



NEWSLETTER
Fall 2019



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our 5th Annual Conference was a success! The conference was held in Bridgeport on October 24, 2018.

The 6th Annual Conference will be held at Water's Edge in Westbrook on October 30, 2019.

FINISH READING ON PG. 2



ABOUT CAFM

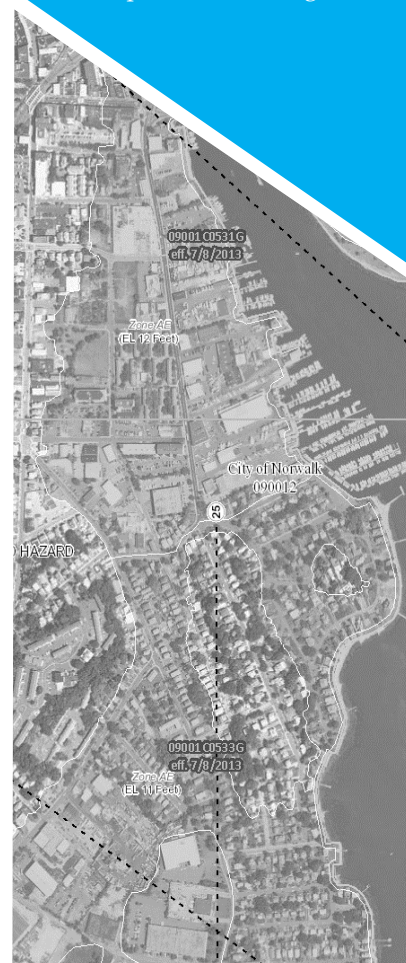
The mission of the Connecticut Association of Flood Managers (CAFM) is to promote education, policies, and activities that mitigate current and future flood losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains – all without causing unreasonable adverse impacts.

<https://ctfloods.org/>



NEW CAFM BOARD

CAFM's fourth Board of Directors was elected at our annual meeting. Please welcome our newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair!



MORE NEWS!

Executive Order on Climate
Change

ASFPM & FEMA Announcements

Upcoming Events

BEGIN READING ON PG. 3





5th Annual Conference

& BOARD ELECTION

CAFM convened its fifth Annual Conference and Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, Connecticut on October 24, 2018. Topics included flood mapping, case studies, freak storms, and the new State building code. Approximately 75 CAFM members (old and new!) attended from municipalities, consultants, academia, and regulatory agencies. CFMs in attendance received 6.0 CECs and AICPs received 6.5 CM credits. Most of the presentations from the conference are available to download [on our website](#).

The sixth Annual Conference and Meeting will be held at Water's Edge in Westbrook, Connecticut on October 30, 2019. We have an engaging program planned for you! The conference registration and agenda are available [here](#).

If you are interested in serving on the Events Committee, please email [ContactCAFM \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:ContactCAFM(at)gmail.com).

We also elected a new Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting portion of the conference. Thank you to Emmeline Harrigan for your many years of service as Chair, and congratulations to Joseph Canas and Phil Forzley on your new positions.

2019 CAFM Board of Directors

Chair: Joseph Canas, P.E., LEED AP, CFM

Vice-Chair: Phil Forzley, P.E., CFM

Treasurer: Dave Murphy, P.E., CFM

Secretary: John McGrane, P.E., CFM

At-Large: Scott Choquette, CFM

At Large: Diane Ifkovic

At-Large: Deanna Rhodes



The effects of climate change are impacting our air, water, health, natural resources, economic, and the quality of life of every current and future citizen of Connecticut. We have an obligation to act now.”
– Gov. Ned Lamont



Mitigating Climate Change

GOV. LAMONT SIGNS NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

September 3, 2019 – Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont signed Executive Order No. 3, which expands on the State’s efforts to mitigate climate change and improve resiliency as we face rising sea levels and increasingly powerful storms.

The Executive Order:

- Expands the scope and responsibility of the Governor’s Council on Climate Change, to include monitoring and reporting on the state’s development and implementation of adaptation strategies.
- Allows the Council to establish Climate Change Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Subcommittees.
- Calls for oversight of the state’s climate mitigation progress.
- Outlines specific tasks for oversight of the state’s climate change adaptation and resiliency strategies.
- Asks the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to recommend strategies for achieving 100% zero carbon for the electric sector by 2040.

DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes said, “Governor Lamont’s actions today cement Connecticut’s commitment to urgent action on climate change ... By signing this executive order, Governor Lamont ensures Connecticut will have tools to plan for and address impacts like sea level rise and flooding, extreme heat events, and changes to ecosystems and habitats throughout the state. By incorporating resilience into our planning practices, and charting a path to a 100 percent clean electric grid, we can provide safety and security for future generations.”

[Click here](#) to view the press release.

[Click here](#) to download Executive Order No. 3.

[Click here](#) for CT ECO’s Sea Level Rise Viewer – Sea Level Rise Effects on Roads & Large Marshes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASFPM

ASFPM's Annual National Conference "Resiliency Where the West Begins" will be held in Fort Worth, TX, June 7-11, 2020. The call for abstracts runs through October 31, 2019. Visit www.asfpmconference.org.

ASFPM Election results were announced in May. Please congratulate our Region 1 and Chapter District 1 Directors. Their two-year terms expire in 2021.

- *Melinda Hopkins, CFM (RI)* was re-elected as the Region 1 Director, representing all ASFPM members in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT. She is the State Hazard Mitigation Officer with RIEMA.
- *Bill Nechamen, CFM (NY)* is the new Chapter District 1 Director, representing ASFPM state chapters in CT, NY, and NJ. He is currently a private consultant, having recently retired from NYDEC where he was a long-time floodplain manager. He is also a former Chair and long-time Board member of ASFPM, and currently co-chairs the ASFPM floodplain regulations committee.

FEMA

Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants. The [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#) and [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#) grant period is open through January 31, 2020. View [HMA's schedule](#) for helpful webinar offerings.

New Benefit-Cost Analysis Toolkit 6.0 is available, featuring a streamlined user interface and improved user experience. Go to www.fema.gov/benefit-cost-analysis for download instructions.

Updated NFIP Technical Bulletins 0, 4, and 8 are now available and serve to provide guidance for complying with the minimum National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) floodplain management requirements pertaining to building performance. Access the current Technical Bulletins and stay updated by visiting: <http://www.fema.gov/nfip-technical-bulletins>

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many upcoming training opportunities online and in Connecticut. A detailed listing is available at <https://ctfloods.org/announcements/>. Some highlights below:

The State of Connecticut and Post University in Waterbury, CT are hosting FEMA's National Emergency Management Basic Academy courses for individuals pursuing a career in emergency management:

- *January 6-10, 2020 – L0101 Foundations of Emergency Management*
- *March 9-11, 2020 – L0146 Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course*
- *March 12-13, 2020 – L0105 Public Information and Warning*

Floodplain Management Training

October

- [UConn CLEAR Webinar: Stormwater Utilities in CT](#) – October 1
- [PDM Webinar: Advanced Assistance Application Development](#) – October 2
- [PDM Webinar: Benefit Cost Analysis \(BCA\) Basics for Projects](#) – October 3
- [Fall Erosion Control Field Day](#) – October 3, Kingston, RI
- [PDM Webinar: eGrants Introduction](#) – October 7
- [STARR Webinar: Elevation Certificates](#) – October 10
- [CRS Webinar: Preparing for a Verification Visit](#) – October 15
- [CRS Webinar: Watershed Impact Adjustment Maps \(Activity 450\)](#) – October 16
- [STARR Webinar: NFIP Basics](#) – October 24
- [CAFEM 6th Annual Conference](#) – October 30

November

- [STARR Webinar: Tools for Determining Base Flood Elevation](#) – November 14
- [CRS Webinar: Introduction to CRS](#) – November 19
- [CRS Webinar: CRS and Coastal Hazards](#) – November 20
- [STARR Webinar: Floodplain Development Permit Review](#) – November 21
- [STARR Webinar: Inspecting Floodplain Development](#) – November 21

December

- [CRS Webinar: Natural Floodplain Functions and the CRS](#) – December 17
- [CRS Webinar: Preparing an Annual Recertification](#) – December 18

Not a member? Become a member today!

<https://ctfloods.org/become-a-member/>

Got newsletter ideas? [Email](#) Laura Ghorbi, PE, CFM