The Stormwater Management Committee established the following 5 major work items to accomplish in 2011-2012:

1. Continue communication with EPA and coordinate on shared goals with EPA’s Green Infrastructure Program.

2. Organize and prepare a draft white paper which addresses the integration of clean water act programs with flood hazard management programs.

3. Continue support for the USGS Cooperative Water Program and the National Streamflow Information Program.

4. Provide information and recommendations to the No Adverse Impact (NAI) Policy Committee on stormwater management activities that promote NAI.

5. Identify and provide the membership with web links to examples of stormwater ordinances and stormwater manuals that promote good stormwater management practices and promote NAI.

Progress on the Stormwater Management Committee Goals and Objectives for 2011-2012 is as follows:

1. Contacts have been established with EPA headquarters. Discussions were held in Louisville with EPA staff to continue coordination of ASFPM’s directives with EPA’s Green Infrastructure, Stormwater, and Watershed programs. This is an ongoing effort that will continue to open new doors and create new opportunities to promote ASFPM’s No Adverse Impact approach to watersheds and floodplains. Work has also begun to lay the groundwork for ASFPM providing input into EPA’s Stormwater Rulemaking.

2. The committee had worked on a draft of a white paper that would address the integration of clean water act programs with flood hazard management programs. The intent of this paper was to provide local community leaders and staff with the tools to better organize and more efficiently handle programs that have overlapping objectives. The effort has been put on hold by the committee due to the pending EPA Rulemaking efforts. The pending rulemaking effort may result in changes that have the potential to directly impact flood risk. Once the rules are released and the breadth of the proposed rules is evaluated, the committee proposes to restart the paper at that time to articulate the overlap in stormwater and floodplain management.

3. Active support for the USGS Cooperative Water Program and National Streamflow Information Program has involved participation in conference calls as part of the Streamgage Liaison Committee. Paul Woodward currently serves as the ASFPM contact for this Liaison committee. Regrettably, there has been no recent activity as part of this effort. A fairly up to date list and map of the threatened streamgages can be found at http://water.usgs.gov/osw/lost_streamgages.html.

4. As part of the ongoing revisions to the NAI Toolbox being handled through the NAI Committee, members of the Stormwater Management Committee have provided input on minor changes and recommendations to improve the Toolbox. Overall, the NAI Toolbox already does a great job of communicating stormwater and watershed considerations that need to be made as part of holistic water resources approach. The future objective of the committee should be to focus on how to promote the NAI concepts to other professionals in the Stormwater Management arena.
5. Providing helpful web site information is a vital link between ASFPM members and those involved in stormwater management. Several suggestions for web links were incorporated with the development of the 2011-2012 Work Plan and are included as part of that document.

The Committee Co-Chairs and members provided input to the CRS review committee regarding update to the stormwater and drainage system maintenance provisions of the CRS Program. The committee continues to serve as a resource to other ASFPM Committees and external organizations that have interests in coordinating stormwater and floodplain management efforts. More progress is needed on behalf of the Stormwater Management Committee to meet its goals; however, there are tremendous opportunities to make big strides as part of ASFPM and the Watershed POD. Key issues to address at the conference include: pending EPA Rulemaking release, provide comments on an EPA Study evaluating small storm control and its impacts on flood risk reduction, ongoing support and assistance with the updates to the CRS program, support of the USGS stream gage program, and ongoing support and assistance to the various ASFPM Committees.