ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS
Chapter Director Annual Report 2009
District 2 (FEMA Regions III and V)
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ASFPM District 2 encompasses FEMA Regions 3 and 5 that include the following states: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

State Chapters in District 2: Maryland, Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin
States without Associations in District 2: Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES IN FEMA REGION III

Highlights of MAFSM’s Activities and Accomplishments During 2008/2009

- **February 2008, September 2008, and March 2009** - Published Association Newsletters

- **February 2008** - Endorsed ASFPM's letter to FEMA Assistant Administrator, David Marstad regarding adding one foot of freeboard to the flood provision of the International Residential Code.

- **April 2008** - Revised MAFSM’s Constitution to change the term for Board Members to two-year terms and changed the membership year to coincide with the Calendar Year.

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- **June 2008** - Wrote a Letter to University of Maryland’s Dr. Andrew Elmore, supporting advanced study of adverse effects of burying headwater streams on water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

- **June/July 2008** – Sent a letter to Maryland Senators Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin regarding re-authorization of PDM program and the inclusion of the structural projects to the list of eligible projects in the PDM program.

- **July 2008** - NFIP Training Workshop – Conducted a half day NFIP Training Workshop in Gaithersburg, MD

- **October 2008** - Included APA CECs for participating in the Conference Technical Field Tour for 2008
• **February 2009** – Provided letter of support to for Chesapeake Bay Stormwater Training Partnership. MAFSM joined the team lead by the Center for Watershed Protection and Chesapeake Stormwater Network to provide publicly and training support for this proposed project.

• **October 2008** – Held our 4th Annual Conference which included a full day conference presentations; a field trip to visit Low Impact Development Sites in Prince George’s County MD; CFM training; and the administering the CFM exam. Approximately 120 people attended the conference. Our conference theme was “From the Mountains to the Coast, Stormwater and Floodplain Management in Maryland. Officers and regional representatives were elected at this conference to serve a two year term.

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Photos from 2008 Conference

MAFSM Officers: Jason Stick, Treasurer; Mary Roman, Chair; Paul Slonac, Vice Chair, Not pictured: Necolle Maccherone, Secretary

Mike Gilliam, MAFSM Conference Chair

Keynote Speaker, Art Miller and Mary Roman, MAFSM

MAFSM Conference Registration Booth
Virginia
Virginia Floodplain Managers Association (VFMA)

2008-2009 Activities

1. Workshops:  
   a. 2008 Virginia Water Conference, March 2008 in Richmond, VA
   b. Dam Safety Workshop, November in Chesapeake, VA

2. Board Retreat in August

3. Began dialog with Virginia Lakes and Watershed Association for VA Water Conference MOU for splitting Water Conference responsibilities and revenues

4. ASFPM Activities:  State Chapter of ASFPM, Participation at national conference activities

5. New President:  John Paine (URS, Newport News, VA)

Membership:  Around 100, with roughly half from local and state government and half from consulting firms

(Submitted by: Shane Parson, P.E., CFM)

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES IN FEMA REGION V

Illinois
Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM)

Activity Highlights for FY08-09

Our state experienced a high number of flooding events in 2008 and 2009 throughout the state. These included the fourth highest event on the Mississippi River. In many areas, flood damage was far less (even non-existent) than during comparable events in previous years. This was largely due to the efforts made to relocate or floodproof structures following previous flooding events. Our association commended those communities that have taken these successful measures to reduce flood impacts.
Our 2009 IAFSM Annual Conference was held in March at the brand new I-Hotel in Champaign, Illinois. Over 430 participants attended their choice of over 60 technical presentations covering a wide range of stormwater, wetland and floodplain management topics. There were also 20 exhibitors displaying the latest products and services. This year’s conference was particularly exciting as it marked our first return to Champaign since the very early years of IAFSM. Until the new I-Hotel was constructed, there were no facilities large enough to accommodate us in Champaign-Urbana, home of the University of Illinois.

Illinois’ newsletter has continued to evolve under the direction of our new Newsletter Committee Chair. The format was made more concise and the response from our members has been very positive. We also conducted a naming contest during the annual conference. The newsletter is now named The IAFSM Current. In addition to our newsletter, our website was also redesigned. See the result at www.illinoisfloods.org.

As anticipated at this time of last year, our board voted to add a Youth Outreach Committee. This committee has been investigating a number of ways to reach out to youth of all ages. Starting a new committee takes a lot of time and energy, but these efforts are poised to result in a number of outreach efforts this year.

The organization continues to benefit from a formalized annual budget. This plan has given our board a defined financial structure from which to carry out our mission.

