



RHODE ISLAND FLOOD MITIGATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. Box 1240 Providence, Rhode Island 02901

Dedicated to reducing flood losses in Rhode Island and southern New England

March 6, 2009

Chair

Janet Freedman
Coastal Geologist
RI Coastal Resources
Management Council
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879-1900
jfreedman@crmc.ri.gov

Vice Chair

Leonard Cook, CFM
Storm Solutions,
Representing Smart Vent
Marion, MA
lenny@smartvent.com

Secretary

Wayne Barnes, CFM
Planning Department
City of East Providence
145 Taunton Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
wbarnes@cityofeastprov.com

Treasurer

Ronald Miner
Camp, Dresser and McKee
One Cambridge Place
50 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
MinerRD@cdm.com

Vice Treasurer

Buvana Ramaswamy
Camp, Dresser and McKee
One Cambridge Place
50 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
ramaswamyb@cdm.com

Dear Colleagues,

The Rhode Island Floodplain Mitigation Association (RIFMA) is pleased to announce its Third Annual Conference and Membership Meeting, to take place on Tuesday, April 28th, 2009 at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Rd. (Rte. 1 across from T.F. Green Airport) in Warwick, RI.

The Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association is the Rhode Island State Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), and is the only state chapter in New England. 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 2009 Conference will consist of a full day of seminars, workshops and vendor displays, providing a forum to address issues pertinent to floodplain management across our region.

Speakers will include professionals active in various related fields, representing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the NOAA National Weather Service, state and local government, environmental interests, and private industry. This year's program includes sessions on flood mitigation activities in Rhode Island, coastal construction techniques; floodplain habitat restoration, the National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map modifications; the Community Rating System; and more. A conference flyer is enclosed.

The conference qualifies for 7 continuing education credits for current Certified Floodplain Managers toward the biennial CFM recertification requirement of 16 total credit hours.

Also offered by RIFMA will be the Certified Floodplain Manager exam on Wednesday, April 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A full-day exam refresher class will be offered on Monday, April 27th. Information on the exam and the class is also enclosed.

Please join us at the Third Annual Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association Conference in April and take the opportunity to get involved in your regional floodplain association!

Pam

Pamela Pogue, CFM
2009 RIFMA Conference Chair



Register Today!

**Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association
2009 Annual Conference and Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Radisson Airport Hotel

2081 Post Road (Rte.1 across from T.F. Green Airport), Warwick, RI

The 3rd 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:

- Update on Rhode Island flood mitigation activities
- Funding for floodplain easement purchase and restoration activities
- An overview of the transition from FEMA Map Modification to the RISKMAP process in Rhode Island and across the New England region
- A discussion of coastal construction issues and regulations
- Levees and riverine flooding issues
- Wetlands management and habitat restoration, including funding mechanisms
- Observation systems including river gauging stations
- The National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System for insurance discounts
- A look at historic flooding events in New England

****ASFPM will be rewarding 7 CFM credits for attendance at the RIFMA annual meeting****

Registration fee is \$100 (including 2009 RIFMA Membership) and includes all sessions, breakouts, exhibits, lunch, and a vendor-sponsored reception. More information and registration forms are available at <http://ri.floods.org/>

Registration Deadline is Monday, April 20, 2009

Contact: Pam Pogue, Conference Chair
Phone: 240-246-6111

Pam.Pogue@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM



Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association

April 28, 2009 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Radisson Airport Hotel
2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI

Registration Form - Deadline is April 20, 2009

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
Vendor Participant.....\$300
Cannot attend the meeting: RIFMA membership only\$30
CFM Exam Refresher Course (see below)\$25

Total Enclosed: \$

Please make checks payable to: RIFMA *

Please send registration forms to : P.O. Box 1240 * Providence, RI 02901

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

- Session #1 Riverine Flooding
Session #2 Flood Mitigation and Wetlands

Are you interested in becoming a Certified Floodplain Manager?

- CFM Exam Refresher Course
Monday April 27, 2009 at East Providence City Hall, East Providence, RI
E-mail Wayne Barnes at wbarnes@cityofeastprov.com to reserve your space.
CFM Exam
Wednesday April 29, 2009 at East Providence City Hall from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.
Contact ASFPM at www.Floods.org for exam registration details.

Questions? Call Pam Pogue at (240) 246-6111 or email Pam.Pogue@gmail.com

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-

RIFMA can help you become a Certified Floodplain Manager!

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.

wbarnes@cityofeastprov.com