



# RHODE ISLAND FLOOD MITIGATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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*Dedicated to reducing flood losses in Rhode Island*

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Dear Colleagues,

The Rhode Island Floodplain Mitigation Association (RIFMA) announces that the Second Annual Conference and Membership Meeting, has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008** from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Radisson Airport Hotel, located on Post Road in Warwick, Rhode Island (across from T.F. Green Airport).

The Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association is the Rhode Island State Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). The mission of ASFPM is to promote education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding, and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains - all without causing adverse impacts. RIFMA works to collaborate with a diverse group of partners and stakeholders to aid in minimizing future flood risk in the state of Rhode Island and the southern New England region.

The 2008 Conference will consist of a full day of seminars, workshops and vendor displays, providing a forum to address issues pertinent to floodplain management in our region.

Speakers will include professionals active in various related fields, representing FEMA, the National Weather Service, state and local government, environmental interests, and private industry. Our comprehensive program includes sessions on New England hurricanes including an early look at the upcoming hurricane season; the National Flood Insurance Program; Stormwater Management; FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map modifications; the Community Rating System; and more. A conference flyer is enclosed.

The conference qualifies for 7 continuation education credits for current Certified Floodplain Managers toward the biennial CFM recertification requirement of 16 total credit hours. Additionally, the Conference has been approved for up to 6 PDH credits for land surveyors by the RI Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors.

**Also offered by RIFMA as part of this year's agenda will be the Certified Floodplain Manager exam on Tuesday June 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A six-hour exam refresher course will be offered on Monday, June 2nd starting at 10:00 am, free to the first 30 people that sign up. Information on the exam and the refresher class is also enclosed. Both sessions will be located at the East Providence City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room 308.**

Additionally, a four-hour flood insurance course entitled "Expanding Your Flood Knowledge", providing required FIRA continuing education credits for flood insurance agents in Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire, will be offered as part of the Conference.

Please join us at the Second Annual Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association Conference and get involved in the state flood association in New England!

Regards,

*Wayne Barnes*

Certified Floodplain Manager, RIFMA Secretary



**Register Today!**

**Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association  
2008 Annual Conference and Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, June 4th, 2008 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Radisson Airport Hotel**  
**Post Road, Warwick, RI (Rte. 1 across from T.F. Green Airport)**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RIFMA Conference and Membership Meeting will feature presentations and workshops on a variety of topics and issues central to floodplain management in Rhode Island and throughout southern New England including:

- The Hurricane of 1938 revisited, with 1938 post-storm coastal planning recommendations; plus an early look at the 2008 hurricane season
- Web resources for Floodplain Managers; introduction to the National Weather Service CoCoRaHS observer program
- FEMA Flood Map Modernization - Progress report; interpreting FIRMs and the new DFIRMs
- Dam Emergency Action Plan guidance; status of Dam Inundation Mapping in Rhode Island
- Stormwater management/ Low Impact Development (LID)
- Raingarden technology and construction
- Community Rating System (CRS): How communities can participate and why they should
- ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) exam prep class and certification exam
- “Expanding Your Flood Knowledge”: 4-hour flood insurance course providing required FIRA (Flood Ins. Reform Act of 2004) CECs for RI, CT and NH insurance agents
- Seven (7) Continuation Education Credits for current Certified Floodplain Managers
- Six (6) PDH credits for Professional Land Surveyors from the RI Board of Registration

Registration fee is \$100 (including 2008 RIFMA Membership) and includes all sessions, breakouts, exhibits and lunch, and vendor-sponsored reception. Add \$40 for the “Expanding Your Flood Knowledge” continuing education course. More information and registration forms are available at <http://ri.floods.org/>.

**Registration Deadline is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



# Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association, Inc.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886**

**Registration Form - Deadline is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

*Please use a separate form for each registrant.*

### Badge/Attendance List Information

Please type or print information clearly, as you would like it to appear on your badge and the attendance list.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees:

- Conference registration** ...\$100 (this fee will automatically include your RIFMA 2008 membership, along with conference lunch, refreshments and vendor-sponsored reception)
- “Expanding Your Flood Knowledge”: Four-hour FIRA Continuing Education Course for flood insurance agents (provided through Harleyville Group, Inc)**.....\$140 (includes RIFMA membership, and conference registration fee)
- Vendor Participant**.....\$300 (includes one RIFMA membership and conference registration, please complete Vendor Participation Form)
- Cannot attend the meeting: RIFMA membership only** .....\$30

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **RIFMA \* P.O. Box 1240 \* Providence, RI 02901**

### Please tell us which afternoon session to you'd like to attend:

- Session #1** Community Rating System and Stormwater Management / LID / Rain Gardens
- Session #2** “Expanding Your Flood Knowledge” Insurance Track

