

RIFMA can help you become a Certified Floodplain Manager!

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, about 5,500 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 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 Wednesday, April 29, 2008 at East Providence City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue in East Providence, RI in conjunction with the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association Meeting the previous 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, ASFPM Certification Coordinator, at 608-274-0123.

Exam Refresher Course

A CFM exam refresher course will be offered by the Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association, and will be held on Monday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at East Providence City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue (Rte. 44 just off of I-195 Exit 4) in East Providence, RI. This highly-

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recommended day-long course is designed to help exam takers review prior to the exam after they have already studied the Exam Preparation Guide materials listed on the ASFPM Certification and read FEMA 480. Note that the course alone does not guarantee success in passing the CFM® Exam and that the course is not designed to simply “teach to the test”.

Please check the appropriate box on the registration form if you plan to attend this valuable all-day review session. There is a fee of \$25 for this ASFPM-provided course to cover the cost of materials.

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 CFMs, the 2008 RIFMA Annual Conference and Membership Meeting will provide 7 Credits. Continuing Education Credits can also be obtained through other RIFMA-sponsored seminars and workshops and 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.
- Certification provides credibility when dealing with projects and issues within or related to floodplain areas
- Certification is a strong motivation to continue education and it can help you meet qualifications in the job market.

THE RHODE ISLAND FLOODPLAIN MITIGATION ASSOCIATION (RIFMA) WILL BE OFFERING THE CFM EXAM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH. A PREP COURSE WILL BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 27TH.

PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE BARNES IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR THE CFM PREP COURSE OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EXAM.

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