

MAFSM 8th Annual Conference Maryland Stormwater and Floodplain Management - Lessons Learned and Shared



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Registration Deadline October 11th

**Linthicum Heights, MD • Conference Center at the Maritime Institute • October 25, 2012
Pre- and Post-Conference Activities on October 24 and October 26**

The Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers (MAFSM) will hold its **Eighth Annual Conference October 25, 2012**. Our conference theme this year is Maryland Stormwater and Floodplain Management – Lessons Learned and Shared. Pre-conference activity– a CFM training will occur on October 24, 2012. Post-conference activities, a CFM exam and LEED field tour at Howard County’s Robinson Nature Center will be held on October 26, 2012. We are excited to be celebrating our **eighth consecutive** year of hosting a conference for floodplain and stormwater professionals in Maryland.

Our conference - a day of technical presentations exhibits, and special invited speakers, will occur on 25th at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD. Conference attendees are encouraged to arrive early on October 25st for refreshments and pre-conference exhibit viewing.

The conference will be kicked off by keynote speaker Dr. Michael Scott. Dr. Scott is the program director for Salisbury University’s (SU) Master of Science in GIS Management.

He is also director of the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative at SU. Scott was named chair-elect of the Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC) for 2010-2011. He will chair the committee for 2012.

In 2009, Scott earned the University System of Maryland’s (USM) prestigious Wilson H. Elkins Professorship. In 2007, he became the Eastern Shore’s first certified GIS Professional. He earned his Ph.D. in Geography from University of South Carolina and specializes in the areas of GIS, cartography and environmental hazards. We are very excited to have him at our conference.

Other invited speakers to our conference include Brian Clevenger, Manager of the Sediment, Stormwater & Dam Safety Program for the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Dave Guignet, Chief of the Regulatory Services Division for the Wetlands & Waterways Program of MDE.

A preliminary conference schedule can be found on our website at www.mafsm.org when it is available.

Annually MAFSM draws attendees from local, state and federal government as well as the private sector from throughout Maryland, attracting over 125 engineers, planners, water resource and GIS professionals and NFIP Coordinators.

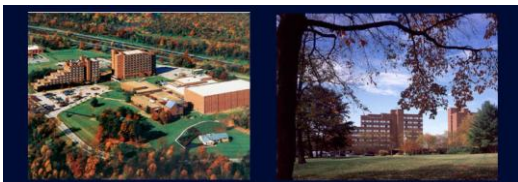
Sponsorships and exhibit space is limited but still available. Sponsors will receive recognition through a variety of channels, based on the level of your sponsorship. Details can be found at mafsm.org.

Breakout sessions will be punctuated by exhibit viewing, a business meeting, an address from Allison Meehan, the Association of State Floodplain Managers' (ASFPMs') Region 3 Director. We will finish the conference with attendance prizes and a networking social.

Continuing Education Credits (CECs) through ASFPM for the conference, field tour and training are pending.

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.

Register to attend today! Visit our website at www.MAFSM.org.



The campus of the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, location of MAFSM Annual Conference

Conference Field Tour

This year's field tour takes place at the Robinson Nature Center in Howard County on October 26, 2012, from 9:30am - 11:30am.

The field tour will include an docent led talk about the Center's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certified components. The building uses several green technologies to reduce environmental impact and increase energy efficiency including **geothermal heating and cooling** system, a **green roof**, a **porous concrete parking lot**, **biofiltration stormwater management features**, **recycled and regional materials**, **construction into a hillside**, **water conservation**, **solar panels** and **low VOC paints**. Following the LEED tour, attendees will take a self guided tour of the Nature Center which includes a unique nature education facility situated on 18 acres of land adjacent to the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area. The center offers interactive and multisensory exhibits for all ages; NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style theater, with programs and movies; a Children's Discovery Room with hands-on activities; nature trails with views of the Middle Patuxent River; balcony and green rooftop for outdoor nature viewing.

If you would like to register for the field tour please visit our website www.mafsm.org.

Certified Floodplain Manager Training

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 **8th Annual Conference**. This training covers topics such as the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations, community participation in the NFIP, How to read and use 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 Greenhorne and O'Mara's headquarters at 6110 Frost Place, Laurel MD, 20707 on October 24th from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. The training cost is \$20. The registration deadline for

the training is October 11, 2012. You may register for the training by visiting MAFSM's website at www.MAFSM.org.

A CFM exam will also be held at Greenhorne and O'Mara's headquarters on Friday, October 26th, 2012, 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.

Become a Conference Sponsor and Exhibitor

Sponsors are an important part of our conference. Sponsorships help offset MAFSM's costs in exchange for your organization's promotion. MAFSM's conference includes exhibits and scheduled time for viewing and networking. Booth space is limited, but still available. To view the benefits you'll receive as a sponsor or exhibitor visit our site at www.mafsm.org or [http://www.mafsm.org/pdf/MAFSM%202012%20Exhibitor%20%20Sponsor%20Opportunities%20FINAL%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.mafsm.org/pdf/MAFSM%202012%20Exhibitor%20%20Sponsor%20Opportunities%20FINAL%20(2).pdf).

MAFSM Seeking Volunteers

We are looking for to help run our upcoming Annual Conference. Please contact Mark Hoskins at mhoskins@dewberry.com or Tom Hay at thay@straughanenvironmental.com.

MAFSM Call for Nominations

MAFSM will soon be holding elections to elect new Officers and Regional Representatives. We are currently seeking nominations for the following positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, as well as Representatives for the Eastern, Central and Western Region. All positions will serve a two-year term.

Nominees should be members of MAFSM, be prepared to attend or call-in to bimonthly meetings, and play an active role in the planning and implementation of MAFSM events. Please note, Regional Representatives must hold a position with a state or local government.

If you would like to nominate someone, please send their name and nominated position by

September 14, 2012 to Tom Hay thay@straughanenvironmental.com. Please include in the subject line: MAFSM Nomination.

Elections will be held via email once the Nomination deadline has passed. Election results will be announced at our 8th Annual Conference.

MAFSM Continues work with WARD's 3D Flood Simulator Model

MAFSM continues to share the 3D Ward flood Simulator model with local youth. Several more demonstrations have been conducted throughout Maryland and Virginia in 2012 and we were recently recognized for "Outstanding Education and Outreach conducted with the Floodplain 3D Model" by Outreach Process Partners and the Association of State Floodplain Managers. For more information please see our outreach page at <http://mafsm.org/committees.php?id=20>.

NJAFM To Hold Annual Conference

The New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management is holding their 8th Annual Conference October 2 & 3, 2012, "Breaking the Cycle" at The Palace at Somerset Park, Somerset, NJ. (palacesomersetpark.com). This year the NJAFM's conference will highlight a wide variety of techniques, programs, and resources to help mitigate flood hazards in your community and address repetitive flood damages. *Continuing Education Credits Available For: Certified Floodplain Managers Construction & Code Officials, Professional Land Surveyors AICP Professional Planners, Certified Public Works Managers, Professional Engineers (NJ & PA).* Register Today At NJAFM.ORG. For more information log onto NJAFM website at www.njafm.org or email Craig Wenger, NJAFM Secretary, at secretary@njafm.org.

Ideas for Articles

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

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