The Association of State Floodplain Managers is a scientific and educational nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing flood loss in the nation and is the leading voice for sound floodplain management and mitigation practices and policy.
With over $200 billion in flood losses in 2021 and 2022 alone, the toll of flooding on the nation is rising. While progress has been made, it is not enough. ASFPM exists to achieve the mission of reducing flood losses in the nation and protecting the natural values and functions of floodplains. Whether directly, through the work of our members and staff, or in partnership with others, ASFPM strives to achieve a future where we are an adaptable nation resilient to flooding and prepared for tomorrow’s changing climate.

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of ASFPM’s many accomplishments:

- **The Certified Floodplain Manager** program continues to evolve and in 2023 the CFM exam transitioned to a fully online exam. We’re also happy to report a 89% renewal rate, which is the highest in program history.

- **The 2023 ASFPM Annual Conference**, offered in a hybrid format for the second consecutive year, was our biggest in-person event to date — with 49 states represented among the combined 1,972 attendees.

- The “No Adverse Impact Legal Guide for Flood Risk Management” was just one of the 50+ projects that kept our Flood Science Center busy throughout the year. The team also led numerous training events and collaborated with a growing list of partners.

- On the Policy and Advocacy front, ASFPM continues to make a real difference at the federal and state levels. Whether it’s advocating for adequate funding, sound flood risk management standards, or equitable implementation of programs, ASFPM continues to be a respected leader and trusted voice on your behalf.

- That’s just some of what you’ll read about in the 2023 ASFPM Impact Report. Of course, our success would not be possible without our members, partners, volunteer leaders, and staff, and we are deeply grateful for each and every contribution of time, talent, and resources made to ASFPM. It’s your commitment and dedication that give us great optimism for the future. We look forward to a productive and impactful 2024 and beyond.

Chad Berginnis, CFM
Executive Director

Glenn Heistand, P.E., CFM
Chair, Board of Directors

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The Association of State Floodplain Managers is a national, educational, and scientific non-profit organization dedicated to reducing flood loss across the United States and is the nation’s leading voice for sound floodplain management, practices, and policy.

Together with our 38 chapters, ASFPM represents nearly 20,000 state and local officials as well as industry representatives, higher education researchers, professionals at non-profit organizations, and other professionals engaged in all aspects of flood risk management and flood hazard mitigation, including management of local floodplain ordinances, flood risk mapping, engineering, planning, community development, hydrology, forecasting, emergency response, water resources development, and flood insurance.

ASFPM was founded in 1977 and over the years our efforts have made a significant inroads into reducing flood loss in the United States by working to improve the accuracy and availability of flood maps, supporting regulations that limit development in flood-prone areas, and promoting the use of natural and beneficial floodplain functions.

Today one of our biggest challenges is the growing frequency and intensity of extreme rain events. Fueled by climate change, these supercharged storms drop massive amounts of precipitation that floods streets, homes, and businesses — overwhelming local infrastructure and creating stormwater management problems. Coupled with rising sea levels, these growing threats have put communities nationwide on notice that adapting to this new normal can’t wait. We saw it this year in places like Vermont, where a record 9.2 inches of rain fell in a 48-hour period; Kentucky, which received 11.82 inches of rain in just 24 hours; and from coast to coast as California was pummeled by a string of heavy storms for more than three months causing $4.6 billion in damage, and historic rainfall in April flooded Fort Lauderdale, FL, with 25 inches of rain in just 24 hours.

The need for sound floodplain management is more important than ever. How we respond today will set the course for generations to come. ASFPM will continue to promote efficient and effective flood mitigation planning and policies that benefit society as a whole and create true long-term resiliency.

About ASFPM

Vision
An adaptable nation resilient to flooding and prepared for tomorrow’s changing climate.

Mission
The mission of ASFPM is to promote education, policies and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs and human suffering caused by flooding, and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains – all without causing adverse impacts.
The ASFPM Story
Association Milestones & Wall of Honor

At the 2023 ASFPM Annual Conference in Raleigh, we unveiled a new online resource developed to preserve and celebrate the legacy of the people and activities who made significant and enduring contributions to flood risk management, the association, and the floodplain management profession as a whole.

