Flood Mitigation Committee Annual Status Report

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Introduction

The Flood Mitigation Committee has the following objectives:

1. Promote hazard mitigation planning and implementation through mutual support, sharing best practices, and development of helpful technical assistance products.
2. Include climate change and other future conditions impacts in mitigation discussions and planning considerations.
3. Look for opportunities to include and engage marginal floodplain populations in the flood mitigation discussion to gain understanding about social inequity and environmental injustice issues, and seek solutions for a fair and balanced application of mitigation actions across diverse populations.
4. Increase partnerships with other national and federal agencies, as well as for-profit and non-profit groups to enhance flood mitigation efforts and programs throughout the country when possible.
5. Support the mitigation approaches and concepts set forth in ASFPM’s No Adverse Impact initiative.
6. Build the committee by outreach, conference calls and project engagement.

Key Accomplishments in 2021-2022

Activities during the past year included:

- Submitted comments on FEMA EOs for Climate and Social Justice (June 2021)
- BRIC programmatic issues (summer 2021 work) resulting in material for ASFPM BRIC Resolution
- State mitigation funding survey (summer 2021)
- STORM Act; enabling state legislation
- DRRA 1206—worked to bring about clarification/preparedness for use of this resource
- Revision of the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) floodplain management standards: comments collected (winter 2021-22)
- Risk Rating 2.0 issues related to mitigation of flood-prone properties and lack of connection with RR2.0 rating approach; contributed to ASFPM RR2.0 Letter, published February 2022

Priorities

Provide brief overview or list of your big picture priorities for the next year or two

- Continue to push state use of STORM Act program/ funds
- Continue to educate about DRRA 1206 resources
- Monitor NFIP Reform especially regarding mitigation as income-based premiums reduction
- Continue to monitor HMA grant programs (BRIC, HMGP, FMA) for equitable distribution
Recommended Actions

List activities you have planned or will engage in to support your priorities

- Committee membership calls/presentations
- Attend Social Justice Working Group meetings
- Attend ASFPM-FEMA HMA calls
- Collaborate with appropriate groups to push above priorities