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Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

“The ABC’s of Floodplain Management” Action Based Commitment

The OFMA Spring Technical Conference is once again here! And again, OFMA is holding the 2005 Spring Technical Conferences in two locations in order to allow all OFMA members in the State of Oklahoma better access to this excellent opportunity. But don’t be mistaken, this years conference is not designed just for Floodplain Managers. Elected Officials, City Managers, Building Code Officers, City Staff, Insurance Agents and Private Sector Professionals involved

in floodplain management issues are all invited to attend. The first session will be held in Lawton on Friday, March 4, 2005, at the Great Plains Technology Center, 4500 West Lee Boulevard in the Worley Seminar Center. The second session will be held in Tulsa on Friday, March 11, 2005, at the Tulsa Technology Center, Riverside Campus Facility, 801 E. 91st Street, in the Alliance and Conference Center Building.

“The ABC’s of Floodplain Management - Action Based Commitment” will include three sessions with expert presenters to detail basic and advanced aspects of Floodplain Management and the National Flood Insurance Program. Attendees are sure to come away with valuable information as well as an opportunity to meet with flood experts in a variety of fields.

This year’s Track 2 Breakout Session, *NFIP for Insurance Adjusters and Lenders* will be presented by FEMA’s Diana Herrera. This track is designed for professionals and staff associated with insurance agents, adjusters, mortgage loan officers, realtors, appraisers, as well as state and local officials. With Flood Insurance Month approaching, this session will be valuable for those seeking to understand recent changes in public policy and how the NFIP can benefit the insurance industry. Floodplain 101, presented by Jack Graham, FEMA, and Ken Morris will detail the basics of Floodplain Management. An assembly of specialist will detail various floodplain management issues in Track 3 including

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OFMA Strategic Plan Retreat

On January 20 & 21, 2005, the OFMA Board of Directors, Jack Graham, Vaunda Pendergraft, Laureen Gilroy, Bill Smith, Ron Flanagan, Joe Remondini & Ken Morris met in Tulsa to review the Association’s Strategic Plan. Mike Mathis, Board member and NFIP State Coordinator, facilitated this two-day, intense and very rewarding planning retreat. Mike kept the team on track and led the group in its review of the Strategic Plan and development of an updated plan to provide direction for the Association in the next few years.

A new Vision Statement was developed -- **“The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association advocates the protection of the natural functions of the floodplain through education, training and service to Oklahomans”**. Other accomplishments included preliminary work on a draft budget for the next year and development of action plans for each of the priority activities identified during the Strategic Plan retreat. Also, the Board voted to hold the 2006 Annual Conference at the University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education, in Norman, on September 18-20, 2006. Please plan now to attend the 2006 Annual Conference and watch the OFMA Web site and future issues of **“The B.F.E.”** for more information on the new Strategic Plan and 2006 Annual Conference.

OFMA Spring Technical Training			
March 4, 2005 – Lawton			
March 11, 2005 – Tulsa			
The ABC's of Floodplain Management			
Action Based Commitment			
	Track 1	Track 2	Track 3
	Floodplain 101	NFIP for Insurance Adjusters and Lenders	Floodplain 202
8:00-8:30	Registration		
8:30-9:00	Flag Ceremony Welcome - Jim Coffey Opening Remarks - Mike Mathis		
9:00-10:00	Presenters – Jack Graham and Ken Morris	Presenter – Dorothy Martinez	RSDE – Lonnie Ward
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:15	FP101	Agent/Lender Training	RSDE (continued)
11:15-12:15	FP101	Agent/Lender Training	404 Permitting – Andy Commer
12:15-1:30	Lunch: Speaker Roy Hooper (Lawton), Charles Hardt (Tulsa)		
1:30-2:30	FP101	Agent/Lender Training	DEQ Drainage Regulations - Joe Don Willingham
2:30-3:30	FP101	Agent/Lender Training	Map Modernization – James Orwat
3:30-3:45	Break		
3:45-4:45	FP101	Agent/Lender Training	Inventory Structures in the Floodplain – Meshek
4:45-5:00	Closing – Door Prizes		

Phasing into Phase II: Storm Water Discharges From Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)



America’s metro areas are the engines that drive this nation’s economic success. The growth of metro economies depends on the viability of a community’s resources. A clean environment and ample water supply is crucial to the future of every community.

