



Plain Talk *Post Script*

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Introducing *P.S.*

Post Script is the Florida Floodplain Managers Associations' (FFMA) monthly bulletin designed to keep you informed with up-to-date information between editions of the FFMA "Plain Talk" Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer newsletters. A lot can happen in the interval between publication of the two regular newsletter issues each year. The FFMA Board wants to keep you informed about floodplain issues, training opportunities, and organizational news. FFMA hopes you like the format. Don't forget to submit your news as it happens. It will be presented in the next monthly *P.S.* or one of the regular "Plain Talk" newsletters. Email your news to marshajwyant@aol.com. Stay connected...Visit the FFMA Web Site often at www.ffma.net for the most current information.

Update

FFMA to become ASFPM Chapter

Since the Fall/Winter issue of Plain Talk was released in November, FFMA has learned that the Association of State Flood Plain Managers (ASFPM) is expected to take action very soon on FFMA's Chapter application. ASFPM is expected to approve the Florida Floodplain Managers Association application to become recognized as an ASFPM Chapter in a December 16, 2003 ASFPM Board of Directors Conference call. FFMA Board members were advised earlier this month that all ASFPM Chapter Directors have concurred that the FFMA Chapter application is in good order and that the Chapter approval will be included in the "Decision" section of the December 16 ASFPM Board meeting agenda.

Congratulations to the FFMA Board and everyone who contributed to earning recognition in the national ASFPM organization as a State Chapter.

State Announces Training Plans

This year the Florida State Assistance Office for the National Flood Insurance and Flood Mitigation Assistance Programs proposes a combination of six standard courses and a few select ones on a case by case need. The following training courses are expected to be offered this year:

- A Local Official's Guide to Implementing the National Flood Insurance Program in Florida (8 workshops);
- Floodways, No-Rise and Floodplain
- Management Requirements (4 workshops at DOT District Offices);
- Map Amendments and Elevation

Certificates (8 workshops with Florida Mapping and Surveying Society);

- Realtor Workshops (8 workshops with Florida Assoc. of Realtors);
- Carrying Out Floodplain Management in Your Community - A Home Study Course for Florida Officials (May be downloaded from DEM Webpage: <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/brm/nfip.htm>);
- Grant Training (E-Grants and Benefit-Cost Analysis).

All of the standard courses have the potential of receiving CEUs if the professional organization has the authority to issue CEUs.

Feedback Sought on Effective State Programs Document

The Association of State Flood Plain Managers (ASFPM) is seeking input on a draft document over a year in the making.

The interim draft of *Effective State Floodplain Management Programs* has been posted on the ASFPM Web site and can be accessed at:

http://www.floods.org/PDF/Effective_State_Programs_Interim_Draft.pdf.

The document is intended to serve as a guide for national and state legislators and their staffs, agency managers and others who make policy decisions about state programs.