



The Mitigation Minute

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Movin' on up!

It's official, the Flood Mitigation Program staff has moved to our new location on Wildlife Lane and we are getting settled, with working computers, phones and fax. A message with the new contact information was sent to the state Floodplain Managers via the listserv that has been created. If you know of someone who should be added, please send me the email address for that person. This should make receiving information from us easier on us, and your IT systems, as the listserv is one email address to reach all of you. If you had trouble in the past receiving bulk messages that were directed to your junk folder, this shouldn't happen any more! Information such as upcoming trainings, map effective dates, and other issues you may find useful will be distributed using this listserv.

Please update your records to reflect the change of address and phone numbers, and I promise, this will be the last time I send this out for those of you receiving this for the second time:

2762 Wildlife Lane West Columbia, SC 29172

Our new phone numbers are:

María Cox Lamm, State NFIP Coordinator 803-755-9335

Karen Jones, Administrative Assistant 803-755-9978

Andy Brandenburg, Flood Mitigation Asst. Coordinator 803-755-9298

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CFM Corner

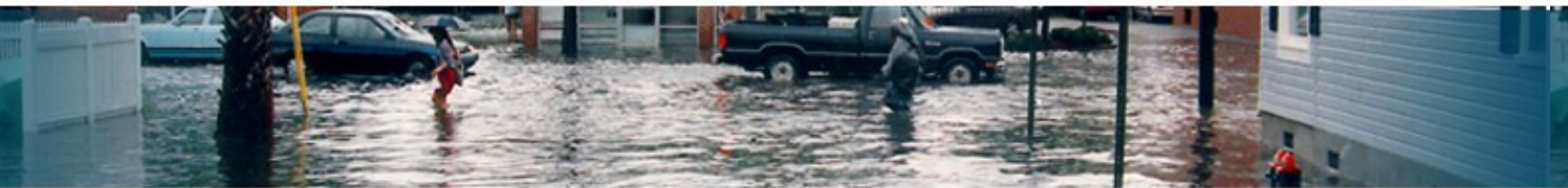
I know that you will barely have time to read this newsletter, let alone take the time to write something up to send me, but I'd like to have a place in the newsletter for floodplain managers. Ideally it will be used to inform others in the state of something you learned that might be useful to someone else. For example, if questions you had were answered by state staff, the issue, along with the answers provided could be highlighted. The CFM Corner could be a place where someone in the upstate could look to find out something about coastal management issues, and vice-versa. Heck, maybe you just want to vent about a bad developer and share your pain...why not?

If you have any items you think others might benefit from, a picture, or even a question you'd like posed to other floodplain managers, send me an email sullivanj@dnr.sc.gov and I'll try to bypass the stringent censorship of state government!

Until this corner gets up and running, here is an article you might peruse at your leisure, but on work time since it is all about floodplain management! This was clipped from the latest ASFPM **News & Views** newsletter, and I thought it had some good information:

Draft Report – Assessing the Natural and Beneficial Functions of Floodplains: Issues and Approaches; Future Directions

This draft report was prepared by ASWM to help federal, state, and local floodplain management staff, water planners, wetland managers, and others to assess, protect, and restore floodplain “natural and beneficial” functions. The full draft report can be found at http://aswm.org/pdf_lib/nbf.pdf.



Grant Funding Available:

Limited federal funding is now available for communities through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL), and Repetitive Loss Programs. These grant programs aid eligible applicants with the implementation of flood mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) community. All applicants must have a FEMA approved mitigation plan that has been updated within the last five years. The deadline for the submission of applications is **November 1, 2011**. For more information please contact Andy Brandenburg at 803-755-9298 or brandenburg@dnr.sc.gov.

You do the math...statistics from floodsmart.gov:

The NFIP paid \$709 million in flood insurance claims to homeowners, business owners, and renters in 2010.

Over the past 10 years (2001-2010) the average flood insurance claim paid in the US was nearly \$48,000 per year.

The average flood insurance policy is about \$600 per year.



Calendar of Events:

Counties with maps going effective before the next newsletter:

Union County	map effective date	August 2, 2011
Cherokee County	map effective date	September 16, 2011
Chester County	map effective date	September 16, 2011
Chesterfield County	map effective date	September 16, 2011
Newberry County	map effective date	September 16, 2011
Anderson County	map effective date	September 29, 2011

The participating communities within the above listed counties will need to re-adopt their Flood Prevention Ordinances with the new map effective date. This office has revised the state model ordinance in the last month, so if you've used the model in the past, please prepare the ordinance for re-adoption using Version 8. This version has been emailed to most of the affected communities, but if you need a copy, call or email. Remember that the ordinances need to be reviewed here before they go to councils for their readings, and that a true, certified copy must be sent to us *before* the map effective date.

Training dates scheduled: please see the website for the latest postings of trainings being offered at https://www.dnr.sc.gov/flood/flood_train_info

2011 Hurricane Season

June 1st –November 30th

