

## **INAFSM Floodplain Committee Annual Planning Meeting – 2018**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Noblesville City Hall

10:30 – 12:00

### **SUMMARY**

#### ***Introductions***

- 11 people in attendance

#### ***General INAFSM Announcements***

- Formation of the Education Committee
- 2018 Conference in Evansville – September 5-7, 2018

#### ***Plenary Session Ideas for Annual Conference***

- Conference committee is looking for suggestions for a Plenary Speaker for 2018 Annual Conference. Are there any speakers that you have seen recently that you believe would be a good fit for conference?
  - Group had no suggestions at this time.

#### ***Expanding the Offerings of the Floodplain Committee***

- How do we engage floodplain profession in the State?
  - Working with the planning professional group offering sessions at their conferences – possible session topics include:
    - Damage assessments
    - RISK map
    - Flood/disaster resilience
    - Wards model example
    - Floodplain 101 – how to read flood maps, basic job duties and skills, state model code and how to make it work for your community, risk assessments. This topic is something that Denise Aschleman and Sheila McKinley will be working into a session proposal for possible inclusion in the APA IN spring conference on March 1, 2018.
  - Also look at engaging groups like AIM, AIC, IBOA, and realtors
  - Possibility of going to the legislature and requiring continuing education for the floodplain administrator
- What education topics would you like to see offered in the coming year either at conference, workshops, or webinars?
  - Another Wards model training session
  - Floodproofing and retrofitting building (conference topic)

- FEMA grants class – how to write the grant and get them – longer workshop type session at the conference with possible taping for a webinar available later. (Rodney?)
- Basic state and federal floodplain requirements – also what is a community assistance visit and what you need to do to prepare.
- How to prepare for a community assistance visit, floodplain permits (webinar)
- Model ordinance
- Include Emmitsburg training opportunities in the newsletter
- Public education – flyers – FEMA brochures
- What is your preferred method for education sessions – smaller workshops offered in different locations across the state or a larger workshop in a more central location?
  - Smaller sessions across the state seemed to be preferred.
- How many workshops do you think should be offered each year?
  - 3 workshops a year seemed to be the consensus from the group present.
- Should we be having quarterly meetings in different regions of the state? Would they be helpful to you as a professional?
  - Possible networking locations by drawing the state into 6 regions and working to organize occasional meetings – try to keep drive for most to an hour or under.

### ***Ideas***

- Fair (county/local) deployment of the Wards model along with an organization made brochure for the model
- Wards model is also a good tool to use on school deployment
- Need confirmation on who exactly can train trainers for this exhibit.
- NRCS does a great exhibit at the State Fair with their Pathways to Water Quality Exhibit – is there any way to incorporate floodplain into the exhibit or come up with our own version of a similar exhibit.