2019 ASSEMBLY OF THE
GILBERT F. WHITE
STATE FLOOD POLICY SYMPOSIA:
Floodplain Management Association
Flood Symposia

April 4, 2019
CalOES, Rancho Cordova, CA
WELCOME & THANKS TO OUR LOCAL HOSTS & National Team!

Local Team:
- George Booth
- Brian Brown
- Vince Geronimo
- Maria Lorenzo-Lee
- David Pesavento
- Mark Seits
- Mary Seits
- Jeanne Ruefer

National Team:
- Tim Hillier
- Molly O’Toole
- Gigi Trebatoski
- Matt Koch
- Mark Forest
Past State Symposia
Overview

The MISSION of the ASFPM Foundation is to promote public policy through select strategic initiatives and serve as an incubator for long-term policy development that promotes sustainable floodplain and watershed management.

Facts

Founded in 1996

Separate Corporate Body with its own Board of Trustees and Bylaws.

501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Non-Profit Foundation

Seeks to help ASFPM meet its Goals
Where the Money Goes

The Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forums

College Scholarships

No Adverse Impact (NAI)

“National Flood Programs in Review” Report

FloodManager Interactive Simulator

State Symposia / LAL Speaker Series / Special Projects
Designing for Disasters

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM
Telling the stories of architecture, engineering, and design
Holistic Coasts:
Adaptive Management of Changing Hazards, Risks, and Ecosystems

A Summary Report based on the 4th Assembly of the Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum
Washington, D.C.
2013
The ASFPM Foundation
2019 Gilbert F. White Flood Policy Forum

INCREASING OUR RESILIENCY TO URBAN FLOODING

On March 12-13, 2019, the ASFPM Foundation will host a two-day policy forum in the Washington, DC area to address urban flooding. The high-level question the forum will seek to answer is:

How can we be better equipped as a nation to deal with rapidly increasing flood risk in urban areas?
So... Why State Symposia?

• 2010 Flood Risk Forum Recommendation
• Have held successful Symposia now in –
  • CO
  • IN
  • TX (1)
  • GA
  • FL
  • IL
  • AZ
  • NY
  • TX (2)
  • NC
  • OK
  • CT

• Federal Policy is important but.....
Flood Mitigation is primarily local
Foundation Objectives for Symposia Series

• Facilitate and be a catalyst for policy debate State by State

• Inform National policy with local debate

• Create a lasting policy initiative and ethic

• Create momentum at the local level for continued actions
Example Outcomes

Illinois Chapter

• Utilized the IL State Symposia to vet the preliminary findings of the state agency’s report on urban flooding – causes, potential remedies, and potential funding mechanisms. The State Symposia was held at a perfect time to allow for the vetting of these findings in a Symposia setting, and helped craft the final report submitted to the State legislature.

Florida Chapter

• Utilized the FL State Symposia to discuss what was, at that time in 2015, a new format for the series, discussing “hot topics” of concern for the Chapter with respect to the State of Florida’s floodplain and coastal management. The Symposia allowed for a very strong set of discussions geared towards driving beneficial changes for floodplain and coastal management practices and policies that could be driven at the State level.

Oklahoma Chapter

• The outcomes from the OK State Symposia benefitted the Chapter because they were able to incorporate the learning and recommendations from the Symposia into their strategic planning, with a set of identified actions that the Chapter focused on following the event.

Texas Chapter (2 Symposia)

• The TX State Symposia were conducted at strategic, opportunistic times following tragic flooding events in the State of Texas, allowing both Symposia to be well-attended by local, State, and Federal practitioners and lawmakers, helping to reinforce the strategic goals and needs of the State’s floodplain management community.
The truth is it’s working...

- Funding
- Policy
- Planning
- Design
- Regulation
- Mitigation
- Outreach
- Technical Competence
And will current/future program funding be enough to address –

• Increasing populations
• New infrastructure needs to accommodate growth- and replacement of outdated systems
• Expansion of population into higher risk areas
• Reduced ground cover on watersheds
• Altered and perhaps more intense rainfall
• More frequent major storms, including hurricanes
• Sea level change