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District 2 encompasses FEMA regions 3 and 5 that include the states of 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 the District of Columbia

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Illinois

Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management

The 2015 annual conference was held March 14-15, 2015 at the Marriott's Hotel, Normal, IL. 435 participants attended 49 sessions and visited with 25 exhibitors. Details of the annual conference presentations can be found on the association's website: <http://www.illinoisfloods.org/>. Field trips were also offered.

By February 2015, IAFSM had approximately 840 members. IAFSM is continuing to offer scholarships to municipal employees who wish to attend the ASFPM conference, as well as covering the costs for board members to attend.

Awards were presented at the annual conference for the following categories:

- Floodplain Manager of the Year Award – Dallas Alley, Floodplain Manager for St. Claire County
- Outstanding Service Awards – Amanda Flegel of the Illinois State Water Survey
- Stormwater Management Awards –V3 Company was recognized
- Mitigation Award – City of Wood Dale
- Public Education Award – Mary Mitros with DuPage County Stormwater Management
- Legislation – Sen. Sue Rezin, 38th District

There were several workshops sponsored by the association and the two water tables owned by the association were borrowed extensively by members for presentations at schools and community groups.

These workshops allowed members of the association to obtain continuing education credits even if they were unable to attend the annual conference.

Indiana

Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers

The 2014 annual conference was held Sept. 10-12 in the Brown County State Park, IN. Approximately 240 members attended 43 concurrent sessions held on floodplain management issues and stormwater management. Details of the conference can be found on the association's website: www.inafsm.net.

This year's conference will be held Sept. 9-11, 2015 at Pokagon State Park.

Maryland

Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers

The 10th annual conference for the Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held Oct. 23, 2014 at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD. Presentations included topics on stormwater and hydrology, FEMA products and mapping, mitigation, floodplain manager roles and responsibilities, Maryland updates and GIS and mapping. Pre- and post-conference activities were held Oct. 22 and 24.

Details of the conference presentations can be found on the association's website: www.mafsm.org.

The 11th annual conference for the association will be held Oct. 15, 2015. Details of the upcoming conference will be posted on the association's website.

Michigan

Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association

The 28th annual conference for the Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association was held Feb. 25-27, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel Lansing, MI. This was the associations 28th year of providing valuable training and outreach for floodplain and stormwater management.

The association consists of approximately 150 members and awards an annual scholarship to at least one full time junior, senior or graduate student studying biosystems, civil or environmental engineering; or a related natural

resources planning program with a specialization related to the mission and goals of the MSFA at a Michigan university. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each Stormwater Simulation System Flood Model go toward the MSFA scholarship fund.

The Ward's Stormwater Simulation System is a model that demonstrates the critical role of floodplains and how development within the watershed can impact stormwater runoff and flooding within the watershed and floodplain areas. The model is portable and can be altered to simulated different watershed conditions. Learn more about the model at:

https://www.wardsci.com/store/catalog/product.jsp?catalog_number=805770.

Plan now for the 2016 ASFPM national conference, June 19-24 in Grand Rapids, MI.

Details of the 2016 annual conference will be posted on the association and ASFPM websites.

Minnesota

Minnesota Association of Floodplain Managers

Approximately 100 members attended 12 seminars during the 2014 annual conference held Nov. 19-21 in Duluth, MN. The theme of the conference was "It Doesn't Flood Here! Locations not Historically Prone to Flooding." A summary of the conference program can be found on the association's website: www.mnafpm.org.

The 2015 annual conference for MnAFPM will be held Nov. 18-20, 2015 at the Courtyard Inn Moorhead, MN. Details of the conference will be posted on the association's website in the near future.

Ohio

Ohio Floodplain Management Association

The 2014 Annual Conference for the Ohio Floodplain Management Association was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Columbus, OH Aug. 28-29, 2014. The conference was attended by approximately 180 members and offered an opportunity for a refresher course to prepare people for the CFM exam. The following awards were presented:

- Floodplain Administrator of the Year.
- Innovation in Floodplain Management.
- Distinguished Member Service.

OFMA is offering scholarships for local officials to attend the statewide conference. The scholarship recipient must agree to one of the following terms:

- Serve as host for a local floodplain management workshop or training event (within one year of the event for which a scholarship was awarded) including: secure the facility, invite attendees, and coordinate with OFMA and ODNR, Floodplain Management Program.
- Participate actively on the Conference Planning Committee for the year following the event for which a scholarship was awarded.
- Serve the organization in a position of leadership for at least one year following the awarding of a scholarship. This service requirement may be satisfied as an officer, committee chair, or special project support as deemed appropriate by the OFMA executive board.
- Provide a written “testimonial” on the value of attending an OFMA scholarship event to be used in newsletters, brochures or other ways to publicize the educational and networking benefits of the conference and similar events. This submission must be at least 250 words.

Further details of the scholarship can be found on the association’s website: www.ofma.org.

The 2015 Ohio statewide floodplain management conference will be held August 26-27, 2015 at the Doubletree in Columbus/Worthington.

Virginia

Virginia Floodplain Management Association

The Virginia Floodplain Management Association held its annual conference in conjunction with the Virginia Lakes and Watershed Association on March 8-10, 2015 at the Kroger Conference Center in Richmond, VA. Topics covered included concurrent sessions on stormwater funding, dam safety, Total Maximum Daily Loads, watershed management and floodplain management. The conference had approximately 300 people in attendance.

VFMA continues to cooperate with VLWA for the 2016 conference. Please check the association website for updated information: <https://vaflood.wordpress.com/>.

West Virginia

West Virginia Floodplain Management Association

A 6th conference for this group was held June 16-18, 2014. 60 people participated in the conference at the Canaan Valley Institute in Davis, WV. Topics included understanding elevation certificates, updates to the West Virginia Flood Tool, documentation during and after disasters, higher regulatory standards, CRS, proper flood vents and NWS efforts. Visit the association's website: www.wvfma.org.

The 7th annual conference for the association is scheduled for June 15-17, 2015. Details of the conference can be found on the association's website. The conference will be held at the Canaan Valley Institute in Davis, WV.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater and Coastal Management

The 2014 annual conference was held Oct. 29-31, 2014 at the Wilderness Hotel, Wisconsin Dells, WI. This was the 12th annual conference for WAFSCM. The theme for the conference was "Water from sewer to stream to shoreline" and included presentations on floodplain management, mitigation, climate change and urban Best Management Practices.

The association offered scholarships to its members or local officials to attend the annual conference. Recipients were required to complete an application form and agree to provide a written summary of the annual conference or provide an article for the association newsletter.

Details of the upcoming 13th annual WAFSCM conference Nov. 4-6, 2015 at the Country Springs Hotel Pewaukee, WI can be found on the WAFSCM website: <http://www.wafscm.org/>.

States Without Affiliated Chapters

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers

The Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers continues to grow and has a website: www.pafpm.org.

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.