ASFPM’s Mission

To promote education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding,

and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains – all without causing adverse impacts.
Who is ASFPM?

- Why did I become a Member and get involved
- Organization of professionals involved in all aspects of floodplain management
- Policy is developed primarily from members, Chapters, and Policy Committees to the ASFPM Board for adoption
- Home of the National Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM®) Program.
Certified Floodplain Managers in Training
ASFPM 13 Policy Committees

- Arid Regions
- Coastal Issues
- Flood Insurance
- Flood Mitigation
- Mapping & Engineering Standards
- Professional Development
- Stormwater Management
- Floodplain Regulations
- No Adverse Impact
- Floodproofing / Retrofit
- Natural & Beneficial Functions
- Training and Outreach
- International
Why ASFPM Works on National Scale

Current National Trends and Policies

- Promotes development in risk areas
- Ignores changing conditions
- Ignores adverse impacts to existing properties
- Puts a low economic value on natural floodplain and wetland functions
- Transfers the Cost of Risk from those who benefit to everyone else
What We Do in Washington

- Regular meetings/conference calls with FEMA and our policy committees
- Risk MAP meetings with FEMA and the Program Manager, etc.
- Provide input to FEMA Administrator and Mitigation head and staff
- Inform FEMA of program concerns from our members nationally
- Meet with congressional leaders and representatives
What We Do in Washington (cont.)

- Interagency Flood Risk Management Taskforce
  - ASFPM - NAFSMA - USACE - FEMA
  - Corps - FEMA programs nexus

- Work with other groups on NFIP Reform
  - With Insurance Companies and agents
  - Natural Catastrophe group

- Participate in national work groups
  - National Academy of Science (NAS)
  - FEMA National Advisory Council
The Drivers of Change We need to be Ahead of

- Natural Resources/Environmental Drivers
  - Loss of natural protective barriers
  - Water development trading off natural resources/environment—tipping balance against environmental equilibrium
  - Climate change—storm intensity/sea level rise

- Economic & Technological Drivers
  - Global economy
  - Aging national infrastructure—roads, bridges, stormwater systems, dams, levees, water facilities
  - Science and technology are tending to outstrip the ability of the public and policy makers to understand and make appropriate decisions
Where Will We Be If Business-As-Usual Prevails?

- Intensified development in high risk areas accompanied by climate and weather changes, to see;
- more frequent flood disasters, and large, Katrina-like catastrophes as well, and:
- Flood losses will be horrific
- Ecosystem degradation will worsen
- Quality of life will be diminished
Questions??

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