District 1 encompasses the following states and territories within FEMA Regions 1 and 2: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, US Virgin Islands, and Vermont.

ASFPM State Chapters in District 1:
- New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management (NJAFM)
- New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (NYSFSMA)
- Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association (RIFMA)

State Association in District 1:
- Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM)

Chapter and Association Activities

New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management (NJAFM)
- Number of NJAFM members: 387
- Number of Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs) in NJ: 185
- Number of Community Rating System (CRS) communities in NJ: 62 (Class 5-9)

The New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management (NJAFM) was awarded ASFPM’s 2013 Outstanding Chapter Award. This award recognized the Chapter’s numerous well-established partnerships and activities, which enabled them to respond quickly and effectively after Hurricane Sandy. NJAFM’s earlier efforts to expand and grow training and outreach activities, networking and relationship building, involvement in state-wide policy, expansion of member benefits, and strong chapter administration positioned the chapter to guide and advise statewide emergency and policy response post-disaster.

The 9th Annual NJAFM Conference was held on October 16-17, 2013, with more than 40 speakers and several hundred participants. The theme of the 2013 conference was “Charting a Course for Community Resilience.” It featured presentations and information regarding Superstorm Sandy, including pre-storm planning, post-storm recovery, flood mapping,
regulations, code enforcement, insurance and hazard mitigation. A series of training workshops was also offered the day before the conference. The Association awarded conference scholarships to 20 local officials and 7 students. The work required to coordinate this conference has grown to the point where the Association is hiring an event planner to assist with the 2014 conference.

The Chapter partnered with ASFPM, to offer a series of post-Sandy workshops on No Adverse Impact & Legal Issues and Non-Structural Floodproofing for local officials and local residents. NJAFM also conducted or co-sponsored training on: The Planner’s Role in Facilitating Community Recovery, Substantial Damage Estimator Training, NJPropertyFax, Reducing Coastal Flood Risk: Making Use of the Updated Flood Hazard Information, and the CFM Review Course and exam.

The NJAFM Legislative Committee has been actively involved in numerous state and national policy issues through representation on boards, interviews with reporters, oral testimony, and submittal of written comments. The Committee Chair keeps the Board and twitter followers informed about ongoing issues.

The Association’s CRS Committee is in the process of forming a CRS Users Group.

**New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (NYSFSMA)**

- Number of NYSFSMA members: 323
- Number of Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs) in NY: 96
- Number of Community Rating System communities in NY: 27 (Class 7-9)

The New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association held another successful conference on March 25-27, 2014. This three day event included a CFM review class, an opportunity to take the CFM exam, several half day workshops, a bus tour, plenary and breakout sessions, and a trade show. Conference attendance was the highest in the Association’s 13-year history.

The Chapter partnered with ASFPM, to offer a Coastal No Adverse Impact workshop on Long Island. NYSFSMA also co-sponsored an Agency-to-Agency Flood Risk Mentoring Session with the National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies.

NYSFSMA significantly enhanced their internet presence with a new website (through Club Express), which provides resources for the public, as well as for members. NYSFSMA continues to take a stand on state and national policy issues. The Association owns a Ward’s Stormwater-Floodplain model, which members use at various educations venues (overcoming significant logistical challenges to transport the model across the large state and deliver it to the next user).
Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association (RIFMA)

- Number of RIFMA members: 85
- Number of Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs) in RI: 22
- Number of Community Rating System communities in RI: 6 as of May 1, 2014 (Class 8-9)

The Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association (RIFMA) did an outstanding job of hosting the 2013 ASFPM Conference in Hartford, Connecticut. Volunteers helped plan, organize, and conduct this successful conference, including the 1st annual “Running of the Chapters 5K Run.”

The 2014 RIFMA annual conference is scheduled for April 24, with a theme of “Making Mitigation Matter.” The conference will be focused on how mitigation efforts can be or have been implemented to protect life, property and the environment during a disaster and also increase resilience afterwards. The governor has been invited to provide opening remarks.

The previous conference in March 2013 was a Coastal No Adverse Impact workshop. RIFMA has held two Certified Floodplain Manager Refresher Courses and three CFM exams the 2013 conference.

Rhode Island recently formed a CRS Users Group to provide training and networking opportunities for communities enrolled in, interested in, or considering the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS). The Users Group has met every other month since September 2013. Meeting topics have included: an introduction to CRS, coastal mapping changes/BW-12, hazard mitigation planning (CRS Activity 510), and StormReady (CRS Activity 610). One additional Rhode Island community will be joining CRS as of May 1, 2014 (bringing the state’s total to 6 communities).

Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM)

- Number of Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs) in CT: 24
- Number of Community Rating System communities in CT: 8 (Class 7-9)

The 2013 ASFPM Conference was held in Hartford, Connecticut. Although Connecticut did not have a state Chapter, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection co-hosted the conference and many local volunteers helped with the tasks needed to operate the conference.

A kickoff meeting to organize a new ASFPM state chapter was held in December of 2013. By the time the group held their 4th meeting in April 2014, they had developed a constitution, bylaws, and a membership application. An interim Board of Directors had been selected and the group had several active committees. The Connecticut Association of Flood Managers was very close to completing the incorporation process. Conference planning and membership recruitment are underway as this new Association works to become a new ASFPM Chapter.