

First Annual Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Conference
April 24th, 2007
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island

- 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **Registration & Ballot Pick-Up**
- 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
General Bray, Director RIEMA
Governor Carceiri (invited)
Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts (invited)
Art Cleaves, Director, FEMA Region One
- 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. **What Is RIFMA?** *Pam Pogue RIFMA Chair*
Board of Directors
Committees:
 - Professional Training (Carissa Lord)
 - Outreach (Dennis Charland)
 - Research & Technical Review (Victor Hom)
 - Conference (Corinne Rosenblum)
- 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. **Presentation on Flood Warning and Preparedness in the
Context of the Need for Strengthening RI Live Stream gage
Network** *Gardner Bent - USGS*
- 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **Keynote Speaker** *Michael J. Taylor, P.E., CFM
Watershed Concepts*
- 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. **Plenary Session**
NFIP Update *Kevin Houck, P.E., CFM, ASFPM
Board of Directors, Colorado Water
Conservation Board*
- Effect of Map Modernization on Flood Insurance*
*Mike Goetz, Chief Hazard Risk
Identification, FEMA Region One*
- No Adverse Impact and Community Liability*
Ed Thomas esq., Michael Baker
- State of the State of Property Insurance in Rhode Island*
*Joseph Torti, State Insurance
Commissioner, Department of
Business Regulation*

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch & Election of Board of Directors

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Coffee Break)

Session #1: Mapping RI's Flood Risk: RI Mapping and Modernization Program (Moderator – *Ron Miner, CDM*)

- How the National Flood Risk was Established and Applied to the RI Mapping Budget (*Scott Edelman, Watershed Concepts*)
- Overview of the RI MapMod Program(*Carissa Lord, RINFIP*)
- Your Community's New FIRMS: How to Get Ready (*Nancy Hess, Dept. of Statewide Planning*)

Session #2: Coastal Flood Issues in Rhode Island

(Moderator – *Pam Rubinoff, URI*)

- Global Warming & the Impact of Sea Level Rise on Rhode Island (*John King, URI*)
- Coastal Erosion in RI: A Progress Report (*Dr. Jon Boothroyd, State Coastal Geologist*)
- Permitting and Setbacks in the Coastal Zone (*Janet Freedman, CRMC*)

Session #3: Better Building Standards and Insuring for Risk

(Moderator– *Erik Skadberg, City of East Providence*)

- Upcoming Flood Season – an Unofficial Hurricane Forecast (*David Vallee, National Weather Service*)
- Structural vs. Non-Structural Flood Impacts from Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans Area (*John Squerciati, Dewberry*)
- RI Building Code; The Need For Higher Regulatory Standards (*David Odeh, Odeh Engineering*)
- Property Insurance in the Ocean State: Challenges and Issues (*Sandy Parillo & Dennis Charland, Governors Insurance Council*)

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closing Session

Ballot Results

Next Steps

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Exhibits Gallery & Vendor Sponsored Reception