

## Flood Mitigation Committee Work Plan for FY 2021

### 1.0 Overview

**The Flood Mitigation Committee mission is to support all efforts to reduce losses from flooding.** This work includes or may touch upon the following measures or concepts:

- review of mitigation policies and procedures;
- active engagement in mitigation grant or loan programs;
- involvement in post-disaster mitigation opportunities within federal, state, or local systems;
- engagement in building sciences discussions including building codes and practices that strengthen the built environment;
- support of favorable impacts on the affordability of federal flood insurance due to mitigation actions;
- partnerships that encourage or support mitigation efforts or studies, including the potential impacts of climate change upon flood losses and local efforts to understand future losses;
- mitigation planning efforts including efforts to understand mitigation implications for all vulnerable populations as well as for social equity and environmental justice issues
- and of course, support for all flood mitigation measures themselves, such as acquisition, managed retreat (relocation), elevation, reconstruction and floodproofing.

#### **Current committee co-chairs**

**Jana Henderson** CFM, Director of Mitigation & State Hazard Mitigation Officer, State of Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

**Joy Duperrault** CFM, State NFIP Coordinator & Deputy SHMO, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Boston, Massachusetts

#### **Committee liaisons/leadership**

The Flood Mitigation Committee expects to work with the ASFPM Flood Insurance Committee, Floodplain Regulations Committee and Nonstructural Floodproofing Committee. Committee members also serve on the ASFPM Climate Change Task Force and the ASFPM Social Justice Working Group.

### 2.0 Task Outline

Section 2 of this work plan presents committee tasks for 2020-2021 that are to be accomplished by this committee and the work items required in order to complete these tasks. The tasks directly support ASFPM's Goals and Objectives that are mitigation related.

**The Flood Mitigation Committee has the following objectives:**

1. Support implementation of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and re-authorization activities
2. Build the committee by outreach, conference calls and project engagement
3. Promote hazard mitigation planning and implementation through mutual support, sharing best practices, and development of helpful technical assistance products
4. Increase partnerships with other national and federal agencies, as well as for-profit and non-profit groups that have not historically been involved in flood mitigation but whose interests, authorities and programs coincide with the committee’s goals and objectives
5. Look for opportunities to include and engage marginal populations in the flood mitigation discussion to gain understanding about social inequity and environmental justice issues, and seek solutions for a fair and balanced application of mitigation actions across diverse populations (e.g. challenges with the federal Benefit Cost Analysis that prevent lower value properties from meeting the criteria)
6. Include climate change impacts in mitigation discussions and planning considerations
7. Support the mitigation approaches and concepts set forth in ASFPM’s No Adverse Impact initiative

**The Flood Mitigation Committee has highlighted these priority work items to accomplish in 2020-2021:**

1. Support awareness and review of national mitigation trends, legislation and policies
2. Build committee membership and engagement, especially that includes non-traditional mitigation populations (e.g. NAACP’s Environmental & Climate Justice Program)
3. Investigate challenges presented by BCA and other mitigation grant practices that create barriers for mitigation of lower value properties in federal grant programs; possibly propose alternatives
4. Refresh and maintain pertinent mitigation resources on ASFPM webpages

**Detailed work items**

**Task 1. Support awareness and review of national mitigation trends, legislation and policies, as assigned by the POD leader or EO**

Task title: Legislation/policy review	Task Leader(s): Joy Duperault, Jana Henderson
ASFPM Goal & Objective(s): 2.1	Other committee: as appropriate
Timeframe: Ongoing as needed	Hours for completion: As required
Detailed work activity: Review assigned proposed legislation, regulations and policies. Provide responses in requested format to POD leader or EO. Support EO efforts as needed to educate new administration on FPM and mitigation policy.	

