ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS
Floodplain Regulations Committee
2012-2013 Report

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Floodplain Regulations Committee 2012-2013 Goals and Objectives:

Ongoing Work Items

1) Maintain and enhance Committee participation.
2) National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain Regulations Review.
3) Provide Comments to Draft Revisions of FEMA Technical Bulletins.
4) Continue to work with the ASFPM front office to improve the Floodplain Regulations Committee web page on www.floods.org. The goal of the Committee web page is to provide a variety of resources for floodplain regulations, higher regulatory standards, and example of No Adverse Impact regulations.
5) Provide assistance, as needed, on preparing ASFPM white papers, with coordination through the Policy Committee Pod.
6) Promote the ASFPM “Higher Standards Reference Guide”. The purpose of this Reference Guide is to provide a selection of higher development standards that can be adopted by a community aimed at reducing flood impacts and losses.
7) Regulatory and Legislative Review and Technical Assistance.
   Assist in No Adverse Impact publications development and review.

Additional 2012-2013 Work Items

1) NFIP Reform Act (Biggert Waters Act of 2012) Implementation Assistance.

Progress Reports

Maintain and Enhance Committee Participation

Two core members conference calls were held to promote wider participation in committee work. E-mail updates were sent to core committee members periodically.

National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain Regulations Review

No activity

Provide Comments to Draft Revisions of FEMA Technical Bulletins

No activity regarding Technical Bulletins.
Improve Floodplain Regulations Committee Web Page

The Committee updated the Higher Regulatory Standards guide in early 2013. The web page has been updated accordingly.

Provide assistance, as needed, on preparing ASFPM white papers, with coordination through the Policy Committee Pod

No activity

Develop “Higher Standards Reference Guide”

In August 2012 a group was formed to begin updating the Higher Regulatory Standards Guide. Rebecca Quinn, Michael Powell, and Julie Tallman led this effort. This update was completed in March 2013 and is available on the Regulations Committee website. [http://www.floods.org/ace-files/documentlibrary/committees/3-13_Higher_Standards_in_Floodplain_Management2.pdf](http://www.floods.org/ace-files/documentlibrary/committees/3-13_Higher_Standards_in_Floodplain_Management2.pdf)

Additional Committee Initiatives and Activity

- Provided comments on the American Planning Associations Model Disaster Recovery Ordinance. A copy of that ordinance is available here: [http://www.planning.org/research/postdisaster/](http://www.planning.org/research/postdisaster/)
- The Biggert-Waters Act of 2012 contains several provisions which have implications for floodplain management regulations. The Committee will be assisting FEMA as needed in developing changes to the NFIP Regulations 44 CFR Parts 59-65. Examples of BW-12 floodplain management regulatory issues include swimming pools in coastal areas, performing a study related to building codes and NFIP regulations, new definition of “substantial improvement”, “replacement cost” vs. “market value”.