The ASFPM Story features both a Wall of Honor and a timeline of Association Milestones. When you go to the webpage, you can scroll through the timeline to read about the history of how the nation has managed flood risk over the past 100+ years and ASFPM’s role in these efforts. You can also click on the Wall of Honor button to toggle over to the Wall to learn more about the men and women (primarily volunteers) who helped build the association from the formative years through the era of growth and expansion.

ASFPM Values

*Service*

We recognize that our mission to the nation is accomplished when we serve both our members and the public, and we strive to adapt to the increasing and changing needs of both.

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I couldn’t do my job effectively without ASFPM’s nationwide (even global) awareness and sharing of best practices, new programs and policies, or emerging ideas for advanced floodplain management. Thank you, ASFPM!

– Joy Duperault, CFM
State NFIP Coordinator & Deputy Hazard Mitigation Officer, Massachusetts Flood Hazard Management Program
Membership

ASFPM boasts a diverse membership with professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including local, state, and federal government, private industry, academia, and a variety of non-profit organizations. This blend of expertise and unique experiences ensures the association takes a comprehensive approach to flood risk management. Regardless of workplace setting, all ASFPM members are committed to reducing our nation’s flood-related losses.

ASFPM Membership by the Numbers:

- Individual: 6,484
- Retired: 42
- Honorary: 19
- Student: 49
- Large Corporate Partners: 11
- Medium Corporate Partners: 17
- Small Corporate Partners: 19
- Agency Partners: 22
- Chapter Members: 13,439

What Our Members Do:

- Administrative/Management: 922 (13.7%)
- Emergency Management: 220 (3.3%)
- Engineering: 2,844 (42.2%)
- Environmental: 234 (3.5%)
- Environmental Management: 69 (1%)
- Mitigation: 299 (4.4%)
- Outreach: 71 (1.1%)
- Planning: 810 (12%)
- Project Management: 366 (5.4%)
- Regulatory: 651 (9.7%)
- Not Designated: 249 (3.7%)

Where Our Members Work:

- Academia: 60 (.8%)
- Federal Government: 214 (3.2%)
- Local Government: 3,022 (44.9%)
- Nonprofit: 79 (1.2%)
- Other: 134 (2%)
- Private: 2,668 (39.6%)
- State Government: 371 (5.5%)
- Not Designated: 187 (2.8%)

Being a member of ASFPM for 16 years has helped me learn from experienced Floodplain Managers and grow both as a Floodplain Manager and a local government leader in my community.

– Claire Jubb, AICP, CFM
   Assistant County Administrator Charlotte County, Florida

ASFPM Values

Respect

We value the uniqueness of each individual and his or her contributions to ASFPM, ASFPM’s mission and to society. We recognize the unique value of the state and its role in addressing the nation’s flooding issues.
CFM Program

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) program. This national program elevates the profession by ensuring a baseline of professional knowledge and competencies in floodplain management. The program requires passing a rigorous exam and earning continuing education credits annually to maintain certification.

2023 Highlights: The CFM exam went fully digital in 2023. No paper exams were offered, which means that any exams given at conferences were in the digital format.

2023 Exam Stats: 1195 exams taken. 645 passed = 54% pass rate
Exam performance by category (% correct questions)

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CFM Renewal Rate: The renewal rate for 2023 is approximately 89% which is the highest in program history. This year also marked the first increase in total US CFMs (from year to year) since 2019. While this is encouraging, more work needs to be done to add new CFMs to the ranks.

At year’s end, we have about 350 people who are in the system waiting to take the exam. We are looking to expand this active pipeline of CFMs.

Certification Board of Regents (CBOR)

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Sarah Owen

Jen Marcy receiving 20-year CFM milestone special recognition lapel pin.
In September, ASFPM conducted a four-day class titled “Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP” in Gilbert, Arizona.

**Live Webinars**
- **10,077** Attendees
- **13** For-credit live webinars (plus several non-credited events)
- **7,297** CECs awarded

**On-Demand Courses**
- **46,646** User visits
- **3,232** Unique users (an 88% increase from 2022)
- **5,603** CECs awarded
- **Avg. 4.6 out of 5** Rating across all courses

**In-Person Training: 273 - Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP**
The course was held in five locations — Arizona, California, New York, Vermont, and Virginia — with more than 100 people in attendance.

