2023-2024 Policy Committee Work Plan
ASFPM Floodplain Regulations Committee

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1.0 Mission

The ASFPM Floodplain Regulations Committee is dedicated to supporting and improving sensible floodplain regulations on the local, state and federal levels in order to reduce flood damage.

2.0 Overview

The Floodplain Regulations Committee plays an integral role in attaining the association's overall goal of helping the public and private sector reduce the loss of life and damage to property from flooding, preserving the natural and cultural values of floodplains, and avoiding actions that exacerbate flooding, including creating adverse impacts to the community.

The current co-chairs for the committee are:

Claire Jubb, AICP, CFM, Charlotte County, FL Board of County Commissioners
Traci Sears, CFM, Montana NFIP and CAP Coordinator

Section 2 of this work plan presents the specific items to be accomplished by this committee and work tasks required to complete them. All work items directly or indirectly support the Goals and Objectives for ASFPM for 2023-2024 that are regulations related.

Task Title: **Re-engage and Re-energize the Floodplain Regulations Committee**	**Task Leader:** **Claire Jubb, Traci Sears**
ASFPM Goal and Objective #: Core function of ASFPM structure	**Other Committee:**
Approximate Start/End Date: **September 2023 – December**	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** **10**

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Detailed Task Description: The Floodplain Regulations committee has lost both momentum and an actively engaged membership over the past few years. Engagement in other task forces and work groups has been strong but there is a need to rebuild the committee and engage more ASFPM members. This should include the development of a core, engaged group able to handle the tasks included in this workplan and to ensure a proper focus and attention is given to the committee's functions in line with the goals and objectives set forth by the ASFPM Board.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) • List of ASFPM members interested in Floodplain Regulations along with their contact details. • Communication plan to include regular committee updates and meetings.	
Completion Schedule: Initial efforts to be completed by Jan 1 2024	
Deliverables: • Fully functioning committee with appropriate sub-committees to address workplan tasks and the ability to act quickly as the need for comment or input arises.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: Pod facilitator support. ASFPM staff coordination and calls or updates.	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) Will not require board approval	
Assumptions: None	
Prepared by/ Date: **Claire Jubb / Traci Sears October 2023**	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: **Work with the Flood Science Center to update "A Guide For Higher Standards in Floodplain Management"**	**Task Leader:** **Claire Jubb, Traci Sears**
ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 1.1.4, 1.3.1, 1.3.4, 2.1.3	**Other Committee: Insurance, Mitigation**
Approximate Start/End Date: **September 2025**	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** **100**

Detailed Task Description:

The Regulations Committee will work with the Flood Science Center to update and expand the ASFPM publication entitled "A Guide For Higher Regulatory Standards in Floodplain Management", last updated in 2013. The goal is to produce a document that offers information on the various higher standards used throughout the country along with sample language and explanation of how those standards can be adopted at a state or local level. Although this documents will not be exhaustive, it should look outside the traditional higher regulatory standards to incorporate those innovative higher standards used to protect floodplains through other methods such as wetlands protection or coastal protections.

Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)

1) Development of project plan with the Flood Science Center
2) Creation of a sub-committee to guide this initiative.
3) Review of the existing publication.

Completion Schedule:

Schedule TBD depending on Flood Science Center input and guidance.

Ongoing

Deliverables:

Updated ASFPM Approval and publication of an updated "A Guide For Higher Regulatory Standards in Floodplain Management"

Other Necessary Support or Resources: Flood Science Center Other policy committees POD Facilitator ASFPM Staff and leadership Local and State technical experts		
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) TBD (based on input from the Flood Science Center		
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)		
Assumptions: None		
Prepared by/ Date: **Claire Jubb / Traci Sears October 2023**		**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: **Review and provide comment on proposed floodplain regulations**	**Task Leader:** **Claire Jubb, Traci Sears**
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	**Other Committee:**
Approximate Start/End Date: **Sept 2023 - Sept 2024**	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** **As needed**

Detailed Task Description:

Updates of floodplain regulations come from various sources. Currently under development are updates of the NFIP Minimum Standards, ASCE 27 updates and various agency rules around the Federal Flood Risk Management Standards.
Federal Flood Risk Management Standards review and comments for FEMA-2023-0026 Rules Change by December 1, 2023.

This is in addition to the regular revisions to Technical Bulletins and other related guidance materials that clarify the NFIP regulations. The committee will review and provide comments, input and guidance on these documents as they come out seeking input from technical experts, other committees, ASFPM staff and leadership as needed. Comments will be tracked to ensure consistency and reviewed to ensure adherence to ASFPM guiding principles, goals and objectives.
The committee should also be a resource to provide comments on proposed regulations at both a local and state level should committee or ASFPM members require assistance and support.

Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)

Core committee group able to react quickly and review regulations with

Completion Schedule:

Ongoing as needed

The Regulations committee will provide comments in the method appropriate to the source of the regulation. They will also ensure all provided commentary is provided to the ASFPM Board, the POD Facilitator, other policy committee co-chairs and regulations committee membership via both the committee webpage and the committee member portal.

