ASFP FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT
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Introduction & Policy Focus Areas

The mission of the Flood Mitigation Committee is to support all efforts to reduce losses from flooding. This work includes and/or may touch upon the following measures or concepts:

- review of mitigation policies and procedures;
- active engagement in mitigation grant or loan programs;
- involvement in post-disaster mitigation opportunities within federal or state systems;
- engagement in building sciences discussions including building codes that strengthen the built environment;
- support of favorable impacts on the affordability of federal flood insurance due to mitigation actions;
- partnerships that encourage or support mitigation efforts or studies, including the potential impacts of climate change upon flood losses;
- mitigation planning efforts;
- and of course, support for all flood mitigation measures themselves, such as acquisition, relocation, elevation, reconstruction and floodproofing.

The Flood Mitigation Committee has the following standard work items that are ongoing in nature:

1. Support awareness and review of national mitigation trends, legislation and policies.
2. Investigate and offer information on mitigation resources and opportunities.
3. Build committee membership and engagement.
4. Refresh and maintain pertinent mitigation resources on ASFP’s website.
Current Committee Priorities

Build committee membership and engagement

In the past year, the “new” Flood Mitigation Committee has held two all-committee conference calls to discuss ideas and examples for the funding guide, priorities for the upcoming policy session in Phoenix, various national issues (see below) and other matters of relevance to committee members. On the first call (Jan. 23, 2018), more than 50 individuals participated in a lively discussion about the funding guide. For the second call (May 1, 2018), again approx. 50 callers shared their thoughts about important policy issues for the conference session, as well as other mitigation matters. This level of participation by members is encouraging and members continue to communicate between calls via email.

Develop a guide for non-federal sources of flood mitigation funding

Interest in this developing guide is extremely high as flood mitigation needs increase across the country. Many examples of local and state mitigation funds have been shared. We are in the process of compiling these examples and other known sources that may incentivize the creation of new non-federal mitigation programs. FIMA’s Mitigation Investment Moonshots HQ staff would like to include this guide in their products when it’s ready. A draft guide is anticipated to be available for review in this summer.

Provide feedback on mitigation-related legislation, proposed activities and conceptual drafts

Topics on which this committee has shared perspective with ASFPM and other parties during the past year included:

- **ASFPM’s Fact Sheet on HUD’s 203K loan program**;
- Congressman Blumenauer’s Safe Communities Act;
- First Order of Approximation Mapping processes;
- Wharton Risk Center’s brief on ICC coverage;
- Proposed CRS freeboard requirement for Class 8 communities;
- Draft National Mitigation Strategy;
- Federal Register notice for the proposed new Severe Risk Property Acquisition grant program;
- and various NFIP reform proposals such as HR 5559 on changes to the mapping program.