

2012 Conference Workshops and Training



Building Public Support for Floodplain Management

Building public understanding and support is vital to the success of floodplain management; this course is presented as a toolkit for Floodplain Managers on how to achieve this goal.

This highly interactive, activity-driven workshop will cover how to educate and enlist the support of the public, local officials, the media, and policy makers in support of good floodplain management practices. Training will include hands-on practice with the tools introduced. This workshop is for floodplain managers, local officials, and elected officials of any experience level.

CFM Refresher and Exam

The one-day CFM[®] refresher course is available on a first-come, first-serve basis as a pre-conference activity on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no separate cost for individuals to attend the refresher course. However, conference registration is required to take the refresher course. Registration for the CFM[®] refresher course is included in the conference registration form. Taking the refresher course is not a prerequisite for taking the CFM[®] exam.

The CFM[®] exam will be given on Wednesday February 29, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. prior to the beginning of the main conference. The exam may be taken without registering and attending the conference. Those taking the exam will be given preference for attending the refresher course. Prior approval and registration with the ASFPM is required for eligibility to take the MSFA-proctored exam.

Persons planning to take the exam must contact the ASFPM directly to submit the necessary CFM[®] exam application and fees and receive approval to take the exam. The deadline for submitting the CFM[®] exam application to the ASFPM is February 15, 2012. CFM[®] Exam information and registration forms can be found at <http://www.floods.org>.

You can contact Ms. Anita Larson of the ASFPM for more information at CFM@floods.org or (608)-274-0123

Building Code Workshop

Three courses will be presented in this workshop: Course 15163, "General Overview of Floodplain Management and Related Regulatory Requirements" for 1 administrative credit; Course 15164, "Floodplain Management 101-Details of State Construction Code Permits and Floodplain Regulatory Requirements" for 2 technical credits, and a course on FEMA's Technical Bulletin 1, "Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures," credit type to be determined.

While building officials receive continuing education credits for this workshop, all are welcome to learn more about the essentials of floodplain management.

Ward's Stormwater Floodplain Simulation System Workshop

This is an evening workshop on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 starting at 7:00 PM. The workshop is limited to 30 people and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to attend this workshop, please check the appropriate box on the registration form for the MSFA 25th Annual Conference.

The stormwater/floodplain model is "hands-on," easy to use, portable, and comes with curriculum and defined experiments. MSFA currently has three models available for members to use for education and outreach. The models will be made available only to MSFA members who have completed the MSFA sponsored training on the models. Come find out how you can use this model in your community to support stormwater and floodplain education and outreach.

More about the model can be found at <http://mi.floods.org/model.html> or www.wardsci.com/floodplain