**New CFM Exam Study Workshops & Webinars**
In 2023, we launched a quarterly CFM Exam Study Webinar. During this two-hour webinar, we outline the steps for applying to take the exam, share best practices for preparing for the exam, and offer practical tips on maintaining your CFM credential once you’re certified. Nearly 675 aspiring CFMs attended the first webinar in November. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

We also published two new courses, Professional Skills (earn up to 5 CECs) and Mapping Repetitive Flood Risk (earn up to 4 CECs).

**ASFPM Values**

**Innovation**
Our policies, products and services deliver unique, compelling value to society, our members and partners. We support and promote innovation and technological advances in all aspects of flood risk management.
Each year, ASFPM puts on the world’s largest conference dedicated to all aspects of flooding and floodplain management. In 2023, we had a record crowd join us in Raleigh, NC for our 47th Annual ASFPM National Conference, May 7-11. With 1,598 in-person attendees (an in-person record) and another 374 who attended online, we had a combined total of 1,972 participants.

In what was described as a “tsunami of information, experiences, and friendships,” the 2023 Conference kicked off with a fun-filled Welcome Fest and ended with a closing reception at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science — all with lots of learning and networking in between. The conference program featured four plenary presentations and 81 concurrent sessions. Thanks to a record response to the call for abstracts (we received 99 mitigation abstracts alone!), we were able to add an additional track for the concurrent sessions, bringing the total to nine. There was truly something for everyone, regardless of their specialty, work setting, or area of interest.

This was the second year we offered the conference in a hybrid format with in-person and online options. In addition, the 2023 conference featured “virtual only” sessions to add to the unique value of the virtual experience. Meanwhile, in-person attendees not only got to experience the conference first-hand, but they received on-demand access to all recordings for a full six months.

Another key benefit of the hybrid conference is that it allows us to make the conference more convenient and accessible to people who would not otherwise be able to attend in person. Plus, thanks to a generous donation, ASFPM was able to award scholarships to more than 50 representatives from rural and/or disadvantaged communities and nonprofit organizations to attend the 2023 conference virtually.

2023 ASFPM Conference by the Numbers

1,598 in-person attendees
374 virtual attendees
1,972 total participants
62 sponsors
78 exhibitors
434 speaking abstracts submitted and reviewed
4 plenary sessions
81 concurrent sessions
49 states and 7 countries represented

It was great getting to meet folks from around the country and to hear the issues they have to deal with. We all may have different terrain, but the base issues are the same.
Conferences & Events

2024 • Salt Lake City

2025 • New Orleans

2026 • Milwaukee

Save the date for ASFPM’s 50th Annual Conference!

I was very impressed with the organization and content. I can’t wait for Salt Lake City next year.
ASFPM hosted the Coastal GeoTools conference from Feb. 6-9, 2023 in Charleston, SC. The Coastal GeoTools conference is held every two years and focuses on geospatial data, tools, technology, and information for coastal resource management professionals. Coastal GeoTools 2023 was the 12th in the conference series. We work closely with NOAA’s Office of Coastal Management to produce this conference.

The 2023 conference included a focus on tribal and indigenous communities, with presentations around tribal needs, the use of geospatial technology to address coastal issues, and engagement strategies for working with tribal communities. In 2025, Coastal GeoTools heads to Wilmington, NC.

In 2022, ASFPM was tapped to manage the Pecora 22 Conference, Oct. 23-28, 2022 in Denver, CO. Pecora is a forum used to foster the exchange of scientific information and results derived from application of Earth-observing programs such as the Landsat program, technologies, and data to lead to more informed natural resource management, policy relevant decision making, and objective scientific discourse and understanding. Pecora 23 is slated for 2025.
Flood Science Center

The goal of the Flood Science Center is to use science to support ASFPM’s mission of promoting education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future flood losses and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains. To meet these goals in 2023, FSC focused on projects and outcomes to meet the needs of new audiences, such as attorneys and property owners, while continuing to meet the needs of current initiatives and clients.

