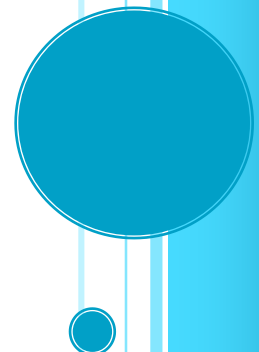


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## Introduction and Regional Overview

District 2 encompasses FEMA Regions III and V that include: Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, as well as the District of Columbia.

**State Chapters in District 2:** Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin

**States without ASFPM Affiliated Associations in District 2:** Delaware, Pennsylvania and DC

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### Illinois

#### Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management

**The Illinois Chapter hosted its largest conference in Tinley Park, IL with 560 members attending.**

The Certification Committee welcomed 19 new CFMs who passed the exam at the IAFSM Tinley Park conference in March, bringing the association's total to 531.

The newsletter editor published four IAFSM *Current* newsletters over the past year.

The IAFSM Inter-Organizational Committee:

- hosted session at WEFTEC (the water quality event) in Chicago September 2015;
- completed a report to summarize the Illinois Flood Risk Symposium, which was held February 2015; and
- provided scholarships for one board member of local chapters of the American Planning Association and Illinois Realtor Association to attend the 2016 IAFSM conference to encourage cooperation between the professional organizations.

IAFSM is co-hosting the ASFPM 2016 national conference in Grand Rapids. This enabled us to award 18 scholarships for registration from FEMA. IAFSM and we are funding lodging to enable eight members to attend. IAFSM is also sponsoring the Grand Rapids Welcome Fest.

The IAFSM Floodplain Management Committee:

- formed the Rapid Assistance Flood Team RAFT, a volunteer group of CFMs, to assist communities in assessing flood damages;
- prepared a Guidance Book for RAFT members;
- deployed RAFT twice, which surveyed more than 150 buildings, finding 40 to be substantially damaged, saving the communities involved months and months of work; and
- helped form the Illinois 38<sup>th</sup> Senate District's Illinois Valley Regional Resiliency Alliance (IVRRA), which was sponsored by Sen. Sue Rezin.

The IVRRA has about two dozen communities actively involved. A collaborative effort with IAFSM/LaSalle County brought the E-273 program, *Managing the Floodplain through the NFIP*, to LaSalle County. There are now 23 new CFMs in the five-county area. Since its inception, communities have educated their staff, adopted higher regulatory standards (cumulative sub damage, comp storage and freeboard), and most now belong to IAFSM. Many have reached out to the CRS program. These four objectives are the criteria of the IVRRA. Also working to fund a model that can be replicated across the state.

The Stormwater Management committee completed the following activities in the past year:

- hosted a three-day Civil 3D. This seminar sold out and there is a waiting list for the next class;
- hosted two-day XP-SWMM seminar. This seminar sold out and there is a waiting list for the next class;
- reviewed the model stormwater management ordinance developed by IDNR and ISWS; and
- organized our second annual project awards competition, where we recognized four Illinois stormwater management projects in three categories.

IAFSM Education and Outreach committee:

- attended WEFTEC WaterPalooza and hosted a booth at the fair using the Water Table to teach floodplain management principles to 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Chicago Public School system;
- held a pre-conference workshop at the 2015 conference titled "Floodplain management 101;"
- held a pre-conference workshop at the 2016 conference titled "FEMA-Benefit Cost Analysis Workshop;"
- continued work toward updating the IAFSM website;
- loaned out water tables for educational purposes on 14 occasions;
- awarded five scholarships to local officials to attend the 2015 IAFSM conference and awarded five scholarships to local officials to attend the 2016 IAFSM conference. Conference.

## **Indiana**

### **Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers**

The INAFSM completed a great year in 2015. The highlight of the year was their annual conference held at Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana.

Highlights of the conference included amendments to their organizations by-laws creating new regional director positions from the north, central and southern regions of the state to serve on the INAFSM Board. The objective of this change was to provide better coordination and improve communication throughout the state.

In 2015 INAFSM concluded a series of training workshops held throughout Indiana Ordinary High Watermarks. The program had been funded by a grant from The Nature Conservancy and included coordination from USGS and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

INAFSM previously established board liaisons with IDNR, Indiana Department of Environmental Management and Indiana Department of Homeland Security. In 2015 a new position was added with INDOT. INAFSM has reached out to the Indiana Water Environment Association and National Municipal Stormwater Alliance.

The organization published three newsletters and procured a new display board for use at conferences, education and outreach events and trade shows.

The INAFSM Stormwater Committee prepared a guidance document on municipal good housekeeping best practices as they relate to stormwater pollution prevention, and also held a workshop on land use planning, "[Zen and the Art of Land Use Planning: a primer for stormwater and floodplain managers toward more effective development codes](#)." Christopher Burke and Bryan Wallace were presenters.

INAFSM lost a founding member with the passing of Greg Main Oct. 22, 2015. Prior to his retirement, Greg had served as the NFIP coordinator for Indiana at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Water. He also served in leadership roles in ASFPM including chair. He was a tremendous asset to our state and organization, and he will be greatly missed.

The other chapters within District 2 may be supplying information at a later date.

Maryland[Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers](#)Michigan[Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association](#)Minnesota[Minnesota Association of Floodplain Managers](#)Ohio[Ohio Floodplain Management Association](#)Virginia[Virginia Floodplain Management Association](#)West Virginia[West Virginia Floodplain Management Association](#)**Wisconsin**[Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater and Coastal Management](#)

WAFSCM's annual conference was held in Pewaukee Nov. 4-6, 2015. There were about 125 attendees who had a great time networking and growing their floodplain, stormwater and coastal management expertise. Attendees also had the opportunity to sit for the CFM exam and enjoyed a field tour of Milwaukee's Global Water Center. The 2016 conference is scheduled for Nov. 9-11 in La Crosse.

2016 got off to a quick start for WAFSCM, utilizing its second quarter board meeting to do some facilitated strategic planning and look forward to implementing the results of those great ideas in the years to come.

States without Affiliated ChaptersPennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers

## **ISSUES ENCOUNTERED OR ADDRESSED WHICH COULD POSSIBLY ASSIST OTHER CHAPTERS**

While most chapters did not report actions that might benefit other chapters, Indiana reported that in the immediate preceding years the organization had re-evaluated its insurance policies, which had become somewhat out of date and implemented a new website that allows for improved membership management. On a related note, INAFSM implemented a new conference calling line for use by the board and committee member coordination. The expansion of online secure file sharing for board and committee functions is also being further developed.

Guidance and lessons learned that could be shared from other chapters through ASFPM with respect to training for newly elected board members and the

responsibilities of (e.g., non-profit) board members overall would be of interest.

## **WAYS IN WHICH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION COULD BETTER ASSIST THE CHAPTERS**

The Indiana chapter noted that future projects currently being undertaken by the organization include the preparation of a Strategic Plan and a Standard Operating Procedures & Policy Manual. The current board members feel that these documents will provide for more streamlined board and organization functions in the future given the dynamic nature of the board. Any guidance that can be provided by ASFPM to help INAFSM facilitate these processes would be useful.

Lastly, the formation of a Membership Development Committee is being pursued. Any available guidance on efforts in this area that could be provide by ASFPM would also be appreciated.

## **SUMMARY**

Delaware and the District of Columbia still have not had much activity take place at this time. The other existing nine chapter associations continue to flourish, but continued support from ASFPM will be needed to assist the chapters with their growth.