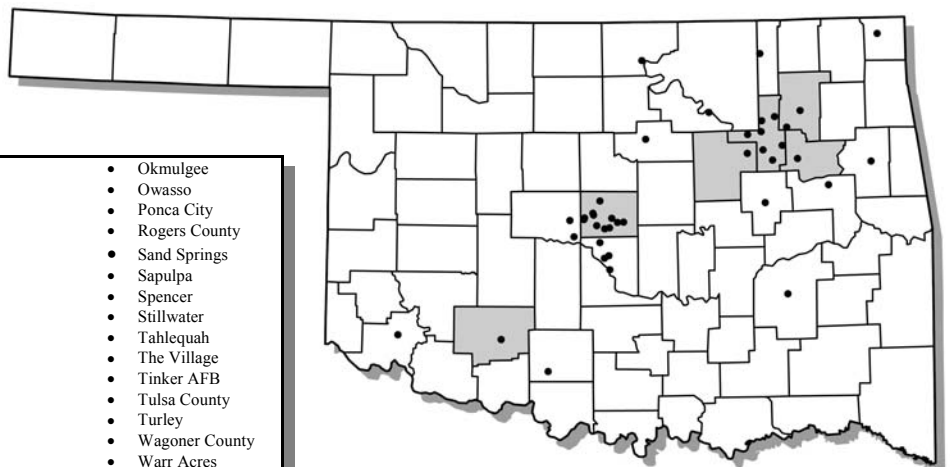
Phase I cities have dealt with the Clean Water Act mandates for over a decade, commonly referred to as “Those Onerous Unfunded Mandates.” Communities had to address long overlooked problems in their neighborhoods, industrial and commercial zones. Congress recognized that local governments could best manage local problems, in this case with a heavy nudge of penalties as an incentive for taking on what everyone understands as “doing the right thing.” Properly implemented and managed programs have resulted in positive benefits for the economic future of many cities.

Now smaller communities have been given the responsibility of implementing similar programs. Phase II communities have an advantage; larger cities had to develop management plans in the early ‘90s without the abundance of guidance manuals and the Internet resources available today. Now there is a wealth of expertise and experience to draw upon to help each community design innovative approaches to the specific environmental problems each must acknowledge exists in their communities.

During a December public review stage, recommendations and comments were made in response to the Phase II Storm Water Permit. Various comments and questions pertaining to fees, assistance, reporting and responsibilities were submitted by various entities including INCOG, the City of Bartlesville and ODOT. Submitted comments and guidance to developing a storm water management program are now available on the ODEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/stormwater/ms4/>. Assistance with compliance is also available from the EPA at http://cfpub1.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/munic.cfm?program_id=6. Listed below are Oklahoma’s new towns, cities, counties, State and Federal Agencies designated as small MS4s, which are required to meet these permit regulations.

Gary Shockley, City of Oklahoma City

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Calendar of Educational Opportunities

- **OFMA Spring Technical Workshops** March. 4 - Great Plains Technology Center, Lawton OK; March 11, 2005 - Tulsa Technology Center, Jenks, OK. Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101*; website: www.okflood.org.
- **NFIP CRS E278 Training Class**; March 15-19, July 26-29, September 20-23, 2005, Contact Tom Hirt for more information at (301) 447-1062.
- **OWRB Floodplain Management 101 and 202 Workshops**
 May 3 – Tri County Technology Center, Bartlesville, OK
 May 5 – High Plains Technology Center, Woodward, OK
 May 10 – Lawton Public Library, Lawton, OK
 May 12 – Eastern Oklahoma College, McAlester, OK
 May 17 – Midwest City Public Library, Midwest City, OK
 Each workshop begins at 8:30 and ends at 4:00
- **NFIP National Flood Conference**; May 23-27, 2005, Marco Island, Florida. Contact: *Dorothy Martinez, Program Specialist, 158635 Park Ten Place, Suite 108, Houston, TX 77084*; for more information, call 281-829-6880; website: www.nfipregion6.com.
- **Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**; June 12-17, Madison, Wisconsin. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120*; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org.
- **OFMA 15th Annual Conference**; September 19-21, 2005, Quartz Mountain State Park, Lone Wolf, OK. Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101*; website: www.okflood.org.
- **OFMA 16th Annual Conference**; September 18-20, 2006, Quartz Mountain State Park, Lone Wolf, OK. Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101*; website: www.okflood.org.

OFMA 8th Legislative Reception

On February 15, 2005, numerous OFMA members visited the State Capitol to meet their State Representatives and Senators. As in the past few years, Jamil's Steakhouse of Oklahoma City catered the event and was a big hit with legislators and legislative staff. Chairman Jim Coffey of Bixby greeted Reception visitors along with Vice Chair Rex Hennen, Shawnee. Other OFMA leadership present to help meet and greet our State Legislators were Carolyn Schultz, Dan Cary, Vaunda Pendergraft, Dale Lasley, Dennis Woomavovah, Jeff Bigby, John Harrington, Ron Flanagan, Lynne Stevenson, Anna Waggoner, Mike Mathis, Duane Smith, Mike Melton and Ken Morris. About 310 visitors met OFMA members and signed the OFMA Reception Guest Book.