We arranged and sponsored a number of seminars and workshops. In June we sponsored: “No Adverse Impact - Preserving Our Watersheds, Protecting Our Property Rights A Seminar on Legal Issues of Floodplain Management.” In September, we sponsored “Development Sustainability and Stormwater Master Planning/Design.” In November, a four-day course on FEQ, an advanced hydraulic model, was held with capacity attendance. In January, “Floodplain Management From Basics to Advanced” was held with over 80 attendees. A number of seminars for 2009-2010 are already in the works.

Submitted by: Jeff Wickenkamp, P.E. CFM, D.WRE, Chair, IAFSM

Indiana

Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (INAFSM)

The 2008 INAFSM annual conference took place in Brown County State Park on September 10-12. The keynote speakers for the conference were Nikos Singelis and Mike Novotney. Awards were presented at the conference for the following categories:

2008 Award Winners

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Excellent Strides in Floodplain Management Program Award
City of Franklin & White County (tie)

Chairman’s Award for Outstanding Service in Support of the INAFSM
Matt Rummel - Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

The 2009 INASFM conference will be held on September 16-18, 2009 in Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana.

Obtained from the INAFSM Website

Michigan

Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association, Inc. (MSFA)

The DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City was the gracious host facility for the 22nd annual Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association (MSFA) conference held March 10-13, 2009 (Figure 1). Conference attendees were availed a variety of informational presentations related to stormwater and floodplain management issues and concepts from a state and national perspective. The attendees were made up of community leaders, local building officials, emergency management officials, floodplain management officials, environmental and engineering consultants, and state and federal floodplain management and National Flood Insurance Program and FEMA staff.

Next year’s conference will again be held in Bay City on the Riverfront at the DoubleTree Hotel. The dates for the conference are March 2-5, 2010. March 2 is being planned for a refresher course for the ASFPM Certified
Floodplain Managers. That exam and the Stormwater Operators exam are scheduled for March 3 in the am. There will also be continuing education credit classes dealing with floodplain issues offered on March 3 in the am for registered code officials and building inspectors. The main conference program will commence on March 3 in the afternoon and run to noon on March 5.

Figure 1. Wally Wilson presenting updated information on the ASFPM foundation at the opening ceremonies of the 22nd Annual Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association conference.

Submitted by Dave Degrow

Minnesota

Minnesota Association of Floodplain Mangers (MnAFPM)

2008 was another successful year for MnAFPM. We increased our membership numbers and saw a slight increase in attendance at Association sponsored events. The Association was involved in the following activities during 2008:

•MnAFPM kicked off the year at our Spring Luncheon. We teamed up with the local Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) to reach out to a larger audience. The luncheon featured one speaker Mr. Michael Bart from the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers explained the current situation and issues the Corps faces for certification of levees and how they are conducting studies of levees and assessing the risks Nationwide.

•The Association provided members with electronic, tri-annual newsletters updating members on new regulations, funding mechanisms, and updates on upcoming events and training sessions.

•Our Annual Conference was held in Bloomington, Minnesota. The conference agenda focused on policies and practicalities of floodplain management. We had a great line-up of speakers this year to include local, state, and federal partners. The conference included a full day of trainings on topics such as: emergency planning, administering floodplain regulations, disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, map changes, Certified Floodplain Manager review and technical design. Also, speakers presented on local flood response guidance, and
how floodplain policy worked after the 2007 flood of SE Minnesota. The conference also included a presentation about the ASFPM Foundation, exhibits, field trip, and many networking opportunities for our members.

Field Trip Participants view a hydraulic structure at I-494 & MN Highway 5 in Bloomington, MN at the MnAFPM Annual Conference November 19-21, 2008

As 2009 begins we look forward to another exciting year of working to improve floodplain management in Minnesota.

Submitted by: Kristen Sailer, MnAFPM Executive Board

Ohio

Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA)

During the past year, OFMA succeeded in attracting new membership to the Executive Board and experienced growth in attendance at the 2008 State Floodplain Management conference. The new members bring experiences from recent flooding and the private sector partner’s perspectives to the table. The Association continues to coordinate the annual conference, host regional CFM examinations and monitor legislation affecting floodplain management. During 2008, OFMA’s strategic priority has been in compiling a legislative agenda.

The organization is financially stable and was able to broaden support during 2008-2009 for local official’s attendance at the Statewide Floodplain Management Conference. In 2009, officials may receive scholarships and partial reimbursement for associated travel to the conference. This new provision is offered to further the professional development and training opportunities for local floodplain managers whose community budgets have not supported attendance at the conference. OFMA, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the Ohio Building Officials Association (OBOA) are finalizing the implementation of the process for support of substantial damage determinations. It was incorporated with the State Emergency Operations Plan during 2008. The Education and Training Committee is updating the website to provide current information for Ohio’s floodplain management community and also is planning for the 2009 Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference on August 26-27, 2009.

