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2001 National ASFPM Conference



Oklahoma receives *Tom Lee Award For Excellence*. Oklahoma Delegation (l to r) Ross Richardson, FEMA; Joe Remondini, USACE; Carolyn Schultz, USACE; Ken Morris, OWRB; Lonnie Ward, FEMA; Diana Herrera, NFIP; French Wetmore

The nation's floodplain management professionals met in Charlotte, North Carolina for the 25th Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, OFMA's national parent organization.

During the week of June 3-8, 2001, over 650 floodplain managers from throughout the world attended sessions and workshop presentations, networked, and enjoyed beautiful Charlotte.

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Oklahoma Receives National Awards



OFMA Executive Director Ken Morris, CFM and Regional Director Diane Calhoun, CFM, Texas, plan regional strategies at the conference.

Oklahoma's floodplain management program sparkled at the national conference, as it received several national awards. Oklahoma's floodplain management program received the prestigious Silver Tom Lee State Award for Excellence for its comprehensive floodplain management program.

OFMA received the first John Ivey Award for Superior Efforts in Certification. Oklahoma has a greater percentage of Certified Floodplain Managers than any other state in the nation. This effort is primarily due to the hard work and dedication of Ken Morris, CFM, OFMA's Executive

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Oklahoma Receives Tom Lee State Award For Excellence

Oklahoma and OFMA can be proud of receiving one of the nation's highest awards for excellence in floodplain management. Ken Morris, CFM, Oklahoma's NFIP Coordinator, and OFMA Executive Director, accepted the Silver Tom Lee State Award for Excellence, on behalf of the Governor and the State of Oklahoma. The Tom Lee Award is given annually to recognize an outstanding floodplain management program or activity at the state level. It honors the memory of Tom Lee (1935-1976), a visionary floodplain manager responsible for some of this country's finest state-level programs. Upon his return to Oklahoma, Ken Morris presented the award to Governor Keating.

National Goal: "No Adverse Impact"

The new national floodplain management goal of ASFPM is "No Adverse Impact". "No Adverse Impact" means that no actions should take place in the floodplain that have an adverse impact upstream, downstream, to existing development, or to the environment.

The current NFIP minimum national regulations have been found to be inadequate, especially in urban areas or in developing basins.

The NFIP's emphasis in the past has been "How to develop the floodplains". The emphasis must now switch to "How to keep floodplains free of urban structures and how to enhance the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain". For more information on the "No Adverse Impact" initiative, see <http://www.floods.org> "Changing National Policy—The ASFPM Initiative."

Young Wonders -

Problem Solvers Are Highlight of Conference

Charlotte, N.C. - The highlight of the national ASFPM Conference was a presentation by a group of students from Petersburg, IL, Porta High School, the Porta Problem Solvers. These students set an example for us all to follow and be proud of.

The Porta High School Problem Solvers won their third consecutive problem solvers competition in Athens, GA, and won first place in the environmental category of the environmental competition.

The Porta Problem Solvers' project was centered around revitalizing flood-prone

property that the city had obtained in a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)/State buyout project. The youngsters motivated the entire community and turned

blighted, floodprone property into a community asset.

At the reception ceremony in Pittsburg, the State of Illinois presented the kids with a check for \$50,000 to complete the project. ASFPM gave the Problems Solvers a \$1,000 ASFPM Grant. We are all very proud of these outstanding young people.



Porta High School Problem Solvers. ASFPM Exec. Dir. Larry Larson (top row, 2nd from left), and Project Sponsor, Mary Mies (bottom row, far right)

Oklahoma Receives National Awards

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Director, and Oklahoma's State Floodplain Manager (see OFMA Profile, page 7).

OFMA member Conrad Battreal was made an Honorary Member of ASFPM (see Battreal Made Honorary ASFPM Member, page 3).

OFMA's Executive Director and State Floodplain Manager, Ken Morris, CFM, was elected to the ASFPM Na-

tional Board of Directors as a Chapter Director. Ken also serves on the ASFPM Certification Board of Regents.

It was a very good year for Oklahoma's floodplain management program, and ASFPM awarded Oklahoma the recognition it deserved. Oklahoma floodplain managers can be proud of our accomplishments. Hard work and dedication pays off.

Looking Ahead - State Conference Album

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2001 National ASFPM Conference

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veiled their new national strategy: "No Adverse Impact." (See No Adverse Impact, page 2). The highlight of the conference, for Oklahomans, was the national awards presentations. Oklahoma and OFMA members received numerous awards (see Oklahoma Receives National Awards, page 1).