<p>Completion Schedule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create list-serve email list of those indicating interest in policy reviews</li> <li>2. Communicate review opportunity and deadline</li> <li>3. Compile responses into single draft response</li> <li>4. Convey committee response to POD leader and EO</li> </ol>
<p>Deliverable(s): Draft policy comments to EO and/or sharing of policy comments from other relevant stakeholders</p>
<p>Required resources/other support: Disperse policy review opportunity to committee members when appropriate for significant proposed policy or legislative initiatives</p>
<p>Cost to complete (including labor): Volunteer labor effort</p>
<p>Board approval required: (Y/N) No.</p>
<p>Assumptions: n/a</p>

**Task 2. Build committee membership and engagement, especially including non-traditional mitigation populations**

<p>Task title: Grow the committee, assuring that all populations are invited to the discussion</p>	<p>Task Leader(s): Joy Duperrault, Jana Henderson, others</p>
<p>ASFPM Goal &amp; Objective(s): 3.1.6, 3.1.9</p>	<p>Other committee? No</p>
<p>Timeframe: Ongoing</p>	<p>Hours for completion: unknown</p>
<p>Detailed work activity: Reach out to all ASFPM members who have checked the “mitigation interest box” to survey their mitigation needs, level of interest, ability to participate and specific interests; develop and manage this group by requesting their input and ideas on all things mitigation, engaging them in committee tasks, maintaining connections with them, and honoring their expertise; seek new committee members from non-traditional mitigation partners (e.g. NAACP’s Environmental &amp; Climate Justice Program)</p>	
<p>Completion Schedule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hold quarterly committee meetings with relevant content and discussion</li> <li>2. Reach out to non-traditional mitigation partners as awareness of these is known</li> <li>3. Select a task that requires input or engagement</li> <li>4. Reach out to committee and others regarding the need</li> <li>5. Coordinate responses, keep people in the loop, use online platforms, conference calling, social media, e-list</li> <li>6. Produce appropriate deliverable(s), express gratitude, build a willing and inclusive team</li> </ol>	
<p>Deliverable(s): An engaged and active mitigation committee with members who share the work and engender excitement that supports inclusive and diverse mitigation partnerships across the country</p>	
<p>Required resources: ASFPM staff with the list of interested members; staff support for the use of things like online platform, conference calling, webpage postings, e-listings, etc.</p>	
<p>Cost to complete (including labor):</p>	
<p>Board approval required: (Y/N) Yes</p>	

Assumptions: That there are members and new partners who are willing and able to become more involved in these matters	
Prepared by/date: Ongoing	Approval by/date: n/a

**Task 3. Investigate challenges presented by BCA and other mitigation grant practices that create barriers for mitigation of lower value properties in federal grant programs; propose alternatives?**

Task title: Investigate challenges presented by BCA and other mitigation grant practices that create barriers for mitigation of lower value properties in federal grant programs	Task Leader(s): Joy Duperault, Jana Henderson, others
ASFPM Goal & Objective(s): 2.3	Other committee?
Timeframe: Ongoing	Hours for completion: unknown
Detailed work activity: Remain involved in discussions on this topic; reach out to subject matter experts; gather information; propose problem for informed response; sort through possible challenges and solutions; propose new discussion; inquire about factuality of understanding and possibly propose solutions for continuing discussion and resolution.	
Completion Schedule: Begun and on-going discussion; possible proposed solutions this year	
Deliverable(s): Unknown, possible brief	
Required resources: Subject matter experts	
Cost to complete (including labor): n/a	
Board approval required: (Y/N) Yes, if written product	
Prepared by/date: FY2021 ending	Approval by/date: unknown

**Task 4. Refresh and maintain pertinent mitigation resources on ASFPM webpages**

Task title: Webpage maintenance/update	Task Leader(s): Joy Duperault, Jana Henderson
ASFPM Goal & Objective(s): 3.1.3	Other committee? No.
Timeframe: Ongoing, as needed	Hours for completion:
Detailed work activity: Determine appropriate upgrades to Mitigation Committee webpage. Provide information to EO including contact information, links, news, etc.	
Completion Schedule: Ongoing, as needed	
Deliverable(s): Updated webpage	
Required resources: EO staff- WebMaster	
Cost to complete (including labor): unknown	
Board approval required: (Y/N)	
Prepared by/date: Ongoing	