



September, 2020

Volume 3, Issue 1

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)
Floodplain Management Section

Floodplain Management Staff:

Karen McHugh, CFM
State NFIP Coordinator
(573) 526-9129
karen.mchugh@sema.dps.mo.gov

Linda Olsen, CFM
Advanced Emergency Management Officer
(573) 526-9115
linda.olsen@sema.dps.mo.gov

Lynn Welch, CFM
Floodplain Management Officer
(573) 526-9135
lynn.welch@sema.dps.mo.gov

Inside this issue:

| | |
|--|---|
| FEMA-4552-DR | 2 |
| NFIP Training Workshop and CFM Exam | 3 |
| Ward's Stormwater Floodplain Simulation | 3 |
| SEMA's Floodplain Management Website | 3 |
| Preparedness Month | 4 |
| CRS Workshop | 4 |
| ASFPM Crawlspace Guidance | 5 |
| MfSMA Conference | 5 |
| Other Contact Information | 6 |
| 2020 Tools of Floodplain Management Workshop | 6 |
| CFM Exam | 6 |

Issue 1 - FY 2020 - Floodplain Management E-Bulletin

It's the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2020 and time for the first FY20 *Missouri Floodplain Management E-Bulletin!* The entire Floodplain Management staff at the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency has been very busy this quarter working to help our Missouri communities. Travel restrictions from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic did not keep the Floodplain Management staff from doing our best to serve our NFIP communities every day. We, (Karen, Linda, and Lynn) are looking forward to getting back to normal, and serving our NFIP communities to the best of our ability!

We're always looking for flooding photos, elevated structure photos, projects demonstrating stormwater management techniques and "green" projects, so please share them with us! Be sure to include your name, the location, and the date of the photo. Send photos to: karen.mchugh@sema.dps.mo.gov



Photo: Lynn Welch - Jefferson City, July 20, 2020

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Division Offers Program Support Material for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Programs



[View BRIC Program Support Materials](#)

- Mitigation Action Portfolio
- Building Codes Activities
- Partnership Activities
- Project Scoping Activities
- Mitigation Planning Activities
- Direct Technical Assistance
- Technical Criteria
- Qualitative Criteria
- Building Community Resilience with Nature Based Solutions: A Guide for Local Officials

[View FMA Program Support Materials](#)

- Project Scoping Fact Sheet
- Community Flood Mitigation Factsheet
- Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Cost Share Guide
- Geospatial File Eligibility Criteria Job Aid

The application period for BRIC and FMA opens on September 30, 2020 and closes on January 29, 2021.

Social distancing was observed at the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency during the August 6th NFIP Training Workshop and on August 7th during Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) Exam.



NFIP Training Workshop attendees



CFM Exam



See Missouri's Floodplain Management Officer Lynn Welch, CFM, demonstrate our Ward's Stormwater Floodplain Simulation System on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/muoThrnn5mA> or on SEMA's Floodplain Management website: <https://sema.dps.mo.gov/programs/floodplain/> Great job SEMA PIO Caty Luebbert and Lynn Welch!

For a live demonstration, contact Lynn Welch at lynn.welch@sema.dps.mo.gov ph: 573-526-9135

Be sure to visit our SEMA Floodplain Management Website. It's full of helpful, useful information. Website features include:
 Links to FEMA's NFIP program website
 NFIP forms available for downloading
 NFIP training workshop schedule
 CFM exam schedule
 Find a floodplain administrator tool
 Missouri Quick Guide
 E-Bulletins
 The Floodplain Mapping Portal
 Flood Simulation Model information
<https://sema.dps.mo.gov/programs/floodplain/>



Representative Mike D. Rogers, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security

“Preparedness is more important than ever. Throughout 2020, we’ve experienced devastating hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, and flooding all while in the midst of a global pandemic. It’s important for all Americans to be prepared to face these challenges as they come. I am proud to partner with FEMA during National Preparedness Month to help bring awareness of how to best prepare for the unexpected and distribute critical information on what to do when disaster strikes.”

