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NJAFM 2012 “Round-up”

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We have had quite a busy year at NJAFM and thank all our members and partners for participating and contributing to our successes.

We always look forward to our annual conference as the highlight of our year, but we also have a number of projects “behind the scenes” that are helping to strengthen our community. NJAFM reached several milestones, including both administrative and programmatic items. The NJAFM Chair and Treas-

urer are now bonded, and we augmented our insurance, both of which bolster our non-profit status and our organizational strength.

NJAFM also signed a formal partnership with FEMA Region II through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for training to support FEMA outreach efforts. See Page 3 for more Training news.

This year we provided two scholarships to the ASFPM conference. Congratulations to Betsy Stagg and

Patrick Newton for representing NJAFM at that event. We are continuing our scholarship program by providing ten local officials scholarships to our NJAFM conference as well (see Page 2).

Our committees have been active with recent Legislative, Community Rating System (CRS), and Stormwater issues, many of which will be covered at the conference.

Thank you to all for another successful NJAFM year!

Certified Floodplain Manager Exam

NJAFM Conference Test Date, October 3, 2012

Review Course

And Exam Information

Registration is almost full for the September Certified Floodplain Manager® (CFM) review course and exam, so do not delay if you would like to take this course!

If you are interested in taking the CFM exam, it is being offered at the NJAFM Conference location – the Palace

at Somerset - after the conference conclusion on October 3, 2012.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The CFM Exam is not free and requires registration and payment DIRECTLY through the ASFPM website. The full Exam application may be found at this site under the “Certification Program” link: www.floods.org.



If you have questions, please contact Cleighton Smith,

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See the NJAFM website for event details:
www.njafm.org

8th Annual Conference, October 2 - 3, 2012

The Palace at Somerset Park, Somerset, NJ

Keynote, Remarks and Plenary Sessions

The Agenda for the 2012 Conference is being finalized and we have our Plenary Sessions set.

Our **Keynote Speaker** is Senator Bob Smith, 17th District, and we will have **Opening Remarks** from the Honorable Art Ondish, President, NJLM.

Plenary Session I

Local Action to Mitigate Flood Hazards

Barbara Heskins Davis, PP, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey
Paul Lenher, Jr., Pennoni Associates, Inc.
Nick Agnoli, PE, The Agnoli Group
Moderator: Cleighton Smith, PE, CFM

Plenary Session II

Flood Mitigation through Stormwater Management

Paul Ferriero, PE, Ferriero Engineering, Inc.
Eileen Miller, USDA NRCS
Joe Skupien, PE, PP, Storm Water Management Consulting, LLC
Moderator: Ray Zabihach, Morris County Planning Board Director – Retired



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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:

Continuing education credits may be available for Code Officials, Certified Floodplain Managers, Certified Public Works Managers, Professional Planners, Professional Engineers (NJ & PA), and NJ Professional Land Surveyors.

NJAFM Conference Local Officials' Scholarship Opportunities

NJAFM is pleased to announce that **ten** scholarships to our 2012 Conference will be awarded. These scholarships cover the registration fee for the conference (travel and other expenses must be supported by the attendee). **Applicants must be local officials and NJAFM members.** *Information on membership and the scholarship application may be found on the NJAFM website:*

Scholarship Application: http://www.njafm.org/2012_local_official_scholarship
Membership Application linked at: <http://www.njafm.org/membership>

Deadline for applications: August 31, 2012

NJAFM Executive Board (Officers) Nominations are Open!

Elections for NJAFM Officers are forthcoming and nominations are open! Please submit your nominations prior to August 31, 2012. All nominees must be NJAFM members in good standing. Information on terms and responsibilities may be found on the NJAFM website, By-Laws and Constitution. The Nomination Form is at: http://www.njafm.org/2013_exec_comm_noms. Elections will follow, open to NJAFM members.

Training Committee News

NJAFM has had an active “training year” in 2012. Directly or with partners we have provided over 150 seats for training, all for free! All training has also come with Continuing Education Credits (CECs) thanks to support from ASFPM.

