It’s been a year since the first Missouri Floodplain Management E-Bulletin was emailed to Missouri Floodplain Administrators and our other partners! If you have floodplain management topics that you would like to see covered in future issues, please send your suggestions to this email address: karen.mchugh@sema.dps.mo.gov

We’re always looking for flooding photos, elevated structure photos, projects demonstrating stormwater techniques or “green” projects, so please share them with us! Be sure to include your name, the location, and the date of the photo.

**Elevation Certificate Expiration Date: November 30, 2018**

The current Elevation Certificate (EC) expired on November 30, 2018. Earlier this year, a FEMA team revised the current EC, correcting several minor errors. Unfortunately, this new EC will not be approved and printed before the current EC expiration date. SEMA floodplain staff has received direction from FEMA that the current version should be used until further notice, despite the expiration date. FEMA is in the process of posting an official bulletin conveying the information that the current EC will continue to remain valid.
Does a building or structure fall under the NFIP definition of “historic?” The answer can be complicated. This is because the issue is more complex than if the building is simply “listed” or “not listed” on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Missouri Floodplain staff asked FEMA Region VII for a guidance document to share with Missouri’s NFIP-participating communities, in order to help them when dealing with the Historic Structures Substantial Improvement/Substantial Damage exemption. Thanks to FEMA Region VII’s Branch Chief Dean Ownby, Regional Environmental Officer Ken Sessa, and Natural Hazards Program Specialist Todd Tucker, SEMA staff has an answer.


FEMA acknowledges that the spirit and direction of the Nation are founded upon and reflected in our historic heritage. To this end, FEMA recognizes the importance of protecting our Nation’s heritage and that one of our Nation’s most significant resources are our historic buildings, landmarks, and sites. In applying the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), FEMA recognizes that historic properties may be substantially altered and this could result in loss of irreplaceable heritage. FEMA NFIP regulations provide significant relief to Historic Structures as an incentive for property owners to preserve these assets as a living part of our communities and to maintain the historic character and historic integrity of the Historic Structures that they own.

As established in NFIP implementing regulations, FEMA defines Historic Structure as:

Historic Structure means any structure that is:

a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the NRHP;

b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;

c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or

Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been approved either:

(1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or

(2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in States without approved programs.
SEMA’s Regional Coordinators

SEMA’s Regional Coordinators are the state’s liaisons to local jurisdictions for emergency management activities. They assist local jurisdictions in all aspects of emergency management, including emergency operations plan development and revision, training and exercises. The state of Missouri is divided into nine areas, A-I, that correspond with the Missouri State Highway Patrol troop districts. The nine regional coordinators provide assistance to Missouri’s 114 counties and their associated jurisdictions, as well as the independent City of St. Louis.

If you have not met the Regional Coordinator for your area, please see the jurisdictional map, and get to know your Coordinator!

National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization

November 30th Deadline? Yes, this time it’s the NFIP! The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) expired on November 30, 2018. The NFIP must be periodically reauthorized: The Biggert-Waters Reform Act of 2012 extended the National Flood Insurance Program until September, 30, 2017. However, Congress has yet to pass a long-term extension of the NFIP, as debate continues regarding options for reforming the program. The NFIP is currently the main source of flood insurance in the United States, and millions of Americans are at risk of not being able to protect their homes and family.

Because flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster in the United States, it is crucial that Congress enact a long-term reauthorization, even as it supports efforts to reform and modernize the NFIP, increasing the number of properties insured against the peril of flood. The SEMA Floodplain Management Section will keep you informed regarding NFIP Reauthorization!

NEW SEMA Floodplain Portal

Access the new SEMA Floodplain User’s Portal by following this link: http://mosema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=c95675c3892c4b1aa870f202158d3098

At the Missouri Floodplain User’s Portal, you can view the SEMA project public newsletter, active mapping projects, access project documents, and submit a MIP (Mapping Information Portal) Hec-Ras model request.
**CRS Corner**

From the August/September 2018 Issue of **NFIP/CRS UPDATE: Webinars**
The CRS offers webinars to help communities understand and meet their CRS requirements. Many will be recorded for later access. Registration is free, but required, as space is limited. Some courses provide continuing education credits for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs). For more information, see the CRS Resources website. The one-hour webinars listed below are on the calendar, and others will be scheduled as time permits. All webinars begin at 1:00 pm EST / 10:00 am PST.