An inspirational aspect of the conference was an awards presentation to the Porta High School Community Problem Solvers, a group of students from Petersburg, Illinois (see Problem Solvers, page 2).

OFMA's Executive Director and State Floodplain Coordinator, Ken Morris, was elected to the national ASFPM Board of Directors as Chapter Director (see Ken Morris profile, page 7).



Beautiful Charlotte, N.C. Skyline From ASFPM Conference



Executive Director Larry Larson Addresses Plenary Session of the 25th Annual Conference of the ASFPM.

If possible, professional floodplain managers should attend a national conference. The programs, training, networking, and national perspective are well worth the investment. The ASFPM conferences are always held in wonderful places, and are great fun for families and vacations.

The 2002 ASFPM Annual Conference will be held in Phoenix, AZ, June 23-28, 2002. (See Calendar of Educational Opportunities, page 4, for more information.)

ASFPM Receives National Park Service Award



Chris Brown, National Park Service, presents ASFPM's Larry Larson with the National Park Service Award for Excellence

Chris Brown, the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Director, presented ASFPM with an award for furthering the preservation of rivers and streams and promoting the natural and beneficial use of stream corridors.



Conrad Battreal receives the Honorary Lifetime Member Award from ASFPM Chair, George Riedel

Battreal Made Honorary Lifetime ASFPM Member

OFMA member, and former US Army Corps of Engineers' National Flood proofing Committee Chair, Conrad Battreal, was made an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). An Honorary Member is granted lifetime rights and privileges of membership in the Association. The award is granted to someone who has attained eminence in the

field of flood hazard mitigation in government, research, education, law, or any other facet of the field.

Past recipients have included such floodplain management legends as Dr. Gilbert F. White, the father of modern floodplain management (1984), Dr. Jon Kusler (1990), and past FEMA Director, James Lee Witt (1996).

Web Sites

OFMA www.okflood.org
ASFPM www.floods.org
OWRB www.state.ok.us/~owrb
FEMA www.fema.gov
OEMA www.angelfire.com/ok2/oema/
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Attention Floodplain Managers

1. OWRB/FEMA One week course: "Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP" – January 7-11, 2002.

“Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP” is an excellent opportunity to gain basic floodplain management knowledge, refresh your skills, or prepare for the CFM exam. This one-week course is free, including lodging. Class size limited to 36 (a few spaces are still available, but **you must act now!**).

See <http://www.okflood.org/ou.htm> for more information about the course.

See <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/pdf/75-5nf.pdf> for the application form to be completed and mailed or faxed to the OWRB for the course.

2. Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Exam

The CFM Exam will be given to pre-approved applicants on Friday, January 11, 2002 at 11:30am, at the conclusion of the NFIP Course at O.U.

See <http://www.okflood.org/nvtation.html> for OFMA Membership information.

See <http://www.okflood.org/certified.html> for CFM information.

For any questions about the NFIP course or CFM Exam, contact: Ken Morris or Rhonda Kouba (405) 530-8800; fax: (405) 530-8900. Mail applications to: Ken Morris, OWRB, 3800 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118; e-mail: wkmorris@owrb.state.ok.us

Calendar of Educational Opportunities

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association maintains a list of flood-related meetings, conferences, and training at www.okflood.org

- **Jan 7-11, 2002: 2002 “Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP”**, No Charge, Advance Registration Required; OWRB’s Basic Floodplain Management Course, University of Oklahoma: Contact: OWRB, *Ken Morris (405) 530-8800*.
- **Mar 18, 2002: OFMA Spring Technical Training**, \$40.00 Registration Fee; Clarion Hotel, OKC. Contact: Carolyn Schultz (918) 669-4919
- **Mar 19, 2002: Oklahoma Flood Forum**, No Charge; Clarion Hotel, OKC; for FP Administrators, Insurance and Real Estate Agents, Lenders, and Public Officials; Contact: NFIP (281) 829-6880.
- **Mar 25-28, 2002: National Floodproofing Conference, II** Downtown Hyatt, Tampa, FL. ASFPM and Partners. Contact: *Diane Watson, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*
- **May 7, 2002: Region 1 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Norman, OK; No Charge, Contact: OWRB, *Ken Morris (405) 530-8800*.
- **May 9, 2002: Region 2 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Tulsa, OK; No Charge, Contact: OWRB, *Ken Morris (405) 530-8800*.
- **May 14, 2002: Region 5 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Woodward, OK; No Charge, Contact: OWRB, *Ken Morris (405) 530-8800*.
- **May 16, 2002: Region 4 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Lawton, OK; No Charge, Contact: OWRB, *Ken Morris (405) 530-8800*.
- **May 20-22, 2002: National Flood Conference** Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA. . For more information: FEMA.GOV/NFIP or (281) 829-6880.
- **May 21, 2002: Region 3 Floodplain Management Workshop**, McAlester, OK; No Charge, Contact: OWRB, *Ken Morris (405) 530-8800*.
- **Jun 23-28, 2002: Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, Phoenix, AZ. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*
- **Sep 23-25, 2002: OFMA Annual Fall Conference**, Quartz Mountain Resort, Lone Wolf, OK; Cost: \$130 Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; website: www.okflood.org*
- **Jun 3-8, 2003: Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, St. Louis, MO. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*