Additionally, OFMA has been following national and state legislation affecting floodplain management within Ohio:

- OFMA has prepared correspondence (and supporting information) to the Ohio Congressional Delegation suggesting a policy change for the disbursement of flood insurance claims. Linking the claim payments to evidence of local floodplain management permits will improve property owner compliance with floodplain management regulation and ensure that flood risk information is part of the repair/recovery decisions.
- OFMA prepared a legislative agenda to address key priorities with recommendations for both federal and state legislators concerning actions to improve floodplain management.
- OFMA is monitoring the reorganization within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) that eliminates the Division of Water to ensure that the floodplain management mandates and NFIP Coordination responsibilities will be maintained with the transfer of the Floodplain Management Program to the ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Resources.
- OFMA will focus on new and expanded opportunities to serve floodplain management goals through the merger of the Floodplain Management Program with the natural benefit and function goals of the former Division of Soil and Water Conservation.
- OFMA membership is working on development of a post-flood deployment process for floodplain managers. Ohio has successfully implemented a process for support of substantial damage determinations following flood disasters. To continue the progress and maintain a recovery/repair timeline that is complimentary to
distribution of disaster assistance and flood insurance claims, permits must be issued quickly. In recent events, as many as 400 substantial damage determinations may be made in a few days. Most communities have only 1 floodplain manager and issuing a permit for all the substantially damaged and SFHA properties can take weeks or months. Many property owners repair without the permit or knowledge of the regulations or flood risk information for their site. Providing floodplain manager support in the post flood environment will help bring permitting and regulations responsibilities in line with the financial disbursement timeframes.

Submitted by Michael G. Mihalisin, CFM

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater and Costal Management (WAFSCM)

The Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater and Coast Management (WAFSCM) is now entering our eighth year as the Wisconsin Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). WAFSCM held a very successful 2008 Annual Conference at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells, from November 12 to 14, 2008, with attendance exceeding 100 people. Key speakers included individuals representing Wisconsin Emergency Management (Roxanne Gray), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Gary Heinrichs and Meg Galloway), and ASFPM (George Riedel). Topics included the significant flooding that occurred in south-central Wisconsin in June 2008 and an associated dam break at Lake Delton.

The WAFSCM Conference Committee was chaired by Dave Fowler. Cindi DeBruine (Newsletter Editor) sent out April and October WAFSCM Newsletters covering a variety of topics.

The 2009 WAFSCM Executive Committee includes:

- Chair: Tom Sear, Short Elliott Hendrickson
- Vice Chair: Minal Hahm, M Squared Engineering
- Treasurer: Karen Sands, Earth Tech
- Secretary: Charlene Johnson, City of Superior
- Past Chair: Dan Cook, GRAEF

2009 Committee Chairs are provided below, with additional information included at our website (wi.floods.org).

- Website Committee: Minal Hahm, M Squared Engineering
- Annual Conference Committee: Dave Fowler (Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District), with Minal Hahm, and Charlene Johnson.
- Coastal Committee: Open
- Stormwater Committee: Laura Gerold, Tetra Tech
- Floodplain Management Committee: Laura Kletti, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)
- Certified Floodplain Manager Program for Wisconsin: Minal Hahm, M Squared Engineering
- Membership Committee: Roxanne Gray, Wisconsin Emergency Management
- Awards Committee: Gary Korb, University of Wisconsin Extension
- Newsletter: Cindi DeBruine, R.A. Smith National

WAFSCM membership includes approximately 95 individuals, which is expected to increase as new areas of the state are reached. WAFSCM is currently planning a joint 2009 Annual Conference with the Minnesota Association for Floodplain Managers (MnAFPM), which will take place at Barker’s Island Inn, Superior, Wisconsin, October 2009.

Submitted by Tom Sear, WAFSCM Chair
STATES WITHOUT ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES

West Virginia

A meeting was held on April 21 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Following is a summary of this meeting.

We had 54 attendees. All but a few stayed through the last presentation, ending at 5:00 pm. Representatives from two Corps of Engineers districts, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, FEMA, NOAA, and the NWS participated. The most active discussion arose from the last presentation - the subject was dealing with non-compliance with floodplain regulations. The presentations were a good catalyst for engaging and professional discussions. All the speakers were well prepared. Several speakers drove great distances and left very early in the morning to be with us; this is impressive.

An organizational meeting was held with the purpose of considering formation of an interim Board of Directors to lead the organization towards Chapter status in ASFPM. The group voted unanimously to pursue this goal, and elected 11 to the Board, for a term of one year.

Submitted by: Jerry Gilbert

SUMMARY

The remaining states Delaware, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia still have not had much activity take place at this time. The other existing 8 chapter associations continue to flourish, but continued support from ASFPM will be needed to assist the chapters with their growth. The West Virginia Association is off to a good start and will continue to need support in the next year.