Work with ASFPM policy team and membership to provide comments on FEMA-2023-0026 Rules Change.

Other Necessary Support or Resources:

Input from other committee's and technical experts as needed.

Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) **None**	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) **None**	
Assumptions: Information about needed comments is provided to the committee with enough time to provide thorough and well thought out comments.	
Prepared by/ Date: **Claire Jubb / Traci Sears October 2023**	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: **Improve Floodplain Regulations Committee Webpage and increase communication and engagement with members**	**Task Leader:** **Claire Jubb, Traci Sears**
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	**Other Committee:**
Approximate Start/End Date: **Sept 2023 – Sept 2024**	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** **20**

Detailed Task Description:

Work with ASFPM staff to flesh out the Floodplain Regulations web page and committee site on the member portal. Ensure regular updates to the committee page including updates on milestones achieved in the work plan, comments on proposed regulations and resources relating to regulations and higher regulatory standards.

Expand communications to include social media, ASFPM News and Views and Insider articles.

Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)

None

Completion Schedule:

Ongoing

Deliverables:

Updated content provided to ASFPM Office to review and incorporate to website.

Other Necessary Support or Resources:

Pod facilitator support. ASFPM staff coordination and calls or updates.

Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)

None

Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)

Will not require board approval

Assumptions:

None

Prepared by/ Date: **Claire Jubb / Traci Sears October 2023**	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: Review regulatory implications of Risk Rating 2.0	**Task Leader:** **Claire Jubb, Traci Sears**
ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 1.4.3	**Other Committee: Flood Insurance, Mitigation**
Approximate Start/End Date: **Sept 2021 – Sept 2024**	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** **100**
Detailed Task Description: As Risk Rating 2.0 procedures are implemented, there is no longer a direct connection between floodplain regulations and the cost of flood insurance. This increases the difficulty of promoting floodplain management and higher standards based on flood insurance policy cost savings. The committee will continue to work with the Flood Insurance and Mitigation Committees, the ASFPM office and FEMA to identify disconnects, provide advice on improving the risk data within the RR 2.0 engine, provide input towards a creating a RR 2.0 rating engine and training for state and local floodplain managers, and improve communication about Risk Rating 2.0. A related task is to identify areas in which floodplain regulations should be reviewed with respect to the risk variables identified in the RR 2.0 rating engine.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) **None**	
Completion Schedule: **Ongoing**	
Deliverables: Continuing coordination with the Flood Insurance and Mitigation committees and input through the ASFPM office to appropriate FEMA staff.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: ASFPM office staff time and occasional travel. State Partners	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) **None**	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) Will not require board approval	
Assumptions: **None**	
Prepared by/ Date: **Claire Jubb / Traci Sears October 2023**	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: Social Justice Issues related to Floodplain Management Regulations	**Task Leader:** **Claire Jubb, Traci Sears**
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:2.1.7	**Other Committee:** This task cuts across all committees
Approximate Start/End Date: **Sept 2022 – Sept 202**	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** **40**
Detailed Task Description: Provide input to ASFPM social justice initiative as it relates to how floodplain regulations affect disadvantaged communities. Issues include substantial damage/improvement thresholds, access to accurate information, ability to obtain mitigation financing, assistance to obtain flood insurance and housing mitigation. Work with State CAP Coordinators and the Advanced State Partners Group (ASPG) to obtain and share best practices for Tiered State Framework (TSF) Characteristic under Capability – (H) Addressing Equity in Floodplain Management.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) **None**	
Completion Schedule: **Ongoing**	
Deliverables: **Provide best practices guide for state CAP Coordinators and local communities**	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: **ASFPM Social Justice Committee** **ASFPM Building Science** **FEMA** **ASPG**	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) **None**	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) **Will not require board approval**	
Assumptions: **None**	
Prepared by/ Date: **Claire Jubb, Bill Nechamen, Traci Sears/ September 2022-2024**	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: Participate in Climate Change Taskforce	**Task Leader:** **Claire Jubb, Traci Sears**
ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 1.3.2, 1.3.4	**Other Committee: This task cuts across all committees**
Approximate Start/End Date: **Sept 2022 – Sept 2024**	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** **40**
Detailed Task Description: Participate in and provide input to ASFPM's Climate Change Taskforce as it relates to floodplain regulations and higher standards. Work with State CAP Coordinators and the Advanced State Partners Group (ASPG) to obtain and share best practices for Tiered State Framework (TSF) Characteristic under Capability – (I) Improving Resilience to Climate change and Future Conditions.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) **None**	
Completion Schedule: **Ongoing**	
Deliverables: **Provide best practices guide for state CAP Coordinators and local communities**	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: **ASFPM Building Science** **FEMA** **ASPG**	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) **None**	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) **Will not require board approval**	
Assumptions: **None**	
Prepared by/ Date: **Claire Jubb, Bill Nechamen, Traci Sears/ September 2022-2024**	**Approved By/ Date:**