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NJAFM 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The NJAFM 13th annual conference was held in Atlantic City on October 24-26 and was a resounding success, with over 360 attendees and 20 exhibitors. The conference theme “Navigating the Waters of Change” provided context to highlight emerging issues facing floodplain managers in New Jersey and throughout the nation.

The conference included three plenary sessions and 44 technical sessions on a broad range of topics, including flood insurance, hazard mitigation, infrastructure, mapping, planning, flood modeling, regulations, floodproofing, stormwater management, and construction standards. This year’s event also included a pre-conference training session on floodplain management concepts and principles, as well as ethics training for professional Engineers and Certified Floodplain managers.

A highlight of the conference was the Cracker Barrel consulting session on the evening of October 24, with 20 individual consulting tables on a variety of topics. More than 150 attendees had an opportunity to speak with a number of professionals representing NJDEP, FEMA, Rutgers, flood mitigation specialists, flood insurance representatives and others. This session has become a key part of the annual conference, by providing specific information regarding floodplain management issues.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Commander Kirk Lippold, former Commander of the USS Cole, an authority on Leadership and Crisis Management. Commander Lippold offered strategies based on his Five Pillars of Leadership for executives and managers to effectively train teams to prepare for and manage challenges. With military and corporate experience, he outlined how organizations such as NJAFM can transform vision into action to achieve quantifiable success. A celebrated U.S. Naval Commander, he was at the helm of the USS Cole when it was the target of a deadly terrorist attack in 2000. Conference photos are located at:

The conference also provided an opportunity to recognize various floodplain management professionals through the NJAFM awards and the NJAFM/FEMA

Community Rating System awards. Recognition of the award winners illustrates the importance of the work that these professions do and the contributions they make in their communities to protect people and property from flood damages and to enhance the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains. NJAFM congratulates to all of the award winners! A list of 2017 award winners is below.

Lifetime Floodplain Management Achievement

- Dr. James K. Mitchell
- Gary Szatkowski

Floodplain Management Leadership Award

- Margaret Murnane-Brooks
- Joe Barris
- Elissa Commins, PE

Outstanding Floodplain Management Award

- Woodbridge Township Floodplain Restoration

Outstanding Local Floodplain Management Official

- Richard Bolan, CFM
- Louis F. Fischer, CFM
- Russell Harris

Media Award

- Lee Keough, NJ Spotlight

Founder's Award

- Jim Watt, CFM

The 2018 NJAFM Conference dates have been set for October 23-25, 2018.

Floodplain Management Training Offered

The National Flood Insurance Program Review Course is a free training for New Jersey municipal, county, and state officials, as well as the general public, looking to expand their knowledge of floodplain management. This course was developed and sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Division of Dam Safety and Flood Control.



The course closely follows the FEMA 480 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Floodplain Management Requirements: Study Guide and Desk Reference for Local Officials (Feb. 2005). The course duration is a month and features both in-person instruction and online self-paced instruction. A Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) exam is offered to interested students on a third day. For government officials, the CFM exam fee will be covered by NJDEP, however, registration for the CFM exam must be done through the Association for State Floodplain Managers at: (http://www.floods.org/ace-files/documentlibrary/CFM/CFM_Application_10.26.2017_FILLABLE.pdf) . The review course has already been offered in seven counties in New Jersey with plans for offerings in the remaining 15 counties throughout 2018 and early 2019.

Further information can be found and dates for future course offerings can be found at: <http://www.njafm.org/cfm>

Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Program

The Certified Floodplain Manager's exam was offered on the final day at the NJAFM annual conference on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at Bally's, Atlantic City. In 2018 and 2019 NJAFM is currently planning on fifteen opportunities for offering the CFM exam to interested individuals. For more information on the CFM Program go to:

<http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuid=426&firstlevelmenuid=180&siteid=1>

New Jersey now has 316 Certified Floodplain Managers!

CFM certifications, awarded by the ASFPM, are effective for a two year period. Every two years, each CFM must submit a renewal application, renewal fee, and proof of 16 Continuing Education Credits (CECs) within the previous 24 months, with a maximum of 12 CECs earned for any one event. Attending the NJAFM annual conference each year satisfies your CEC requirement. See <http://www.floods.org> for further information on CECs and accreditation.

Emergency Management Institute (EMI)

Numerous courses on hazard mitigation and response for flooding as well as other hazards are offered through EMI and can be found at:

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Year One Clean Water Agenda for the Murphy Administration

A letter signed by over 30 state water resource leaders has been sent to Governor-Elect Murphy asking for his leadership to support a clean water agenda to solve New Jersey's water infrastructure challenges. The following clean water agenda was included with the letter:

New Jersey is experiencing a clean water crisis. Aging and inadequate drinking water systems, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure threaten to disrupt daily life, commerce and industry in our cities and towns. Although many systems are well managed, in too many communities century-old water pipelines are bursting and obsolete; unhealthy drinking water containing lead threatens our children's brain development; and dysfunctional systems direct raw sewage, polluted runoff, or both mixed together into our local rivers and cause flooding of streets and basements. Leadership to address this crisis is urgently needed.