Representative Mike D. Rogers, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security



Take Action During National Preparedness Month

Disasters don’t wait. Make your plan today. September is [National Preparedness Month](#) (NPM) and a great time to plan for and practice safety with your family, co-workers, school, neighbors, and yourself! Consider taking the following steps each week during September to strengthen your knowledge of preparedness:

September 1-5: [Make A Plan](#): Talk with your family and create an emergency plan;

September 6-12: [Build A Kit](#): Identify and set aside emergency supplies to keep at home. Don’t forget to pack supplies in case you need to leave your home or evacuate;

September 13-19: [Prepare for Disasters](#): Know what disasters and hazards could affect your area and take steps to prepare for them; and

September 20-26: [Teach Youth About Preparedness](#): Share preparedness advice with your kids and their friends. These tips about staying safe can be fun and easy!

Visit www.ready.gov/september to learn more about NPM and find tools, tips, and resources to help you stay safe and participate. Are you a social media user? Follow FEMA on social media platforms: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) using the hashtag #BeReady.

To learn more about personal and community preparedness, please visit www.ready.gov.

The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency Floodplain Management Section is hosting a **FREE** 2-day VIRTUAL CRS Workshop in partnership with FEMA and ISO/CRS on October 14 and 15, 2020. The subject of the workshop is “INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS).” The FEMA/NFIP’s Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for communities that rise above minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards. Participation in the CRS program results in a discount to flood insurance policy holders. If you want to learn more about the CRS program, this is the workshop for you! Communities that participate in the CRS program help their residents better afford flood insurance.

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RFhS3g_mTiiUqYumURbSOA

The CRS workshop is limited to 50 attendees, so sign up soon!

This CRS Workshop has been approved by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) for 12 hours of continuing education credit (CECs) for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs).

ASFPM & MfSMA Updates

“Actions You Can Take to Protect a Flood-Prone House or Business with a Crawlspace”

The ASFPM Nonstructural Flood Proofing Committee recently prepared and released a guide for reducing flood damage and flood risk to homes and businesses containing a crawlspace. This guide provides a step-by-step decision-making process for home owners and business owners who want to reduce their exposure to flood damage and potentially lower their flood insurance premiums.

While it is advisable to consult with your local floodplain management administrator on regulatory and flood insurance requirements, this guide is intended to provide basic flood risk reduction advice for structures containing a crawlspace.

This guide can be found and downloaded from the ASFPM Nonstructural Flood Proofing Committee webpage by [clicking here](#).



Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA)

MfSMA' s 2020 Annual Conference was cancelled due to coronavirus-related travel restrictions! If you registered and paid for the 2020 MfSMA Annual Conference and did not ask for a refund, your registration will be applied to the 2021 MfSMA Annual Conference scheduled to be held on September 1, 2, and 3, 2021.

MfSMA
Missouri floodplain & Stormwater Managers Association, Inc.

Missouri Floodplain Management Section
PO Box 116
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
Phone: 573-526-9129

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 floodprone areas; to save lives; and to protect property.

Social Media:



Other Contact Information: National Flood Insurance Program:

Ally Bishop, Region VII Regional Manager
Phone: 913-837-5220
ally.bishop@associates.fema.dhs.gov

Christopher (Chris) Parsons, NFIP Insurance Specialist
Phone: 816-283-7980
christopher.parsons@fema.dhs.gov

Todd Tucker, Natural Hazards Program Specialist
Phone: 816-283-7528

2020 Tools of Floodplain Management

Sept. 16, 2020 - 1st day 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Sept. 17, 2020 - 2nd day 8:00am - 3:00pm



After long weeks of Coronavirus-related travel restrictions, as well as the cancellation of two 2020 Tools of Floodplain Management workshops, we are forging ahead; we will now be holding our September 16th and 17th workshop at SEMA Headquarters as previously scheduled. We're eager for you to join us. Please register here:

<https://mfsma.org/meetinginfo.php>

Linda Olsen will contact you soon after registration regarding overnight accommodations.

Linda, Lynn or Karen will contact you closer to September 16th with the information you'll need for entering SEMA Headquarters.

We look forward to seeing you for our exciting 9-hour basic NFIP training workshop! It's ideal for new floodplain administrators or anyone wishing to know more about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

CFM Exam and NFIP Training Workshop

The Association of State Floodplain Managers has established a national program for certifying floodplain managers. This program recognizes continuing education and professional development that enhances the knowledge and performance of local, state, federal and private-sector floodplain management professionals. Listed below is the 2020 schedule:

NFIP Training Workshop: November 5, 2020 CFM Exam: November 6, 2020