Welcome to all the CAFM members that have joined us so far! We at CAFM are encouraged by the response we have received from across the state from folks interested in joining our community of floodplain managers. The Connecticut Association of Flood Managers has quickly reached a level of 77 members, and we are confident that our organization will continue to grow.

To those of you who have submitted your membership application we say a hearty “welcome!” Even if you are not ready to join us as a member, please sign up for our e-mail list by sending a request to contactcafm@gmail.com and we’ll keep you updated on our events.

MEMBERS AND SPONSORS PLEASE NOTE: For members and sponsors who joined before September 1, 2014, your annual membership will expire on March 31, 2015. Please renew your membership today! Please visit our website at www.ctfloods.org or email us at contactCAFM@gmail.com for membership forms.

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CAFM, in association with Connecticut DEEP, will be hosting the FEMA E273 Class “Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program”. The FEMA E273 class is intended primarily for municipal floodplain managers. We will be holding this class March 9-12, 2015 in Old Lyme Connecticut at the DEEP Marine Fisheries Headquarters and Boating Division. For details and registration information, please visit the CAFM website: http://ctfloods.org/events

CFM EXAM: An opportunity to take the CFM exam will be offered on Friday, March 13 following the course. Applications for the CFM exam must be directed directly to ASFPM: www.floods.org
CAFM Welcomes New Board of Directors Members

CAFM elected its first official Board of Directors at its October 29, 2014 Annual Meeting. We are pleased to present our current Board members:

Chair: Thomas Gormley, CZEO, CFM
Vice-Chair: Emmeline Harrigan, A.I.C.P., CFM
Treasurer: Dave Murphy, P.E., CFM
Secretary: Scott Bighinatti, CFM
At-Large: Joseph Canas, P.E., LEED AP, CFM
At Large: Scott Choquette, CFM
At-Large: Gary Wassmer, P.E., L.S., CFM

Active committees include the Communications Committee, the Event Committee, and the Membership Committee. If you have any questions about opportunities to serve on CAFM committees or the Board please e-mail us at contactCAFM@gmail.com.

Also, we have received positive feedback from the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), and we believe that we are on track to be recognized as an official state chapter in 2015.

Visit CAFM’s Updated Website to Stay Informed

CAFM invites interested parties to visit www.ctfloods.org for announcements, events, training opportunities, and items of interest for flood plain managers. The website contains many important links to various publications, CEC courses, professional webinars, and floodplain management trainings.

We hope you will visit!
CAFM HOSTS INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

The Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM) hosted its first annual conference on October 29, 2014 at the Water’s Edge Resort and Spa in Westbrook, Connecticut. By all accounts, the event was a huge success, and attendance far exceeded expectations, with 104 participants present. In addition to the beauty of this scenic venue, the slate of presenters was impressive and, and the presentations were both informative and entertaining. True to the essence of flood plain management, the event was represented by a good cross section of regulatory, land use, engineering, insurance, and administrative individuals.

CAFM was honored to have Commissioner Robert Klee, of Connecticut’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection provide the opening address on the future of floodplain management and mitigation planning in the State. CAFM President Tom Gormley kicked off the event, and an informative lunchtime keynote presentation was made by Bill Nechamen, Chairman of the Association of State Flood Plain Managers (ASFPM), and Floodplain Management Coordinator for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

CAFM extends a sincere thanks to all presenters who dedicated their time and shared their expertise in floodplain management, which was key in making this a successful event. We also extend our appreciation to our generous sponsors for their support.

Thanks to all of our Presenters who Made this Event a Success!

- Construction in Flood Hazard Areas, D. Schanne (CT DCS)
- A Design-Build Approach to Dam Removal: University of Hartford L. Murphy (CDM Smith)
- Real Impacts to Flood Insurance and Property Owners as a Result of the 2012 & 2014 Federal Legislation A. Martin (Lawley Westchester Group)
- Buzzards Bay Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, K. Knee (RPS ASA), K. Longley (SeaPlan)
- Flood Risk Management: Nonstructural Measures – The Preferred Cost-Beneficial Alternative, C. Baumann (CDM Smith)
- The Community Rating System as a Tool for Coastal Resilience, D. Murphy (Milone & MacBroom), M. McGaffin (City of Milford)
- Panel Discussion: Mitigation Planning, D. Watson (Earth Rise Design), J. Canas (Tighe & Bond), M. Hilliard (FEMA Region I), L. Kelliher (CDM Smith), E. Mas (Fuss & O’Neill)
- Flood Mitigation and Economic Development: Meriden’s Journey to the 21st Century, R. Bass (City of Meriden), N. Burnham (Milone & MacBroom)
- Race to the Top – Elevating Connecticut’s Shoreline E. Pysh (CT DEMHS)
- Modeling Salt Marsh Advancement Zones in Connecticut, A. Ryan (Nature Conservancy)
- When CLOMRs and LOMRs are Required and How to Simplify the Process, S. Arruda (Fuss & O’Neill)

See CAFM website to view available presentations
SEND US YOUR PHOTOS AND NEWS!

CFM encourages all to submit their photos and news stories for use in our future issues. If you have an event, announcement, current news story, historical fact to share, or cool photos related to flood management, please email them to us at contactCAFM@gmail.com.

To become a member or to join our distribution list, email contactcafm@gmail.com with the subject line “Sign me up”

City of Hartford, Great Flood of 1936, (Photo Courtesy CT Historical Society)