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FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT SECTION MOVES TO NEW OFFICES

The Floodplain Management Section of DOTD started the new year by moving our office from the DOTD Headquarters building to a new location close to the Baton Rouge Metro Airport.

Our mailing address (P. O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245) will remain the same. The new physical address is 8900 Jimmy Wedell Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70807.

For those of you who occasionally stop by to visit us, you will travel north on I-110 from our old location to the Southern University/Metro Airport Exit (exit 6). Cross Harding Blvd. at the traffic light and look for Harry P. Williams Drive on the right. Jimmy Wedell Street and the DOTD office building will be at the end of Harry P. Williams Drive.

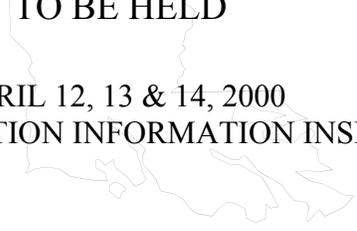
Please make a note of our new telephone number which is (225) 274-4354 and our new fax number which is (225) 274-4351.

If you are still dialing our old telephone number, you have been receiving a busy signal and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Please feel free to stop by for a visit. We are always happy to see you!

LFMA 2000
CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD

APRIL 12, 13 & 14, 2000
REGISTRATION INFORMATION INSIDE



LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
2000 State Conference Schedule
Wednesday, April 12 - Friday, April 14, 2000
Best Western Hotel Acadiana
(337) 233-8120 or 1-800-874-4664
Lafayette, Louisiana
WEDNESDAY - APRIL 12, 2000

- 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Golf Tournament
- 12:00p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Welcoming Address - Walter Comeaux, Mayor/President, Lafayette
- 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**
Elevation Certificates - Live Rebroadcast
Diana Herrera, Computer Science Corp.
Gary Zimmerer, FEMA Denton
This is an opportunity for surveyors, insurance agents and local community officials to discuss issues with the new elevation certificate.
- Community Assessment Visit Demonstration
Janet Griffin, LA DOTD
Many communities fear CAVs. This is an opportunity for communities to learn the reasons for CAVs, how to prepare for them, and how they are handled.
- 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. LIDAR Mapping
Steven Hebert, 3001 Spatial Data Co.
The entire state of Louisiana is being mapped at two foot contour intervals using this unique mapping procedure.
- 5:00 p.m. - 'til Wine and Cheese Social - Room 106

THURSDAY - APRIL 13, 2000

- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00p.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Pastry
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Repetitive Loss Initiative
Ross Richardson, FEMA Denton
FEMA and LA OEP are developing a program to handle the repetitive loss problems which will be specific to Louisiana and consistent with new federal policy.
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. FMA and HMGP Funding
Lisa Jennings, FEMA Denton
These are two FEMA grant programs administered by LA OEP.
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- 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Certification of Floodplain Managers
John Ivey, Halff Associates, Certification Task Force Chairman
ASFPM has inaugurated a national program of certification to provide a mechanism for training and recognizing proficiency for those who guide development in flood hazard areas.
- 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Importance of Local Participation
FEMA Headquarters Representative
The success of floodplain management depends on the local community's active implementation of the concepts of the program.
- 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Effective Floodplain Management through Public Outreach in Education
Donna Yowell, City of Madison, MS
One method of promoting the concepts of proper floodplain management to the average citizen is through public outreach in education.
- 12:00 p.m.- 1:15 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
Keynote Speaker - Ed Roy, Humorist
Awards Presentations - Pam Sturrock, Calcasieu Parish
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Flooding Needs Assessment
Gary Zimmerer, FEMA Denton
Priorities for Flood Insurance Restudies are proposed to be established from the results of this plan, but most Louisiana communities have not responded properly.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cooperating Technical Communities
Gary Zimmerer, FEMA Denton
As funding for the federal flood insurance technical services shrink, more emphasis is being placed on local communities to share in the costs and the responsibilities.
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. New Technical Evaluation Coordinator
Suzie McElroy, PBS & J
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. New Corps of Engineers Coordinator
Rodney Greenup, USACE New Orleans
The New Orleans office of the Corps of Engineers has a new Floodplain Manager replacing Harris Blanchard.
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. V-Zones
Tina Horn, Cameron Parish
The administration of "V" Zones is a seldom discussed subject which affects all the coastal communities.
- 5:00 p.m. - 'til LFMA Social
Grant Street Dance Hall featuring the Cajun Band, *File*'.
A meal will be served consisting of a bowl of seafood gumbo, stuffed baked chicken and all the traditional fixin's.
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FRIDAY - APRIL 14, 2000

9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

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General Session & Election of Officers - Wayne Berggren, LFMA Chair

11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Closing - Wayne Berggren, LFMA Chair

Conference 2000 Registration Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Fee</u>
_____ Member	\$70.00
_____ Non-Member	\$80.00
_____ Golf Tournament	\$25.00

Total Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Hotel reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly at (337) 233-8120 or 1-800-874-4664 or outside Louisiana 1-800-826-8386.

Enclose your check made payable to:
LFMA
P. O. Box 64725
Baton Rouge, LA 70896

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM CORNER

Communities participating in the Community Rating System (CRS) must use the new FEMA Elevation Certificate form for all structures built or placed in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) after January 1, 2000.

REVERIFICATION

Twelve CRS communities will be receiving a reverification visit during 2000. The purpose of this visit is to determine if the community has been accomplishing the requirements of the activities for which they applied.