Senator Jonathan Nichols, District 15 Norman, will author Senate Bill 932 to repeal Section 1618 of the Oklahoma Floodplain Management Act and Representative Thad Balkman, District 45 Norman, will be the House Author of this bill. This bill would simply clean up the Act and put each NFIP community on the same level.

OFMA thanks Greg Gawry of Jamil's for hosting our Reception another year. Good job OFMA.

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presentations from Lonnie Ward, FEMA, on the Residential Substantial Damage Estimator (RSDE); Andy Commer, USACE, on 404 Permitting; Joe Don Willingham, ODEQ, on DEQ Drainage Regulations, James Orwat, FEMA, on Map Modernization and Chris Hill of Meshek & Associates, Inc. on Using GIS to Inventory Structures in the Floodplain.



Your registration fee will include materials, lunch, and refreshments during breaks. To insure adequate food will be provided, it is important that all registration forms are completed and returned by March 1, 2005. Following the plenary and breakout sessions, an exciting list of door prizes will be given away and as always, those in attendance will receive Continuing Education Credits to satisfy their certification requirements.

Remember, OFMA encourages Mayors and City Managers to attend with their local floodplain managers. This is an excellent opportunity for them to hear how valuable floodplain managers are to the administration of local governments and what a special and technical profession floodplain management really is.



To register, fill out and return the registration form supplemented with the newsletter. Be sure to include the registration fee. We look forward to seeing you there!

Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

Vision

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association advocates the protection of the natural functions of the floodplain through education, training, and service to Oklahomans.

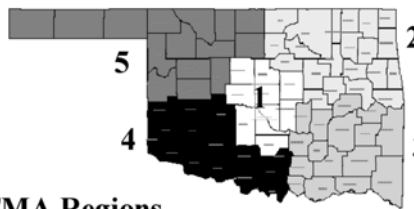
Mission

We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

Saving lives from floods and reducing property loss from floods are paramount to us.

An Invitation to Join OFMA

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is a non-profit organization primarily dedicated to providing information and education to the public about reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding.



OFMA Regions

The best investment that \$30.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

OFMA Membership Application

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Dues Schedule:
 First-Year dues are probated depending on the quarter during which you join. The fiscal year starts October 1st and ends September 30th.

	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Full Membership	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.50
Student Membership	15.00	11.25	7.50	3.75
Associate Membership	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
Agency Membership (Plus \$10.00 per employee designated by the Agency)	50.00	37.50	25.00	12.50
Corporate Sponsor	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00



Notes from the State NFIP Coordinator

Mike Mathis, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Mike Mathis NFIP State Coordinator Comments

It is an exciting time in Oklahoma floodplain management as we launch new and extremely challenging programs. Regarding map modernization, my staff and I have been spending a significant amount of time determining the best approach to updating the state's floodplain maps. Of specific concern are several counties in the NFIP that have no flood map and several communities with limited hydrologic and hydraulic information. We are currently evaluating existing resources and developing a detailed priority list upon which to focus our activities.

On the heels of a new state law, the Water Board is also developing rules to accredit Oklahoma's floodplain administrators. We have been meeting with and obtaining guidance from members of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association, Oklahoma Municipal League and Association of County Commissioners to ensure that our floodplain officials receive adequate and sufficient training to achieve our mutual flood loss reduction goals. We will have more information on these rules in the near future.

In January, I had the pleasure of facilitating the first OFMA Strategic Planning Retreat at Post Oak Lodge in Tulsa. The Board of Directors and other OFMA leaders met for two days of intense program review and soul-searching regarding the overall mission of the organization. Jack Graham, of FEMA, was an enormous help in this process. Vaunda Pendergraft, OFMA Education Chair, is compiling results of the retreat and will soon release a draft Strategic Plan for review and input by OFMA members. Particularly valuable results of the retreat were development of an OFMA Value Statement and new Vision Statement, both available at www.okflood.org.

I want to encourage all floodplain administrators, private partners and others involved in floodplain management to attend one of the OFMA Spring Technical Workshops in Lawton on March 4 or in Tulsa on March 11. Details about these important training opportunities are available on OFMA's Web site. Ken Morris, Jack Graham and Hank Elling will host the standard Floodplain Management 101 course. Also, Chris Hill of Meshek & Associates, Inc. will be explaining how a community can inventory its structures located in the special flood hazard areas using GIS. And Diana Herrera will lead one break out session for lenders, insurance agents, real estate professionals and adjusters.

Good luck and let's work together to protect our floodplain resource.

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