Resolution on Map Format

WHEREAS, the goals of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) can only be achieved through effective floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) represents floodplain management interests in the U.S. of America; and

WHEREAS, the ASFPM in that capacity participated in the Mapping Initiatives Project; and

WHEREAS, the ASFPM has solicited the opinions of nearly 400 individuals representing appraisers, realtors, engineers, insurance agents, local officials, planners, state officials, lenders, and other individuals interested in and knowledgeable about the NFIP regarding the format of maps produced by FEMA for floodplain management and flood insurance purposes; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the National Flood Insurance Program at the local level is measured by the credibility of the maps to depict the floodplain,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association recommends to FEMA that for all future maps and revisions to maps:

1. Floodplain and floodway limits be drawn to follow the contour of the land (curvilinear); and
2. Areas outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the community being studied be included; and
3. All available cultural and topographic information be included on the maps; and
4. Township, range, and section lines be included in unincorporated areas where such lines have been established; and
5. The scale of the maps be no less than 1” equals 1,000’ for rural areas and no less than 1” equals 400’ for urban areas; and
6. Floodway areas be shaded to be distinguishable from the flood fringe and areas outside the floodplain; and
7. Cross sections used in the study be shown and flood elevations at those cross sections be noted on the map face; and
8. That only one map be published for both floodplain management and flood insurance purposes, OR if the existing two map format is to be continued, that administrative systems be established so that any changes to either map result in a revision of both maps and that equal numbers of each type of map be prepared and kept available for distribution to all individuals who use these maps for either floodplain management or flood insurance reasons. The two maps should be redesigned so as to be easily distinguishable from each other. However, neither map should be a rectilinear format; and
9. In all cases, the state and community be consulted during the initial phases of the study process for their recommendations on the final map format.
Adopted this 15th day of June, 1984, at the annual meeting of the Association of State Floodplain Managers in Portland, Maine.