### Are you interested in becoming a Certified Floodplain Manager?

- CFM Exam Refresher Course: Free to the first 30 students!**  
Monday, June 2nd at East Providence City Hall, Room 306, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
E-mail Wayne Barnes at [wbarnes@cityofeastprov.com](mailto:wbarnes@cityofeastprov.com) to reserve your space.
- CFM Exam**  
Tuesday, June 3rd at East Providence City Hall, Room 306, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.  
**Contact ASFPM at [www.Floods.org](http://www.Floods.org) for exam registration details.**

Questions? Call Wayne Barnes at (401) 435-7537 or email [wbarnes@cityofeastprov.com](mailto:wbarnes@cityofeastprov.com)

VENDOR PARTICIPATION FORM



2nd Annual Conference and Meeting of the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association

June 4th, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick RI

The Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association is offering vendors the opportunity to display an exhibit all day in a high-visibility location and participate in an exhibit social immediately following the Annual Meeting. Appetizers will be served and drinks will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the conference area. The Vendor Participation Fee includes one conference admission and one year of RIFMA membership for the conference attendee.

Conference Attendee (please complete registration form)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Contact Information (if different than Conference Attendee)

Please type or print information clearly, for the person to be contacted regarding booth logistics.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

We will provide tables for displays. Please let us know if you will have any special needs.

Registration Fees:

Vendor Fees .....\$300 (this fee will automatically include one conference admission and RIFMA 2008 membership)

\*A separate registration form must be completed for the person attending the conference.

Please make checks payable to: RIFMA P.O. Box 1240 Providence, RI 02901

Questions? Call Leonard Cook at (508) 748-9589 or email lenny@smartvent.com

# Certified Floodplain Managers Accreditation (CFM)

The goal of the Association of State Floodplain Managers CFM® Program is to promote the wise use of the nation's floodplains, help reduce the nation's flood losses, and protect and enhance the natural resources and functions of floodplains. This is accomplished by improving knowledge and abilities of floodplain managers in the United States, and increasing the prominence of sound floodplain management in decision-making by local officials and the public. The CFM® Program recognizes and promotes floodplain knowledge and expertise while building the public's confidence. The CFM® Program enhances credibility and visibility of the floodplain management profession in the nation.

The ASFPM CFM® Program offers Floodplain Manager certification to persons who demonstrate knowledge of the basic national approaches and programs of floodplain management. The CFM® designation is attained by any person who passes the national CFM® exam or their state's Floodplain Management certification exam.

Currently, over 4,200 individuals around the nation have earned and maintained their CFM® certification. In a recent survey, 3 out of 4 certified individuals indicated they have received tangible, direct benefit from the certification.

## Applications

The ASFPM CFM® Program is directed toward individuals from local government, private sector, state or federal officials, academia, special interest groups, and private citizens. Anyone interested in professional certification must submit the completed application and pass the exam. Visit [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org) to complete all of the necessary application forms and to register to take the exam with ASFPM. You cannot take the exam until you have registered and paid exam fees with ASFPM two weeks prior to the exam date. **The CFM exam will be offered on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at East Providence City Hall, Room 306, 145 Taunton Avenue in East Providence, RI in conjunction with the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association Meeting the next day. The exam will start at 8:30am and end at 11:30am.**

Program fees are as follows:

- Exam Fee is \$100 for ASFPM Individual Members.
- Exam Fee is \$340 for non-ASFPM members
- Biennial Renewal Fee is \$50 for ASFPM Individual Members and \$290 for Nonmembers.

**SAVE MONEY!! Join ASFPM and pay the much lower member rate for the exam!**  
**REMEMBER: YOU MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR THE EXAM SEPARATELY WITH ASFPM PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE. FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ANITA LARSON OF ASFPM AT 608-274-0123.**

## Exam Refresher Course

A CFM exam refresher course will be offered free of charge to the first 30 students courtesy of the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association and will be held on Monday, June 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the East Providence City Hall Room 306. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form if you plan to attend the all-day review session. You do not need to sign up for the exam in order to take the refresher course!

## Maintaining Certification

An initial ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager designation will be valid indefinitely, provided that the applicant complies with the biennial (every two years) renewal requirements. Renewal

requirements are:

- Submittal of proof of 16 continuing education credits within the previous 24 months, with a maximum of 12 credits earned in any one year; and
- Submittal of renewal application & fee.

The continuing education requirement can be met through any approved event dealing with either floodplain or stormwater issues or closely related fields. For current CFM's, the 2008 RIFMA Annual Conference and Membership Meeting will provide 7 Credits. Continuing Education Credits can also be obtained through certain web based training courses. For any questions regarding continuing education requirements, please contact ASFPM at 608-274-0123.

### **CFM® Benefits to Individuals**

CFMs have confidence in their level of knowledge of floodplain management.

- Earning the CFM® designation tells others that your professional capabilities have been recognized by a national program, and adds credibility to your involvement in floodplain related projects.
- Certification is a strong motivation to continue education and it can help you meet qualifications in the job market.