50+ Active Projects Led and/or Managed by FSC in 2023

Projects big and small continued to keep the FSC busy and covered every possible area of flood science and research. In 2023, the following notable projects were completed or worked on:

• The No Adverse Impact Legal Guide for Flood Risk Management, a joint project with the NAI Policy Committee, was published in June 2023. The guide was written for local attorneys and will be expanded to include narratives for floodplain managers.

• Reduce Flood Risk continued to expand its mitigation information and resources to help property owners reduce their flood risk.

• The Community Resilience Guide for Repetitive Flood Loss self-paced online training module was launched. It allows local floodplain managers to work through the process of conducting a FEMA CRS Rep Loss Area Analysis with relevant local data using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) to better understand their community’s flood risk and inform flood mitigation strategies.

• Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience Challenge in the Great Lakes Region is a one-year technical assistance program supporting four communities in the Great Lakes Region (the City of New Baltimore, MI; City of St. Clair Shores, MI; Minnesota Point, Duluth, MN; and Wayne County, NY) as they assess community flood vulnerability through scenario-based planning.

• The “Strategic Planning Guidance and Methodology for State Floodplain Management Programs” guidance document was updated to help states as they work to create and/or revise their NFIP program strategic plans to align their floodplain management programs with the 10 guiding principles for effective state floodplain management programs and, if applicable, FEMA’s Tiered State Framework characteristics.

• An outreach document on Floodways and Floodway Surcharge to improve community understanding of the possible impacts of floodway surcharge, including a summary of floodways, floodway surcharge, and the impacts of floodway surcharge as well as a graphical representation of floodway surcharge that can be used in PowerPoints slides.

• Coastal Hazard Regulations in Great Lakes States report which summarizes noteworthy coastal hazard regulations that states have enacted on the Great Lakes.
Flood Science Center ...continued

4500+ Participants Attended FSC-led Training, Workshops, & Webinars

Here we share some of the most notable outreach events of 2023. Leading the way, the Cooperating Technical Partners Information Exchange webinar series hosted four events with more than 3,100 attendees. The CTP series is coordinated with a subcommittee of the Mapping and Engineering Standards Committee that focuses on the Cooperating Technical Partners program.

More than 1,000 attendees participated in outreach events for the new NAI Legal Guide, which included but were not limited: to a workshop at ASFPM’s Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC (40+ participants); an NAI Lunch & Learn held by the Georgia Chapter (70+ participants); and a webinar attended by approximately 885 members.

In partnership with the National Association of Wetlands Managers, FSC helped host a webinar on July 26 that attracted 436 attendees and an in-person workshop for 17 participants in Cincinnati, OH, Sept. 12-13. The project, funded by the EPA, was undertaken to advance integration of Clean Water Act programs with natural hazard mitigation planning and implementation.

Members of the Marengo Watershed community interact with historical flood data using participatory mapping tools.

Mapping Repetitive Flood Risk

START COURSE
25+ Partners and Collaborators
FSC Worked With Over the Past Year.

We are very fortunate and proactive in developing long-term partnerships and collaborations. The NOAA Digital Coast Partnership is one such group, in which ASFPM was a founding partner. From that partnership, FSC has led or been part of at least 16 projects over the past decade.

Our partnership with the Coastal States Organization has helped bring us talented NOAA Digital Coast Fellows. Since 2016, ASFPM and CSO have hosted four two-year fellowships with our fifth fellow starting in Aug. 2024.

We continue to maintain and/or develop partnerships with other nonprofits, like the Wisconsin Wetlands Association and the National Association of Wetland Managers. And with academic institutions, such as the Natural Hazard Center at the University of Colorado Boulder and the Texas Community Watershed Partners at Texas A&M, just to name two.

Looking ahead to 2024, FSC received funding for several critical new projects just getting underway. Be on the lookout for the second round of the Local Programs Assessment (initially conducted in 2016), the sixth round of the State Programs Assessment (prior reports from 1992, 1995, 2003, 2010, 2017), and, in partnership with the Floodplain Regulations Committee, an update to the Guide for Higher Standards in Floodplain Management.