**Preparing an Annual Recertification** — 12/18/2018

**Flood Insurance Promotion (Activity 370)** — 12/19/2018
If you’d like to have a webinar on the FEMA Elevation Certificate, or a particular CRS activity, contact your ISO/CRS Specialist. For more on the CRS webinars, go to the Training tab of the **CRS Resources website**. If you have questions about or suggestions for the CRS Webinar Series, contact Becca.Craft@atkinsglobal.com

Download the latest copy of the **NFIP/CRS UPDATE August/September 2018 Issue**: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/168362:

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**Missouri Association of Counties 47th Annual Conference**

The SEMA booth at the Missouri Association of Counties Annual Conference was very active this year! Floodplain staff was kept busy demonstrating its new stormwater floodplain simulation system, designed to help the viewer understand the critical role that floodplains play in the life of a watershed. By first demonstrating the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains and how they are important for the storage and conveyance of water, the protection of water quality, and the recharge of groundwater, floodplain staff can demonstrate the impact that development and human activity have in the floodplain.

From retention ponds to levees, this system is designed to show how stream flow is affected during times of high runoff. Although the target audience is young students, the model has been of interest to viewers to all ages!

If you are interested in Floodplain Staff bringing this model to schools in your area, please contact Lori Blatter at lori.blatter@sema.dps.mo.gov or call (573) 526-9135.
Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association, Inc.

The Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association, Inc. (MfSMA, Inc) is the Missouri State Chapter of Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). MfSMA is a non-profit organization of professionals involved in floodplain and stormwater management within the State of Missouri. Membership in the association is comprised of local and state government officials, engineers, land surveyors, insurance agents, mortgage lenders, and other private industries or individuals engaged in the management of floodplains or stormwater. MfSMA is a growing association with over 200 members throughout Missouri and the Midwest. The association sponsors an annual conference each spring.

MfSMA provides an additional link between state/federal government agencies and the local community official or private company or individual. The annual conference is a great way to network with others in the field. In addition, the executive board and legislative committee monitor proposed legislation and communicate with our state legislature when proposed legislation concerning stormwater or floodplain management issues arises.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for the 2019 Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association’s Annual Conference! The conference is scheduled for March 27, 28, and 29, 2019 at Tan-Tar-A!

TO JOIN MfSMA

It’s membership renewal time again for the Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association, Inc. (MfSMA, Inc.) Visit http://www.mfsma.org/ and become a 2019 Member! As an educational organization the annual membership dues are $35 for individuals and $100 for corporate members, which includes up to 5 memberships.

If you are interested in becoming part of MfSMA, Inc., please feel free to contact any MfSMA officer or district representative. They will be happy to provide more information.

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Mission Statement of the Floodplain Management Section:
The mission of Missouri’s comprehensive floodplain management program is to make the State and its citizens less vulnerable to the impact of flooding through the effective administration of statewide floodplain management and to provide local communities with the tools and resources for managing, assessing, and planning for development in flood prone areas; to save lives; and to protect property.

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SEMA Floodplain Staff attended the 11th Annual Upper Mississippi River Conference held October 24 – 26, 2018 at the Stoney Creek Conference Center in Moline, Illinois. The conference theme was, “Our Watershed – Working Together for Healthy Waters and Flood-resilient Communities” Dr. Gerry Galloway of the University of Maryland and Chad Berginnis ASFPM, Mike Sutfin, Ottawa, Illinois, and Col. Bryan Sizemore, St. Louis District Commander, USACE were the keynote Speakers. Missouri’s own Stan Polivick, Cape Girardeau, was a panelist in the breakout session titled Floodplain & Flood Risk Management: Forward Thinking Communities Learn to Live With the River, Not Fight the River. Stan did an excellent job with his presentation and answering questions. We would like to see Missouri play a bigger role in the conference in 2019, so look for 2019 conference announcements in coming issues of the E-Bulletin!