

2017-2018 POLICY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

ASFPM Floodplain Regulations Committee

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1.0 Mission

The ASFPM Floodplain Regulations Committee is dedicated to supporting and improving sensible floodplain regulations on the local, state and federal levels in order to reduce flood damages.

2.0 Overview

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The Floodplain Regulations Committee plays an integral role in attaining the association’s overall goal of helping the public and private sector reduce the loss of life and damage to property from flooding, preserve the natural and cultural values of floodplains, and avoid actions that exacerbate flooding, including creating adverse impacts to the community.

The current co-chairs for the committee are:

William Nechamen, CFM, Nechamen Consulting, LLC

Michael Powell, CFM, Delaware Department of Natural Resources

Section 2 of this workplan presents the specific items to be accomplished by this committee and work tasks required to complete them. All work items directly support the Goals and Objectives for ASFPM for 2017-2018 that are regulations related.

2.1 Committee Work Items

Task Title: Collaborate with the Floodproofing Committee on the development of a Floodproofing Maintenance Plan template or outline to help satisfy new insurance requirements of 2012 and 2014.		Task Leader: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	Other Committees: Insurance; Floodproofing	
Approximate Start/End Date: Ongoing	Approximate # Hrs to Complete: 30	
Detailed Task Description: Flood Insurance rating changes now require buildings getting rating credit for floodproofing to provide certification that the floodproofing measures are being maintained. Guidance has been developed by the NFIP for this maintenance credit. This task involves working with the Floodproofing and Insurance Committees to identify appropriate floodproofing design and maintenance outreach materials so local floodplain managers can properly advise permit applicants of the requirements for floodproofed buildings.		
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None		
Completion Schedule: July 2018		
Deliverables: Floodproofing maintenance plan to be used to credit floodproofing for flood insurance rating, to be developed jointly with floodproofing and insurance committees..		
Other Necessary Support or Resources:		
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None		
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)		
Assumptions: None		
Prepared by/ Date: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen/ September 2017		Approved By/ Date:

Task Title: Provide comments as needed to revised FEMA Technical Bulletins	Task Leader: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	Other Committee:
Approximate Start/End Date: July 2017 – June 2018	Approximate # Hrs to Complete: Up to 30, or as needed
Detailed Task Description: FEMA may revise Technical Bulletins that clarify the NFIP regulations on key floodplain development practices. The committee will review and provide comments on these bulletins as they are updated. Planned updates include TB 5, Free of Obstruction Requirements, TB 9, Design and Construction Requirements for Breakaway Walls and TB 10: Ensuring that structures built on fill are relatively safe from flooding.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None	
Completion Schedule: Ongoing as needed	
Deliverables: The Regulations Committee will comment directly to FEMA	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: Mitigation pod, comments from local floodplain managers	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) None	
Assumptions: FEMA solicits comments on proposed Technical Bulletin revisions	
Prepared by/ Date: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen/ September 2017	

Task Title: Improve Floodplain Regulations Committee Webpage and Usage		Task Leader: Michael Powell. Bill Nechamen	
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:		Other Committee:	
Approximate Start/End Date: July 2017 – June 2018		Approximate # Hrs to Complete: 20	
Detailed Task Description: Name a subcommittee of the Floodplain Regulations committee to work with the ASFPM front office to improve the Floodplain Regulations Committee webpage on www.floods.org to provide a variety of resources for floodplain regulations, higher regulatory standards, examples of No Adverse Impact regulations and Committee activity. Create a subcommittee – work group to develop a detailed outline in coordination with ASFPM staff.			
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None			
Completion Schedule: Ongoing			
Deliverables: Updated content provided to Executive Office review and incorporation to website.			
Other Necessary Support or Resources: Pod facilitator support. ASFPM staff coordination and quarterly calls or updates.			
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None			
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) Will not require board approval			
Assumptions: None			
Prepared by/ Date: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen/ September 2017		Approved By/ Date:	

Task Title: Revise and promote "Higher Standards Reference Guide" for display on web page and for topical guidance.		Task Leader: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen	
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:		Other Committee:	
Approximate Start/End Date: July 2016 – June 2017		Approximate # Hrs to Complete: 30	
Detailed Task Description: The Regulations Committee has prepared a "Higher Standards Reference Guide". The purpose of this Reference Guide is to provide a selection of higher development standards that can be adopted by a community or state aimed at reducing flood impacts and losses. The committee will work promote the use of this guide for local floodplain managers seeking higher standards with a particular emphasis on communities recovering from recent extreme floods. Updates to include adaptation to more extreme flooding resulting from climate change.			
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None			
Completion Schedule: July 2018. Note that this is a living document and needs occasional review for relevance.			
Deliverables: The ASFPM Regulations Committee Higher Regulatory Standards Guide will be updated following a review by other committees and the ASFPM front office.			
Other Necessary Support or Resources: Pod facilitator support, executive office review.			
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None			
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) None needed for revisions.			
Assumptions: None			
Prepared by/ Date: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen/ September 2017		Approved By/ Date:	

Task Title: Recommend that ASFPM enter into an agreement (MOU) with ASCE on making ACSE floodplain related standards (ASCE 24, etc.) assessable for viewing on ASFPM website for free		Task Leader: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	Other Committee:	
Approximate Start/End Date: July 2017 – June 2018	Approximate # Hrs to Complete: 20	
Detailed Task Description: Work with FEMA, ASCE, and ASFPM to allow ACSE floodplain related standards (ASCE 24, ASCE 7) assessable for viewing on ASFPM website or through ASCE websites for free		
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None		
Completion Schedule: July 2018		
Deliverables: Website to allow free access to ASCE floodplain related standards		
Other Necessary Support or Resources: .		
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None		
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) Will not require board approval		
Assumptions: None		
Prepared by/ Date: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen/ September 2017		Approved By/ Date:

Task Title: Collaborate with Flood Insurance Committee on ABFE and model backed A zones Discussion paper to be used for both regulatory and insurance rating purposes.		Task Leader: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	Other Committee: Insurance, Mapping and Engineering	
Approximate Start/End Date: July 2017 – June 2018	Approximate # Hrs to Complete: 80	
Detailed Task Description: Discussion paper regarding Advisory Base Flood Elevations and model backed A zones and flood insurance implications. This paper should address the issues where ABFEs are higher than effective BFEs as well and where ABFEs are lower than effective BFEs where structures built to the ABFE become minus rated, and should also address use of model backed A zones (un-numbered A zones with model derived 1% flood heights) for flood insurance implications. Along with the insurance committee, the paper would also include a discussion on flood insurance rating		
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None		
Completion Schedule: June 2018		
Deliverables: Draft discussion paper		
Other Necessary Support or Resources: .		
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None		
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) May require board approval		
Assumptions: None		
Prepared by/ Date: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen/ September 2017		Approved By/ Date:

Task Title: NFIP Reauthorization	Task Leader: Michael Powell, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 2.1.1	Other Committee: Insurance
Approximate Start/End Date: July 2017 – June 2018	Approximate # Hrs to Complete: 20
Detailed Task Description: Provide information to committee members and develop positions related to NFIP reauthorization.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None	
Completion Schedule: December 2017 – July 2018	
Deliverables:	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: .	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)	
Assumptions: None	
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