2021-2022 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:

William Nechamen, CFM, Nechamen Consulting, LLC
Stacey Ricks, CFM, MS Emergency Management Agency

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 2021-2022 that are regulations related.

Task Title: Produce a draft higher floodplain regulatory standards document	**Task Leader:** Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 1.3.1	**Other Committee:** Insurance, Mitigation
Approximate Start/End Date: July 2019 – September 2022	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** 100

Detailed Task Description:

The Regulations Committee has created a core group to review the current but dated "Higher Standards Reference Guide." Topics for higher standards will be reviewed and developed as a draft guidance document. The purpose of this reference guide is to provide a selection of higher development standards that can be adopted by a community or state to reduce flood impacts, losses and insurance rates and provide guidance for mitigation efforts. The committee will promote the use of this guide for local floodplain managers seeking higher standards with a particular emphasis on communities recovering from recent extreme floods and at risk of extreme flooding resulting from climate change while recognizing the impact of floods and floodplain regulations on disadvantaged communities.

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

Complete review of existing document and outline and draft a new document

Completion Schedule:

Develop draft document by September 2022 to present at the Committee Retreat. With input from other Committees and ASFPM staff, prepare to present to winter Board retreat.

Deliverables:

Updated ASFPM Regulations Committee Higher Regulatory Standards Guide. The coming year will include outlining and drafting a new guide and getting input from related committees.

Other Necessary Support or Resources:

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

None

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

None needed for revisions.

Assumptions:

None

Prepared by/ Date: Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2021	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: Comment on FEMA updates or revisions to FEMA technical bulletins, guidance documents, and policies.	**Task Leader:** Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	**Other Committee:**
Approximate Start/End Date: Sept 2021 -Sept 2022	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** Up to 30, or as needed
Detailed Task Description: FEMA may revise Technical Bulletins and other related guidance materials that clarify the NFIP regulations and may request input on policy changes with respect to floodplain development practices. The committee will review and provide comments on these documents and policies as needed.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None	
Completion Schedule: Ongoing as needed	
Deliverables: The Regulations Committee will comment directly to FEMA or through ASFPM Office.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: Mitigation Pod, comments from local and state floodplain managers	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) None	
Assumptions: FEMA solicits comments on proposed Technical Bulletins, guidance and policies.	
Prepared by/ Date: Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2021	

Task Title: Improve Floodplain Regulations Committee Webpage and Usage	**Task Leader:** Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	**Other Committee:**
Approximate Start/End Date: Sept 2021 – Sept 2022	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** 20
Detailed Task Description: Work with the ASFPM Flood Science Center to improve the Floodplain Regulations Committee webpage to provide a variety of resources for floodplain regulations, higher regulatory standards and committee activity. Create a subcommittee – work group to develop a detailed outline in coordination with ASFPM staff.	
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 incorporation to website.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: Pod facilitator support. ASFPM staff coordination and quarterly 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: Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2021	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: NFIP Reauthorization	**Task Leader:** Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 2.1.1	**Other Committee:** Insurance
Approximate Start/End Date: Sept 2021 – Sept 2022	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** 20
Detailed Task Description: Provide information to committee members and develop positions related to NFIP reauthorization.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None	
Completion Schedule: Sept 2021 – Sept 2021	
Deliverables: Committee positions to ASFPM Office and Board.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources:	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) None	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)	
Assumptions: The 2021-2022 Congress develops new NFIP bills for review.	
Prepared by/ Date: Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2021	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: Review regulatory implications of Risk Rating 2.0	**Task Leader:** Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	**Other Committee:** Flood Insurance, Mitigation
Approximate Start/End Date: Sept 2021 – Sept 2022	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** 20
Detailed Task Description: As Risk Rating 2.0 procedures are implemented, there could be implications for new disconnects between flood insurance and floodplain regulations. The committee will work with the Flood Insurance and Mitigation Committees to identify potential disconnects, draft comments to deliver to FEMA and provide appropriate guidance.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None	
Completion Schedule: Ongoing	
Deliverables:	
Other Necessary Support or Resources:	
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: Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2021	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: Social Justice Issues related to Floodplain Management Regulations	**Task Leader:** Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	**Other Committee:** Flood Insurance
Approximate Start/End Date: Sept 2021 – Sept 2022	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** 20
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.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None	
Completion Schedule: Ongoing	
Deliverables:	
Other Necessary Support or Resources:	
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: Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2021	**Approved By/ Date:**

Task Title: Participate in Climate Change Taskforce	**Task Leader:** Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen
ASFPM Goal and Objective #:	**Other Committee:**
Approximate Start/End Date: Sept 2021 – Sept 2022	**Approximate # Hrs to Complete:** 20
Detailed Task Description: Participate in and provide input to ASFPM's Climate Change Taskforce as it relates to floodplain regulations and higher standards.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) None	
Completion Schedule: Ongoing	
Deliverables:	
Other Necessary Support or Resources:	
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: Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2021	**Approved By/ Date:**