

**RIFMA 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009
RADISSON AIRPORT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE
CENTER
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND**

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome to the RIFMA Third Annual Conference**
Janet Freedman, Chair, RIFMA
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Keynote Address**
*Margaret Davidson, Director, NOAA Coastal Services
Center, Charleston, South Carolina*
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Plenary Session: Current Floodplain Mitigation Initiatives in Rhode
Island**
*Pam Pogue, CFM, Moderator, Emergency and Floodplain
Management, URS Corporation*
- Hazard Identification**
**Transitioning from FEMA's Mapping & Modernization Program to
RISKMAP**
Meghan Sullivan, RI MapMod Coordinator, RIEMA
- Map Modernization – Quo Vadis?**
Mike Goetz, Hazard Identification Branch Chief, FEMA Region I
- Addressing Vulnerability**
Freeboard and the FEMA Coastal Zone A Construction
Jack Leydon, Rhode Island State Building Commissioner

Sea Level Rise and Coastal Construction Issues

Jim Boyd, Coastal Policy Analyst, RI Coastal Resources Management Council

Implementing Flood Mitigation Projects

What You Need to Know about FEMA's Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (UHMA)

Michelle Burnett, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, RI Emergency Management Agency

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH and RIFMA Annual Membership Meeting

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions 1 and 2

Session 1 Riverine Flooding

Leonard Cook, Moderator, SMARTVENT

Pocasett River Study: Results and a Plan for Action

Eric Scherer, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Blackstone River Flooding

Bob Billington, President, Blackstone Tourism Council

Connecticut River Levees

John McGrane, City Engineer, Department of Public Works, City of Hartford, CT

Session 2 Flood Mitigation and Wetland Management

Janet Freedman, Moderator, Coastal Geologist, RICRMC

Adaptive Management of Wetlands for Flood Mitigation

Caroly Shumway, Director of Conservation Science, The Nature Conservancy

Habitat Restoration in the Floodplain

Marci Cole Eckberg, Coastal Ecologist, Save the Bay

Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Trust Fund (CEHRTF)

Caitlin Chaffee, Coastal Policy Analyst, RI Coastal Resources Management Council

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

BREAK

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions 3 and 4

Session 3 Documenting Flood Events: Past and Present

Wayne Barnes, Moderator, Planner, City of East Providence

Historic Flooding in New England

David Vallee, Hydrologist in Charge, New England River Forecast Center, NOAA Weather Service, Taunton, MA

USGS Gauging Stations

Gardner Bent, Chief, Hydrologic Data and Surface Water Studies Section, US Geographical Survey

NWS Observation Systems and Instrumentation

Alan Dunham, Observation Program Leader, New England River Forecast Center

Session 4 Innovative Programs to Address Flooding

Eric Scherer, Moderator, Natural Resources Conservation Service

National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

Paul Lagg, CRS Coordinator, Chatham, MA

NRCS Floodplain Easement Program

Andy Lipsky, NRCS

ASFPM's No Adverse Impact

Pam Pogue, CFM, Coastal Chair, ASFPM

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wrap Up and Election Results

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Networking Reception

All conference participants, speakers and vendors are invited

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