

# NJ Floodplain News

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **SAVE THE DATE!**  
NJAFM Conference, October 2012
- **Training, Events and News Inside!**
- **New!**  
NJAFM is on LinkedIn. Join us for news, jobs, and chat!

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## NJAFM 2012

### *A Word from the Board:*

On behalf of the NJAFM Board of Directors, a hearty “welcome” is extended to all new and renewing NJAFM members, as well as our partners and floodplain professionals.

2012 is shaping up to be a very productive year, as we are planning for our 8th Annual Conference at the Palace in Somerset NJ. Mark your calendars for October 2nd and 3rd, and be sure to let colleagues know about the event. We are anticipating a large turnout and interactive discussion on current and critical issues facing New Jersey’s floodplain management community.

We are also busy at work developing partnerships with other non-profits, academic and governmental partners as well as the private sector. These partnerships are resulting in upcoming training and outreach opportunities, networking and lots more, so stay tuned to our website for news and announcements. If your business or agency is interested in partnering, please let us know!

We have also set up a group on LinkedIn, the professional networking site. Be sure to join us to chat about jobs, legislation and other topics that impact our communities. Our goal is to promote networking and collabora-

tion outside our training and conference events.

Finally, if you would like to help with arranging events, training, outreach or other activities, volunteer with us - the entire Board is “volunteer”, so we can always use extra help!

Many thanks for your membership, participation and interest!

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For contacts and more information, see: [www.njafm.org](http://www.njafm.org)

## Certified Floodplain Manager Review Course and Exam

### March 14th and 15th, 2012 The Meadowlands

#### **REGISTER NOW!**

Registration is active and open on the NJAFM website for the March Certified Floodplain Manager® (CFM) review course and exam. This event **REQUIRES** pre-registration.

The Review Course is free to NJAFM members in good standing who are not yet CFM certified, and is \$225 for all other registrants.

**See the NJAFM website for event details as well as registration and Exam information:**

[www.njafm.org](http://www.njafm.org).

**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](http://www.floods.org)

**This course provides 9.0 CFM Credits!**



# 8th Annual Conference, October 2 - 3, 2012

The Palace at Somerset Park, Somerset, NJ

### SAVE THE DATE!

Planning for the 8th Annual NJAFM Conference is well underway, with the theme of "Breaking the Cycle". We anticipate this to be our largest event yet, and are working to enhance the breadth and depth of presentations to appeal to floodplain management professionals statewide.

The two-day annual conference is an excellent opportunity to network and exchange ideas while acquiring the latest technical knowledge and regulatory information regarding floodplain management.

### SPEAKERS:

If you are interested in delivering a presentation, please see the NJAFM website for abstract submission (coming soon!) and contact information for our Conference Committee Chairs.

### 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.

We welcome your attention and look forward to seeing everyone at the Palace!



[www.palacesomersetpark.com](http://www.palacesomersetpark.com)

## 8th Annual Conference Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities

*Exhibitors and Sponsors are a vital part of the Conference. All Sponsors will be prominently displayed on handout materials and conference literature. The following Sponsorship and Exhibitor options are available:*

### Gold Sponsor: \$2500

- Special acknowledgement during conference
- Brief presentation to Conference attendees
- 8 x 10 exhibit space
- 1 year advertisement space on NJAFM website
- 3 registration passes to the 2012 conference

### Silver Sponsor: \$1,500

- Recognition on conference signage
- 8 x 10 exhibit space
- 1 year advertisement on NJAFM website
- 2 registration passes to the 2012 conference

### Bronze Sponsor: \$750

- Recognition on conference signage
- 8 x 10 exhibit space
- 1 year advertisement space on NJAFM website
- 1 registration pass to the 2012 conference

For more information on Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities, contact Margie Brown, NJAFM Exhibits/Sponsor Chair at [margie@smartvent.com](mailto:margie@smartvent.com) or 877-441-8368.

