



Association of State Floodplain Managers

IASFM Plenary Presentation

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ASFPD'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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