Connecticut Association of Flood Managers **NEWSLETTER**



Summer 2016

HURRIPLAN/ PER-306 Hurricane Resilient Community Planning and Building Design

This 2 day course was held on May 12th & 13th at Fort Trumbell in New London, CT. The course was presented by The National Disaster Preparation Training Center (NDPTC) of The University of Hawaii.

This Course was targeted for a broad cross section of professionals involved in emergency management, planners, building and zoning officials, mitigation specialist, developers, engineers, land owners, building managers and owners.

Modules Presented Included:

- Introduction to Hurricane Science
- Design Strategies Against Wind, Water and Debris
- Infrastructure Failure
- Current and suggested Zoning and Building Codes
- FEMA Guidelines, Best Practices and Lessons Learned

HURRIPLAN Class

Ms. Emmeline Harrigan was pleased to report that approximately 30 people attended the two day HURRIPLAN course. The NDPTC has an entire catalog of courses that they could bring to Connecticut forno cost if classroom space is provided. Ms. Harrigan plans to review the catalog with Ms. Diane Ifkovic to determine potential future trainings to sponsor.

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The Reef Ball Field Tour

CAFM is presenting a guided tour of the artificial reef balls living shoreline project constructed at Stratford Point in 2013. Living shorelines help dissipate wave energy, allowing sediment deposition such that protective tidal vegetation can take root, thereby providing both wildlife habitat and shoreline protection. The tour will be given by the Sacred Heart University research team that helped pilot the projects.



This tour has been approved for 1.5 CECS for CFMs. The tour will take place at Stratford Point, 1207 Prospect Drive, Stratford, CT on Tuesday, June 28, 2016. Parking is adjacent to the Audubon building.

Please visit the CAFM website at http://ctfloods.org/events/ for registration details. We ask that you please register by June 21, 2016 so that proper arrangements for refreshments can be made.





CAFM Annual Conference

CAFM is pleased to announce that its third annual conference will be held during the fourth week of October 2016. CAFM Board members are currently evaluating a list of venues. A decision on the venue and date announcement is expected by the end of June.

Request for Presentations

Floodplain Managers, town staff, or consultants: Do you have a recent Coastal Resiliency Project, natural mitigation, or exciting storm-water management project on the books or in the works that you'd like to share? Please keep an eye out for CAFM's Request for Presentations for our annual conference. Sharing good planning efforts and projects (even unsuccessful efforts) is an essential way to assist your colleague's professional development

Members who are interested in joining the Events Committe to help plan and prepare for the Annual Conference are encouraged to contact CAFM at

contactcafm@gmail.com

National Floodplain News

San Francisco Bay Votes for Landmark Marsh Restoration

San Francisco Bay voters appeared Wednesday to have approved a first-of-its-kind regional tax to restore tens of thousands of acres of wetlands in the West Coast's largest estuary. Results show the \$500 million funding measure received 69 percent support Tuesday in the Bay's nine counties. That's more than the two-thirds approval needed. Measure AA marks the first time San Francisco Bay voters have approved any region-wide local tax. The proposition will levy a flat \$12 parcel tax for 20 years.

The money will let San Francisco Bay officials nearly double the 40,000 acres of tidal marsh that remain, out of the 200,000 acres of the wetlands that existed before the Gold Rush brought hordes of Western settlers. Environmental backers say the restored marshes will provide vital buffering against the rising seas of climate change, along with habitat for salmon and other struggling native species, among other benefits.

Tidal marsh "is great natural flood protection against extreme storms and tide events," said David Lewis, executive director of Save the Bay, an Oakland-based group that campaigned for the measure. Proponents hope to use the \$500 million to leverage state and federal funds for still more wetlands restoration. (courtesy ELLEN KNICKMEYER Associated Press Writer).

Remeber to check our website at http://ctfloods.org



4th Annual Running of the Chapters 5K Run/Walk

The "Running of the Chapters" event is conducted in association with the ASFPM annual conference to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 19th-24th. The event originated at the ASFPM conference in Hartford a few years ago and CAFM has contributed each year since. To help sponsor the event CAFM will be contributing \$200.

For more details please visit the race registration page at:

https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/GrandRapids/4thAnnual-RunningoftheChaptersFloodsandSuds5K

Registration

The 4th Annual 5K road race is designed for either seasoned runners or casual walkers. The race will take place on Wednesday June 22nd 7am-10am. The scenic route along the Grand River, literally out the backdoor of the Conference Center and conference hotels, will provide a scenic backdrop for this race.