### Exhibitor: \$600

**\$500 "Early bird" rate before Aug 1, 2012**

- 8 x 10 Exhibit Space
- 1 Conference Registration

### Non-Profit Exhibitor

- No charge for booth space if qualified by NJAFM
- Attendees must pay conference registration (\$245 before Aug 1, 2012, \$295 after that date)

## “Connect” with us...



NJAFM now has a Group on LinkedIn. This is a great way to network with colleagues who face the same issues as you do regarding floodplain management in New Jersey. You can connect with people in related fields that you may not normally see day-to-day but that can be valuable resources for your work — building code officials, emergency managers, engineers, consultants, and a wide variety of other professionals (and skill sets!).

Be sure to use the LinkedIn Group to chat with colleagues about topics of interest, such as legislation, regulations, new technologies and products, or even to advertise employment opportunities and availability!

Our common goals for improving floodplain management in New Jersey may be strengthened through networking.

The NJAFM LinkedIn Group is open to all current members, so be sure to join NJAFM and then join us on LinkedIn!

Should you have trouble joining the NJAFM Group, please contact [secretary@njafm.org](mailto:secretary@njafm.org) for assistance.

**NJAFM Tip:**  
**Check our NJAFM “Calendar” on the website regularly or subscribe to the calendar RSS feed to find newly added events!**

## NFIP and CRS Training Course

March 21, 2012 Ocean County, NJ

### Register Now!

We have our second free 2012 training opportunity for March. NJAFM members may register now on the NJAFM website.

We are partnering with FEMA Region II to provide a National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System course in Ocean County. This course will provide participants with an under-

standing of the history and purpose of the National Flood Insurance Program and Ocean County's role and responsibilities as a participating community. Furthermore, it will provide information on the benefits and requirements of the Community Rating System as well as an update on FEMA's new coastal flood risk study.

This event is open to all NJAFM members, not just those active in

Ocean County. Space is limited, so register soon.

Attendance for the full course (four hours) will earn **3.0 CFM Credits** for those earning annual credits for certification.

**For more information and registration: [www.njafm.org](http://www.njafm.org) and select the “Calendar” link.**



**Thanks to FEMA for this partnering opportunity!**

## Stormwater Committee News

The Stormwater Committee is currently looking for suggestions for identification of potential presenters on stormwater management *quantity* for the upcoming NJAFM Conference. The particular emphasis is on *quantity* through various measures including soil infiltration, where precipitation first meets the land.

The Stormwater Committee theme could be best described as a subset of the overall Conference theme – “Breaking the Cycle – Keeping the Rain Where it Falls”. Please let either Ray Zabihach or Greg Westfall know of your suggestions. They can be contacted at: [Romanzab@optonline.net](mailto:Romanzab@optonline.net) or [gregory.westfall@nj.usda.gov](mailto:gregory.westfall@nj.usda.gov).

### Upcoming stormwater-related events with NJAFM partners:

Please check our “Calendar” on the NJAFM website for a wide variety of events including these related to stormwater management:

**March 14th:** Subsurface Gravel Wetland Design and Porous Pavement Design Workshops, Morristown, Piscataway and Toms River, NJ

**May 30th:** Soil Health Conference, Toms River, NJ.



## New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management

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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.*



## Committees....how do I get involved??

NJAFM is committed to serving its membership in addressing important issues to improve floodplain management in New Jersey. As you can imagine, this is a HUGE task, and not an easy one either!

### *How does NJAFM operate?*

NJAFM has a set of **Committees** that coordinate with each other and NJAFM Officers to arrange the training, conference, website and other events you see in this Newsletter and NJAFM E-mail notifications.

All NJAFM Officers and Committee Chairs are volunteer, and of course (as with any volunteer organization) new volunteers are always welcome!

If you have ideas to help foster activities, collaboration, information and action, or if you simply want to join a new group of colleagues, please volunteer for a committee or two! Some committees have Chair vacancies as well, so you may want to pursue a leadership role.

Do you have interest in any of the following Committees?

- Awards and Scholarship
- Community Rating System
  - Conference
  - Membership
  - Stormwater
- Legislative (*Chair vacancy*)
- Outreach (*Chair vacancy*)
- Training (*Chair vacancy*)

If so, please contact the Committee Chair as noted on the NJAFM website “Contact Us” link, or email [chair@njafm.org](mailto:chair@njafm.org) if you want to volunteer as a Committee Chair.



Participation as a Committee Chair includes attendance at monthly Board meetings and coordination of activities and volunteers for that committee. We are an organization of volunteers, all are welcome!