Visit the FSC website for updates and see a full list of our current and past projects.

The ASFPM Library continued to grow into a rich repository of more than 5,882 publications and resources. There are donated collections that include physical books and publications and popular curated collections such as the Legal Library, the K-12 Flood Education Resources, the Best Practices and Case Studies Compendium and the Floodplain Manager’s Notebook Series written by Rebecca Quinn.

Library Collection Overall Breakdown (inventory totals by type):

- **2,369** Monographs
- **1,009** Government documents
- **611** White papers
- **493** Conference proceedings and summaries
- **2,419** Assorted digital resources, which include collections of historical photos, presentations, and similar resources
- **299** Miscellaneous resources (e.g. correspondence, federal legal memos, brochures, maps, and similar publications)

ASFPM Values
Forward Thinking & Scientific

We seek to make informed decisions with a focus on future flood risk and preserving ecosystems into the future to preserve their natural flood reduction. The future is underpinned by science, long range planning, and policies that are in the public interest.

ASFPM Library’s Top 5 Digital Collections
Nov. 27, 2022 – Nov. 27, 2023

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No Adverse Impact Legal Guide for Flood Risk Management

A much-needed legal resource for the floodplain management community.
Congress was more divided than usual in 2023 and that translated into a slower pace of committee work and legislation progression, but it didn’t stop the ASFPM policy team from having an impactful year. The team continued to cultivate positive relationships with Congressional offices through meetings that allowed us to educate staff on ASFPM priorities and the need for comprehensive federal flood preparedness, response, and mitigation programs.

We also continued work with coalitions and other stakeholder groups with shared policy goals, while looking to expand involvement with like-minded groups to amplify advocacy efforts in Washington. Meeting with federal agency staff on key issues remained a priority as well.

2023 Policy Priorities:
NFIP Reauthorization/Reform: Work collaboratively with Congress to: seek increased authorization of appropriations to support expedited completion of national flood mapping; address equity issues by enacting flood insurance affordability measures; address the equity issues between NFIP and private insurance; increase the role of mitigation in managing flood risk; ensure the inclusion of FFRMS tied to federal funding to protect taxpayer assets and investments; and authorize increase of Community Assistance Program funding for states to no less than $20 million to better help communities manage and mitigate flood risk.

Stafford Act Reform:
Work collaboratively with Congress to establish a state assistance program that provides states with base funding to provide technical assistance to communities applying for mitigation funding; adjust the Stafford Act to include language to provide balanced access to BRIC funding for state and local small-scale mitigation priorities as well as large-scale infrastructure projects; develop a stable, consistent funding program to build state mitigation capability to better deliver FEMA’s hazard programs to communities, including those that are traditionally underserved; and recognize and reward state mitigation efforts, such as higher floodplain management standards and enhanced state mitigation plans.

FY2024 Appropriations:
Seek maximum authorization of appropriations in FY2024 budgets for flood programs in federal government, including flood mapping, technical assistance/capability programs at FEMA and the US Army Corps of Engineers, stream gages, Atlas 14/15, and Digital Coast.

Biennial Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Reauthorization:
Work with Congress to update and strengthen technical assistance programs for states and communities; make data available on costs and risks associated with levee and flood risk management project repairs over time; encourage consideration of a wider range of alternatives when addressing damaged levees, hurricane and shore protection projects in the PL 84-99 program; and increase consideration of natural, nature-based, and non-structural alternatives in all USACE projects with focus on project life-cycle costs and benefits in a changing climate.

FFRMS Implementation:
Review and comment on individual agency rulemaking as they work to implement the reinstated Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, which requires federally funded or undertaken...
Policy & Advocacy ...continued

activities to comply with this flood resilience standard.

Other Agency Rulemaking and Policy Work:
Over the past few years, Congress has passed a number of important pieces of legislation that need implementation, including the Digital Coast Act, STORM Act, FLOODS Act, Precip Act, and DRRRA. ASFPM monitors and provides input into the implementation of these new laws and programs as necessary.