If you are due a visit, you should review your application and the CRS manual to determine what paperwork will be needed for the reverification. Certain activities require information for the five years since joining (ex: Activities 310, 320, 330, 360, 540).

Reverification will affect the following communities which applied to the CRS in 1990 and 1995:

Baker
Calcasieu Parish
Denham Springs
East Baton Rouge Parish
Lafourche Parish
Morgan City
Orleans Parish
Rayne
St. Charles Parish
St. James Parish
Shreveport
Tangipahoa Parish

Notification of your visit will be received in the near future. If you have any questions, you can contact this office at (225) 274-4354.



Did you know?

The states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, **Louisiana**, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas are at greatest risk from tornadoes?

(Text taken from: FEMA Region VI Fact Sheet)



Quick Facts

From 1988 to 1998, FEMA Region VI has had 127 declarations, 50 major disasters, and has spent \$666,816,334.00 in disaster response.

(Text taken from: FEMA Region VI Fact Sheet)

CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER PROGRAM

Administered by the

ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS

The Association of State Floodplain Managers has inaugurated a national program to professionally certify floodplain managers. The program recognizes continuing education and professional development that enhance the knowledge and performance of local, state, federal and private-sector floodplain managers. A professional certification program is critical at this stage in the flood hazard management industry in order to provide a formal, measurable mechanism for training and developing proficiency in those persons who make decisions to guide development and mitigation in flood hazard areas.

The role of the nation's floodplain managers is expanding due to increases in disaster losses, the emphasis being placed upon mitigation to alleviate the cycle of damage-rebuild-damage, and a recognized need for professionals to adequately address these issues. This certification program will lay the foundation for ensuring that highly qualified individuals are available to meet the challenge of breaking the damage cycle and stopping its negative drain on the nation's human, financial, and natural resources.

The formation of a professional certification program is recognized as an effective means to:

- Formalize a procedure to recognize and provide an incentive for individuals to improve their knowledge of floodplain management concepts;
- Enhance individual professional development goals;
- Promote an understanding of relevant subject matter that is consistent nationwide;
- Convey new concepts and practices; and
- Build partnerships among organizations and agencies that share the goal of advancing sound floodplain management.

To obtain the Certified Floodplain Manager information and application package, you may download it at www.floods.org (Certification button on the front page) or contact the ASFPM Executive Office at asfpm@floods.org or call 608-274-0123.

Fee Description	Fee	Discounted Member Fee*
Request for application packet, review, & examination	\$240	\$100
Biennial Renewal (after 1/1/2000)	\$190	\$ 50

* You must be an Individual Member of ASFPM. Corporate, Agency, and Chapter Memberships do not make you eligible for the member rate in this certification process.

PERMANENT FOUNDATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES

Generally, a permanent foundation should include the following features:

- A below-grade footing capable of providing resistance against overturning of the manufactured home (the depth of which takes into account frost depth and expected scour) and sized appropriately for the site's soil bearing capacity;
- An anchoring system (consisting of a combination of ties, anchors, and anchoring equipment) capable of providing resistance to uplift and overturning of the manufactured home due to flood and wind forces, and able to maintain the required pullout resistance in saturated soil conditions; and
- Adequate connections between all the components of the foundation and the home such that the foundation acts as a cohesive unit when resisting flood and wind forces. The size, strength, and configuration of each of the components is dependent upon the site conditions (soil type, frost depth, wind exposure, topography) and expected flood conditions (depth, velocity, duration of flooding expected).

taken from: Guidance on Manufactured Homes in Special Flood Hazard Areas

ASK FEMA

In an effort to provide greater assistance to local floodplain officials, FEMA Region VI Mitigation Division in Denton, Texas will have a regular column in question and answer format concerning all aspects of floodplain management - regulation, insurance, ordinances, mapping, permitting, etc.

Questions that would prove beneficial to those responsible for floodplain management in their communities are welcome. Please submit your questions to:

Ms. Janet Griffin
Floodplain Insurance Manager
Section 64
P. O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
or
email: jgriffin@dotdmail.dotd.state.la.us

QUESTION: What is a CTC?

ANSWER: CTC stands for Cooperating Technical Community. These communities enter into a formal partnership with FEMA, state, and regional entities to enable flood mapping tasks to be accomplished within their community.

As the need for flood map updates increase, Federal Funding has become limited resulting in an inventory of outdated maps. A CTC joins FEMA, state, regional, and community partners to combine technical assistance, experience and financial resources to

enhance and maintain hazard identification and risk assessment processes despite this decrease in funding. With new and more sophisticated technologies becoming available, the capability of integrating these technologies into mapping functions increases as well.

The benefits of becoming a CTC are:

- flood maps that are more accurate and easier to update
- the community's resistance to disaster is strengthened
- coordination and contributions of partners augments local floodplain management programs
- availability of ongoing technical assistance, experience and support of FEMA.

What is necessary to become a CTC?

- proven ability to perform and manage mapping related activities
- must currently have the funding and capability to support flood hazard identification activities
- must be a participant in the NFIP
- must be able to administer financial aspects of their formal partnership.

For more information, please contact Region VI CTC Coordinator, Jack Quarles, Senior Engineer, at (940) 898-5156, or explore the following web site: www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/CTC

(Answer provided by: Shari Brand, FEMA Region VI, Mitigation Division)

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