



IT IS CONFERENCE TIME!!

MAFSM 5th Annual Conference

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Registration Deadline October 1st

Linthicum Heights, MD • Conference Center at the Maritime Institute • October 22, 2009
Pre- and Post-Conference Activities on October 21 and October 23

The Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers (MAFSM) will hold its **Fifth Annual Conference October 22, 2009**. Pre-conference activities – a Skipjack tour on the Chesapeake and a CFM training will occur on October 21, 2009. Post-conference, a CFM exam will be held on October 23, 2009. We are excited to be celebrating our **fifth consecutive** year of hosting a conference for floodplain and stormwater professionals in Maryland.



A day-long Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM[®]) refresher training will be held at the Michael Baker office in Linthicum, MD and a half-day skipjack field tour of the Chesapeake Bay will occur on October 21st. Details on the events of the 21st can be found later in this newsletter in the *Skipjack Field Tour of the Chesapeake* and *Certified Floodplain Manager Training Offering* articles.

A day of lectures, exhibits, and special speakers will follow on the 22nd at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD. Conference attendees are

encouraged to arrive early on October 22nd for refreshments and pre-conference exhibit viewing.

The conference will be kicked off by keynote speaker Jay Sakai, Director of Water Management Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). MDE has long supported MAFSM's mission and we are excited to have Mr. Sakai open our conference.

Because of the great quality and quantity of abstracts received, this year we have expanded our conference to have three rooms for breakout sessions. A complete conference agenda can be found on our website at

http://mafsmorg.ipower.com/pdf/2009_MAFSM_Agenda.pdf or goto www.MAFSM.org, Conference tab, 2009 Conference Agenda.

Sponsorships and exhibit space is limited but still available. The deadline to sign up October 1, 2009. Visit

<http://mafsmorg.ipower.com/conferences.htm> for more information.

Breakout sessions will be punctuated by exhibit viewing, a business meeting, and an address from Jeffrey Sparrow, the Association of State Floodplain Managers' (ASFPMs') Region 3 Director. We will finish the conference with a final look at the exhibitors and a social for networking.

Continuing Education Credits (CECs) through ASFPM have been awarded for this event. The CFM training is worth **six core CECs**; the Skipjack field tour is worth **two core credits**; and the full day conference is worth **six core CECs**.



The campus of the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, location of MAFSM's 4th Annual Conference

This conference is an ideal, low-cost opportunity for floodplain managers and stormwater professionals to obtain industry information from fellow colleagues. This year's conference promises to be first-rate.

For questions about the meeting and conference events, please contact Mike Gilliam at MGILLIAM@G-and-O.com.

Skipjack Field Tour of the Chesapeake

As part of MAFSM's Fifth Annual Conference a field tour has been scheduled for October 21, 2009.



MAFSM is proud to offer a half day trip on an authentic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, from 12 noon to 4pm. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's skipjack, the Stanley Norman was built in 1902, in Salisbury, Maryland. The Stanley Norman is a single mastered, Bay-built sailing vessel designed to harvest oysters. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Skipjack Program provides participants with the opportunity to have a real Bay experience on a historic Bay vessel. Watershed and estuary concepts, land use, and human impacts will be explored. The vessel departs from Dock Street in Annapolis. Cost:

\$20 for members, \$30 for non-members. Please register early, this trip will sell out!

Pre-registration is required; registration deadline for the tour is October 1, 2009. You may register for the training by visiting MAFSM's website at www.MAFSM.org and completing the conference registration form.

Certified Floodplain Manager Training Offering

Are you looking for training to prepare you for the Association of State Floodplain and Managers Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM[®]) exam? Are you a current CFM looking to earn Continuing Education Credits (CECs) to maintain your certification?

MAFSM is offering CFM training as a precursor to our **5th Annual Conference**. This training covers topics such as the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations, community participation in the NFIP, reading and using Flood Insurance Rate Maps, insurance, mitigation, and other topics. It is an excellent supplement for those studying for the CFM exam. For those who are already CFMs, it is a great refresher course and its completion earns six core CECs.

The training will occur in Michael Baker, Jr.'s Linthicum, MD office at 1304 Concourse Drive, Suite 200 on October 21st from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. The training is \$10 for MAFSM members and \$40 for non-members. The registration deadline for the training is October 1, 2009. You may register for the training by visiting MAFSM's website at www.MAFSM.org and completing the conference registration form.

A CFM exam will also be held at Michael Baker, Jr.'s Linthicum, MD, office at 1304 Concourse Drive, Suite 200 on Friday, October 23, 2009, from 9am - noon. To register for the exam please visit ASFPMs' website at <http://www.floods.org/pdf/certapp.pdf>. **Exam registration is completely separate from course registration, as the course is being provided through MAFSM and the exam is administered through ASFPM** – please contact Mike Gilliam if you have any questions about either of these registration processes at MGILLIAM@G-and-O.com.

Become a Conference Sponsor

Sponsors are an important part of our conference. Sponsorships help offset MAFSM's costs in exchange for your organization's promotion. To

view the benefits you'll receive as a sponsor, visit our website at <http://www.mafsm.org>.

Conference Exhibit Space Still Available

This year MAFSM's conference includes exhibits and scheduled time for viewing and networking. Booth space is limited, but still available. Please visit our website at <http://www.mafsm.org> for more information.

MAFSM Volunteers for Committee and Conference Sought

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our committees and to serve as moderators at our upcoming Fourth Annual Conference. Committees include Program, Membership, Public Relations & Outreach, Mapping & Technology, Mitigation, and Stormwater. Please contact Mary Roman at Mary_Roman@urscorp.com if you are interested in becoming a committee member. Please contact Mike Gilliam at MGILLIAM@G-and-O.com if you are interested in volunteering for the conference.

Membership Renewal Time, Again!

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers. Membership renewal time is upon us again and we would like to encourage your continued participation and membership in MAFSM.

Over the last year MAFSM has:

- Held an annual conference and general membership meeting to bring floodplain and stormwater professionals together and relay events in the State of Maryland
- Provided a Low Impact Development (LID) Site Tour of Prince George's County
- Offered trainings to prepare for the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) exam and hosted an CFM exam

- Written letters on behalf of the membership in support of sound floodplain management to State and Federal government officials
- Renewed membership as a state chapter of the Association of State and Floodplain Managers.
- Published newsletters to keep you apprised of floodplain and stormwater related news and events in Maryland
- Some of the benefits and privileges you will enjoy upon renewing your membership include:
 - Continued access to free and low cost trainings
 - Reduced conference fees and reduced registration fees to the Environmental Skip Jack Tour in October 2009
 - Access to the MAFSM publication, the *Runoff Review*
 - The opportunity to provide input to State leaders in our field
 - The ability to provide input through the Association to national leaders
 - Referrals, networking, and timely information not available to nonmembers
 - The ability to actively participate in committees and be heard

Thanks for your continued involvement. We ask that you not wait until the last minute to submit your membership applications! Any questions, please call our chair, Mary Roman, PE, CFM at (410) 487-8954 or Mary_Roman@urscorp.com or our membership chair Barbara Litten at Blitten@g-and-o.com.

Ideas for Articles

We welcome your input and ideas. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Necolle Maccherone at necolle.maccherone@mapmodteam.com.

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