings
  • Optional 10K deductible
  • Reserve assessment increased to 15% for most policies
  • Rates going up, up, up!

• Lending Regulators Final Rule (7/15)
  • Requires mandatory escrow of flood insurance after Jan 1, 2016 for residential loans (some exceptions)
  • Mandatory purchase will not apply to detached structures in SFHA (effective 10/1/15)
EO 13690 and FFRMS

- Issued 1/30/15, it updates EO 11988
- Draft guidelines for implementation establishes new flood risk standard for federal actions. Agencies have three options:
  - Freeboard approach 3 ft. for critical actions, 2 ft for everything else;
  - 500-year elevation; or
  - Climate informed science to develop new BFE
- Requires consideration of nature based alternatives
- Administration reviewing 300+ comments on draft guidelines; will finalize this fall. In the meantime agencies have developed implementation plans

ASFPM STRONGLY SUPPORTS AND HAS DEVELOPED WEBPAGE FOR INFORMATION LINKED TO ASFPM HOMEPAGE AT WWW.FLOODS.ORG
FHA 203K Loan

• FHA's primary program for the rehabilitation and repair of single family properties:
  – Flood mitigation activities are eligible
  – Combines financing for purchase or refinance and repairs into one loan
  – Can be used in cases where property owner finds flood insurance too expensive or generally to mitigate flood risk
  – Must be done by a FHA approved lender – they already exist throughout the country
  – Competitive mortgage rates

New FHA guidelines explicitly making hazard mitigation activities eligible will be released this fall. ASFPM will be working with HUD to promote nationwide. Stay tuned for more information!
NFPPR 2015

- ASFPM’s flagship policy document, was updated in 2015
- Contains nearly 400 recommendations to improve floodplain management policy in the nation
- Basis for recommended legislation, rule changes, program updates
Research and Other Projects

There's the floodplain. Now where do we go from here?
NAI How-To Guides

• Features:
  – 5 NAI level tools in each guide
  – Case studies and “How-To” information
  – Based on 7 building blocks in NAI Toolkit. Three guides complete: Mitigation, Infrastructure, and Planning

• Three guides in production: Education/Outreach, Mapping, and Regulations

• One guide to start in FY16: Emergency Services
Great Lakes Coastal Resilience Planning Guide

In This Guide...
Find resources and climate change resources that Great Lakes counties and municipalities can use to communicate coastal issues and inform existing and future land use, infrastructure, and natural resource plans and policies to enhance community resiliency. Read more...

Hazard & Climate Case Studies
Read case studies to explore how local planners and practitioners are using data, tools, methods, and policies to help make their communities more resilient.

www.greatlakesresilience.org
Other Projects

- CRS “Green Book”
  - Develop resource guidebook for communities identifying CRS elements that have co benefits of CRS credits and protecting natural floodplain functions
  - Developing several case studies, show “how-to” implement specific elements

- Update of PAS report “Subdivision Design in Flood Hazard Areas”
  - Original developed in 1997
  - Update to include stormwater issues, platting, new case studies, legal issues, etc.

- Planner’s Information Exchange
  - Partnership with American Planning Association
  - 8 webinars over 2 years, both CFM and AICP credits
Other Projects

• Community Floodplain Management Survey
  – Develop baseline of local program capacity
  – Format based on ASFPM State and Local Program Survey
  – Desire is statistically valid data nationally and in each state

• Comprehensive ASFPM website update
  – Driven by state of the art library system for organizing documents and resources
  – New features and better integration with projects
The present status of floodplain management does not encourage complacency ... On balance, progress has been far short of what is desirable or possible, or what was envisaged at times when the current policies and activities were initiated - GFW

Be a member, get involved!

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