

2007 Flood Mitigation Regional Meetings

The SCDNR Flood Mitigation Section is proud to announce the 1st annual Flood Mitigation Regional Meetings February 5-7, 2007. The topics to be covered include the National Flood Insurance Program, the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, the Map Modernization Initiative, and the Community Ratings System Program. Please plan on attending one of the three available sessions.

When: February 5-7, 2007
from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Charleston, SC (February 5, 2007)
Greenville, SC (February 6, 2007)
Lexington, SC (February 7, 2007)

Continuing Education Hours: Certified Floodplain Managers and Code Enforcement Officers can earn up to four continuing education credits for full day attendance at any of the above mentioned meetings.

Details on meeting locations and the finalized agenda will be forwarded to all floodplain administrators in January. For more information on the Regional Meetings please contact Amanda Londo, Public Outreach Information Coordinator, at (803) 734-1410 or by email at londoa@dnr.sc.gov.

Training Calendar

The CAP-SSSE staff has been busy preparing for the upcoming training calendar. All courses are scheduled to be held in Columbia, SC with more details to follow.

<i>How to read a FIRM</i>	1/31/06
<i>Floodplain Management through the NFIP</i>	3/20-22/06
<i>CFM Exam Preparation</i>	5/16/06
<i>Substantial Damage/Improvement</i>	5/25/06

Notice of Funding Availability

The application period for the FY 2007 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program is now open. South Carolina's allocation for FMA project and planning funds for this fiscal year is \$553,760. Eligible activities under FMA include acquisition, demolition, relocation, elevation, and floodproofing of non-residential structures. All applications must be submitted via eGrants online application system no later than February 2, 2007. For questions and registration in to the eGrants system please contact Shawn Putnam, Mitigation Specialist at (803) 734-0260 or by email at putnams@dnr.sc.gov.

Questions/Concerns/Future Input

If you have information you would like to be added to future volumes of this newsletter or any concerns, please contact us at floodmitigation@dnr.sc.gov.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program National Evaluation Panel

FEMA is looking for individuals from local governments that are interested in serving on the national evaluation panel for the nationally competitive Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. If you are interested in possibly participating in this process please contact Shawn Putnam, Mitigation Specialist, no later than January 26, 2006 for a nomination form.

Map Modernization Feedback Sought

Apptis Inc. is seeking volunteers who have received new flood insurance studies and the attached DFIRMs panels to participate in an assessment of the effectiveness of Map Modernization products. If you are interested in participating please contact Rahul Johri at (703) 821-5513 or by email at Rahul.Johri@apptis.com.

Mark Your Calendar

The South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation (SCAHM) will host its annual conference March 7-9, 2007 at the Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach.

The ASFPM 31st Annual Gathering will be held the week of June 3-8, 2007 in Norfolk, VA. Please visit their website at www.floods.org for the most up-to-date information.