FEMA Region VI Director Receives Oklahoma's Tom Lee Award



OFMA's Ken Morris presents FEMA Region VI Director Ron Castleman a copy of Oklahoma's Tom Lee Award For Excellence

At an August 3, 2001 meeting at FEMA Region VI headquarters, in Denton, Texas, OFMA Executive Director and State NFIP Coordinator, Ken Morris, CFM, presented

Region VI Director Ron Castleman with a replica of Oklahoma's Tom Lee Award for Floodplain Management Excellence, received during the National ASFPM Conference.

Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

Vision

Floodplains are for floodwaters, habitat, water quality enhancement and recreation.

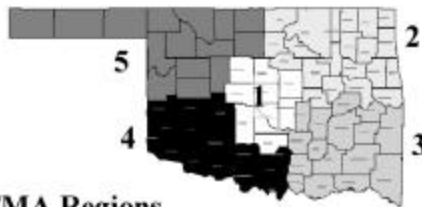
Mission

We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

Saving lives from floods and reducing property loss from floods are paramount to us.

An Invitation to Join OFMA

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is a non-profit organization primarily dedicated to providing information and education to the public about reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding.



OFMA Regions

The best investment that \$30.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

OFMA Membership Application

Name: _____ Company/Organization: _____
 Title: _____ Address: _____
 Work Phone: _____ City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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New Member: Renewal:
 Region (see map): 1 2 3 4 5

- Committees:
- Mitigation Floodplain Regulations
 - Flood Insurance Mapping & Engineering
 - Flood Proofing Stormwater Management
 - Research

Dues Schedule:

First-Year dues are probated depending on the quarter during which you join. The fiscal year start October 1st and ends September 30th.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Full Membership	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.5	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.50
Student Membership	15.00	11.25	7.50	3.75
Associate Membership	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
Agency Membership	50.00	37.50	25.00	12.50
(Plus \$10.00 per employee designated by the Agency)				
Corporate Sponsor	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00



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- Lapel Pin 3.00
- CFM Lapel Pin \$ 5.00
- Shipping and handling \$4.95 per order.

Definition: Base Flood & Special Flood Hazard Area

Base Flood - The flood having a one-percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) - The land in a floodplain within the community subject to a one-percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year.



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Ken Morris, CFM

Oklahoma State Floodplain Manager

OFMA Executive Director; Member, ASFPM Certified Board of Regents (CBOR); National Chapter Director, Regions 6 & 7, ASFPM

Ken Morris is “Mr. Floodplain Management” in Oklahoma. His dedication to protecting lives and property from flooding is unequalled, except perhaps by his commitment to train and certify floodplain administrators, and to make the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) the strongest and most effective chapter of floodplain management professionals in the nation.

Certification of Floodplain Managers - Ken Morris served on the ASFPM committee that developed the nation’s certification program for floodplain managers. He led Oklahoma to becoming the first state in the nation to adopt and implement a professional floodplain manager certification program. Ken has worked tirelessly to provide training and to certify Oklahoma’s floodplain management professionals. Through Ken’s unrelenting leadership, although Oklahoma has only 2% of NFIP member communities, it has 12% of all certified professional floodplain managers in the U.S.

Training and Education- Mr. Morris, through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, provides unequalled training opportunities for Oklahoma’s floodplain managers and public officials. He and the OWRB staff conduct the week-long NFIP course at the University of Oklahoma each January, assist OFMA’s Spring Training in March, conduct five state-wide workshops each May, provide training at OFMA’s annual Fall Conference, and teach the basic Floodplain Management 101 course at the conclusion of the Fall Conference.

Mandatory Training of Floodplain Managers - Floodplain management, with the complex national, state and local regulations, is one of the most demanding public service professions. Amazingly, there are no national or state minimum requirements for training for local floodplain administrators. Mr. Morris has spearheaded what has now become a national effort to require training for all floodplain managers/administrators.

Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association, and the nation are indeed fortunate to have a person of the character, dedication, and commitment of Ken Morris to lead our floodplain in management program.



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