A governor who becomes a champion for clean water can modernize our inadequate drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems through visible leadership, innovative programs, smart regulations and targeted funding, propelling New Jersey to

a national leadership role. Long overdue investments in water infrastructure will expand economic opportunity, improve public health, and enhance the environment in communities across the state. We urge Governor-elect Murphy to take the following actions in 2018. We commit to assisting his administration with water infrastructure challenges and solutions.

1. **Launch a high-profile “Clean Water” campaign** to promote awareness and action among the public and elected and appointed officials on issues including lead contamination in drinking water, aging infrastructure and combined sewer overflows. Appoint a “water czar” who would report to the governor and ensure collaboration among multiple state agencies.

2. **Ensure effective combined sewer overflow plans are developed and implemented** by partnering with local officials to educate community stakeholders about the costs of inaction and opportunities for cost-effective approaches that advance city revitalization.

3. **Modernize aging water systems** by helping water utilities finance infrastructure upgrades and ensure cost-effective operations and maintenance. Provide technical assistance and financial support from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for capital improvements, asset management (especially for utilities affected by the new Water Quality Accountability Act), and operator training and licensing.

4. **Update the state’s stormwater regulations** to drive and reward green infrastructure techniques in development and redevelopment projects.

5. **Get the lead out of drinking water in homes and schools.** Publish a statewide assessment of lead in school drinking water that identifies the extent of the problem in each school district and associated needs for assistance with asset management and capital financing.

6. Launch a public process to **recommend statewide policies and programs to ensure water and sewer services are affordable** to all ratepayers.

7. **Enact legislation that allows local and regional stormwater utilities** and subsequent user fee collection to support infrastructure and management.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon - Monmouth CRS User Group Meeting will be on at the Monmouth County Historical Association, in the Discovery Room, 2nd Floor, 70 Court Street, Freehold, NJ 07728. :

Wednesday, January 31- Friday, February 2, 2018 – New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors. Bally's, Atlantic City, New Jersey. For information go to NJSPLS website at: <http://njspls.org>

Tuesday, February 6th – 9:00 a.m.- Day 1 – Floodplain Management Training, Salem County Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Services, 135 Cemetery Road, Woodstown, NJ 08098 – Registration at: <http://www.njafm.org/event-2764830>

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:30 p.m. – Green Brook Flood Control Commission, Green Brook Municipal Building, 111 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook, NJ.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Morris County CRS User Group Meeting, Community Room, Lincoln Park Municipal Building, 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, NJ.

Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Day 1 - Floodplain Management Training, Cape May County, Sea Isle City Welcome Center/Community Lodge, 300 JFK Boulevard, Sea Isle City, NJ 08243 - Registration at: <http://www.njafm.org/event-2652888>

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Day 1 – Floodplain Management Training, Monmouth County, Avon-by-the-Sea Municipal Marina, 2 Main Street, Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ 07717 – Registration at: <http://www.njafm.org/event-2738989>

Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 10 a.m. - Monmouth County CRS User Group Meeting, Location to be determined.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Morris County CRS User Group Meeting, Community Room, Lincoln Park Municipal Building, 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, NJ.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Morris County CRS User Group Meeting, Community Room, Lincoln Park Municipal Building, 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, NJ

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – Morris County CRS User Group Meeting, Community Room, Lincoln Park Municipal Building, 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, NJ.

Tuesday October 23 through Thursday, October 25, 2018 – NJAFM 14th Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ

NJAFM Board Meetings

Board meetings usually take place on the third Tuesday of each month. See the calendar for more details at: <http://njafm.org/calendar>

Career Connections

NJAFM Job Listings (<http://www.njafm.org/Jobs>) has the following job opportunity:

Assistant County Planner – Morris County

Committees and Leader Contact Information

Joining a Committee is a great way to get involved with NJAFM. The NJAFM Committees and their 2017-2018 chairs are as follows:

Annual Conference Committee: Co-chairs – Mark Mauriello, Edgewood Properties, mmauriello@gmail.com and Mike Graham, CFM, SmartVent, Inc.; mike@smartvent.com

Membership Committee: Chair – Chris Theodos, PE, CFM, Brick Municipal Utilities Authority ()

Outreach & Communications: Chair- Tom Slowinski, CFM, PLS, NJDEP ()

Training Committee: Chair –Jim Galantino, CFM, Margate City ()

Legislative Committee: Chair – John Miller, CFM ()

Stormwater Committee: Chair – Benny Tafoya, CFM , CMfgE ()

Community Rating System (CRS) Committee: Co-Chairs - Jonathan Raser, CFM, TetraTech () and Jim Watt, CFM, NJDEP ()

Awards Committee: Maria DiSalvatore, Chair – Municipal Code Enforcement Agency, mceinc@comcast.net

Membership

Currently there are 291 active members in NJAFM as of 1/17/2018.

Are you enjoying the benefits of an NJAFM membership?

Unlimited networking, scholarship opportunities, educational seminars and training can be available to you by becoming an NJAFM member. Have immediate access to a platform where issues that matter to floodplain professionals are the focus.

An Individual Membership is only \$30 per year and Corporate Membership is only \$240 per year. To join today, visit www.njafm.org to download the membership forms.

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