Our Training Committee is presently working on additional courses with FEMA for local offi-

cial and also is working on a training program for “fee-based” courses to address professional needs. Examples include, but are not limited to:

CFM

- Substantial Damage**
- Elevation Certificate**
- LOMA/LOMR/LOMR-F**
- NJDEP FHA Permitting**
- Benefit Cost Analysis**

NJAFM membership was surveyed this year to determine the most “in-demand” courses, locations and months for training, so look for announcements on these courses in upcoming months.

Questions? Please contact our Training Chair:

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Legislative Committee News

National Flood Insurance Program

The National Flood Insurance Program has been overhauled by Congress and was signed by the President on July 6, 2012. There are a number of issues that are important to communities in New Jersey, including implications for pre-FIRM properties, repetitive loss structures, substantially damaged

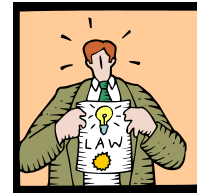
structures, and for new and lapsed properties. Also notable is that annual policy rate increases will apply to all policies. The GAO has estimated that rates could increase as much as 2 to 2.5 times over the next four years.

While the implications and outcomes are yet to be seen in full, the reforms may provide incentive for additional buyouts, elevations and greater par-

ticipation by communities in the Community Rating System program.

See the NJAFM News and Blogs section for more information, and if you have questions about the NFIP reform, please forward them to the NJAFM Secretary:

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Community Rating System Committee News

The NJAFM CRS Committee submitted comments to the draft 2013 CRS Coordinator’s Manual as part of the review process for the Manual update. The Draft version of the manual has been posted in a temporary website (www.CRS2012.org) as a reference to communities as they plan to reduce flood vulnerabilities. This draft is being used in the Office of Management and

Budget approval process and is expected to become effective in 2013.

Some highlights of the draft include a new activity (370-Promotion of Flood Insurance). Some items raise concern for New Jersey regarding eligibility for credits (420 and 630), enhanced mitigation incentives (330 and 340), resource requirement impacts (370), and re-

duced credits for acquisition and relocation activities (520).

CRS Coordinators webinars are available online to enable interested persons and code officials to become familiar with the changes:

www.CRS2012.org



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Mission Statement

NJAFM is dedicated to reducing loss of life and property damage resulting from floods and promoting sound floodplain management at all levels of government.

NJAFM holds monthly Board of Directors meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at the USGS Water Science Center in Trenton, NJ. Members are welcome to attend! Meeting agendas and minutes are on the "Members-Only" section of our website.

Please see the "Contact Us" section of the NJAFM website for contact information and the "Calendar" on the website for a comprehensive view of upcoming events and notices.



Congratulations to NJAFM Past Chairs (and current members), Joe Ruggeri (NJDEP) and Jim DeAngelo (Baker), both of whom are presently serving on the ASFPM Board of Directors! www.floods.org

Many thanks to SmartVent and Mike Graham for providing a \$200 donation to the ASFPM Foundation on behalf of NJAFM. NJAFM Past Chair, Jim DeAngelo, delivered the donation to ASFPM at the May conference in San Antonio. Thank you for your generosity in supporting NJAFM and ASFPM!

Committee Volunteerism

Many thanks to our Committee Chairs and Committee members for their hard work this year! If you are interested in helping out with initiatives you see in this Newsletter or on our website, or have ideas to share, consider joining one of our Committees!

Participation as a Committee Chair includes attendance at monthly Board meetings and co-

ordination of activities and volunteers for that committee. Participation as a Committee member requires only enthusiasm, and current NJAFM membership.

Contact information is on our website, Committees page: <http://www.njafm.org/committees>.

We are an organization of volunteers, all are welcome!

NJAFM COMMITTEES

**Awards and Scholarship
Community Rating System
Conference
Legislative
Stormwater
Training**

**Membership (Chair vacancy)
Outreach (Chair vacancy)**