Risk Rating 2.0: ASFPM created an inter-committee policy working group focused on Risk Rating 2.0 implementation. In addition to having periodic meetings with FEMA’s leadership, this workgroup collects and analyzes ASFPM members’ concerns and proposes approaches to help remedy any deficiencies that may have emerged as Risk Rating 2.0 is implemented.

Climate Change and Resiliency:
Work with the administration and Congress to incorporate climate awareness and resiliency into federal flood policies and programs.

Diversity and Equity:
Work with Congress to ensure federal flood policies and programs more intentionally support and protect historically marginalized or economically-disadvantaged communities.

Activities & Accomplishments
Although 2023 may have been one the least productive years in Congress in the past several decades, the ASFPM policy team was extremely busy! Throughout the year, we discussed with Congress the need for NFIP and BRIC reforms, supported the FY2024 appropriations process with letters to Congress and committees, responded to requests to review proposed legislation, and educated new members on NFIP and other floodplain management related policies and programs. We successfully communicated with the entire House Financial Services Committee membership to educate them on ASFPM’s NFIP reform priorities.

ASFPM continues to work closely with key agencies on a wide variety of programs and policies related to floodplain management.

FEMA – ASFPM provided feedback to FEMA on a host of issues, including the agency’s resilience reorganization, Community Disaster Resilience Zones (CDRZ) and National Risk Index implementation, Risk Rating 2.0, new elevation certificate, the agency’s proposed rule implementing FFRMS, flood mapping issues through the Technical Mapping Advisory Council, ongoing Community Rating System concerns through the CRS Task Force, and practical implementation guidance for floodplain management plans required by the high hazard dam program. In addition, on Dec. 1, 2022, ASFPM Executive Director Chad Berginnis began his three-year term with FEMA’s National Advisory Council. NAC advises the FEMA administrator on all aspects of emergency management, including preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for disasters and national emergencies.

USACE – ASFPM continues to share its perspectives on the development of a model...continued
state levee safety program, implementation of the national levee safety and dam safety programs, and the ongoing implementation of the cooperative Flood Mitigation Certification Program.

**NOAA** – As a longtime member of the Digital Coast Partnership, ASFPM provides input into the NOAA strategic plan as well as implementation of the Digital Coast Act. Additionally, ASFPM holds monthly coordination meetings with NOAA on the Atlas 15 development and implementation.

**USGS, HUD and Other Agencies** – ASFPM continues to support the USGS Coalition as well as the 3-DEP program, which provides topographic elevation data for the nation. ASFPM has re-established coordination with HUD leaders on FFRMS implementation and other issues. Finally, ASFPM continues to work with various White House offices (e.g. OMB, CEQ) on such issues as benefit-cost analysis and FFRMS implementation.

In addition, the policy team works with a number of partner organizations (e.g., National Association of Realtors, American Society of Civil Engineers, and others) to achieve flood resilience in the nation. Several ASFPM leaders are participating in the update of ASCE-24. In partnership with Pew Charitable Trusts, scholarships for disadvantaged communities were provided to the 2023 ASFPM Annual Conference. ASFPM is working with the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) to restart the Operating Partners meetings in 2024, and the Digital Coast Partnership is working towards holding a Senate briefing in January 2024. ASFPM participates in weekly calls with an informal network of nearly a dozen national organizations including the Natural Resources Defense Council, The Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation and others to collaborate on mutual issues. We’ve worked to establish a deeper collaboration with the American Flood Coalition and are renewing our Memorandum of Understanding for enhanced collaboration with the National Association of Wetlands Managers.

On state issues, ASFPM coordinated with state officials and ASFPM state chapters on proposed legislation changing floodplain management laws in Indiana and on establishing a state hazard mitigation program in Ohio.

**ASFPM Values**

**Passion**

Driven and energetic in every endeavor. We lead by example and focus on collective success.

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**Comment Letters Submitted in 2023**

**Feb. 16**

Proposed rule to revise the Corps of Engineers for implementation of P.L. 84-99, Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1941.

**Feb. 21**

HUD’s request for feedback on Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds.

**March 21**


**June 5**

HUD’s proposed rule to implement the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS).

**June 6**

To the OMB on proposed revisions to Circular A–94.

**July 25**

National Risk Index, Community Disaster Resilience Zones

**Nov. 16**

To the OMB urging funding for FEMA’s Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis

**Dec. 6**

FEMA’s proposed rule on FFRMS updates
Comunications & Outreach

ASFPM plays a crucial role in fostering a flood-resilient nation through its dedicated outreach and communication efforts. By leveraging a variety of channels, including newsletters, website updates, social media, member alerts, and media outreach, ASFPM ensures timely and relevant information reaches its members, partners, and other key stakeholders.

**Newsletters**
From the members-only Insider newsletter to the News & Views e-newsletter, ASFPM publications provide news and analysis of federal and state policy issues, shine a spotlight on noteworthy projects, and share important research and resources to help members be more effective in their jobs.

**18 Issues**

**Email Updates**
Breaking news, policy updates, webinar invitations, calls for abstracts, and committee meeting updates are delivered to members’ inboxes throughout the year.

**37 Outreach emails**

**Social Media**
ASFPM actively engages with members, partners, and the general public through various social media channels where we share informative articles, new resources, association updates, and expert insights.

**230 posts**
**7,099 reactions**
**254 comments**
**752 reposts**
(LinkedIn stats only)

**Website**
The Floods.org website serves as a comprehensive resource hub with news reports, case studies, and technical documents, as well as a wealth of association news about our CFM program, training opportunities, policy priorities, and more.

**Nearly 170,000 web visitors**
**94 News & Views articles posted**

**Media Outreach**
ASFPM actively engages with local and national media outlets, providing expert commentary on flood-related issues and promoting public awareness of flood risk issues. Coverage in 2023 included:

- **The New York Times**
- **The Washington Post**
- **E&E News**
- **NPR**
- **AP**

**29 Media interviews**
ASFPM Awards

Each year ASFPM recognizes the outstanding contributions made by individuals, agencies, and organizations to keep communities safe from flood loss, promote resiliency, and advance the association’s mission. In 2023, 11 winners were honored at the ASFPM Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC.
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State Chapters

ASFPM and its 38 single-state and multi-state chapters have worked jointly at reducing flood damage since 1985 through mitigation of flood risks at the local, state, and national level.

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Being a part of ASFPM provides me with up-to-date information and a valuable network of dedicated floodplain management professionals that have supported me throughout my career.

– Celinda Adair, CFM
  Senior Planner, Atkins Réalis and ASFPM R10 Regional Director
ASFPM Policy Committees and Task Forces play an important role in providing real-world insights and perspectives from the field, and often helping to collect and compile member comments on key policy issues. In short, they are critical to the work the association does and provide a vital networking community for professionals at all stages of their career. Currently, there are 14 policy committees and two task forces within ASFPM.

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ASFPM Values

**Collaborative**

We succeed when we individually and collaboratively work towards solutions to the nation’s flooding problems. Comprehensive solutions to flooding problems require multiple approaches and contributions from the federal, state, local, individual, and private sectors.
The ASFPM Foundation presented its “Larry A. Larson Speaker Series” on November 14, 2023 hosted by the Virginia Floodplain Management Association (VFMA) in Richmond, Virginia.

Giving Tuesday Success!
On Giving Tuesday 2023, the Foundation raised more than $40,000 to support two concurrent Future Leaders Scholarships (FLS). That figure exceeded our goal.

The ASFPM Foundation hosted their 13th Annual Student Paper Competition. The winning paper was by Emma Zehner of Yale University. Second place went to Rohan Singh Wilkho of Texas A&M and third place went to Hector Leopoldo Venegas Quinones of the University of Arizona. Their papers can be found on the ASFPM Foundation’s website.

The ASFPM Foundation’s 2023-2025 Future Leaders Scholarship was awarded to Kacie Malone. She is a junior attending the University of Minnesota and is studying Environmental Geoscience.

While ASFPM recognizes the need to use all tools to manage flood risk, because ASFPM’s mission is to also recognize the natural functions of floodplains, non-structural flood risk management options are preferred over large flood control structures.
Beginning 2023, the Foundation is now able to select a Future Leaders Scholar each year, instead of every other year. This will continue to be a 2-year, up to $20,000 per year, undergraduate scholarship.

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