

LFMA Spring Updates

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In this update you will find updates from the 2023 Annual Conference, Committee Updates including upcoming workshops and news from your LFMA region representatives.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

LFMA Summer Workshop


FRIDAY, July 7, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Avoyelles Parish


Register Here

Elevation Certificate Class for Surveyors



Elevation Certificate Workshop




August 15, 2023
East Bank Regional Library
Jefferson/Napoleon Room
4747 W. Napoleon Ave Metairie, LA 70001
9am to 4:30pm

Register Here: 

<https://forms.office.com/g/pLAIHpi290>

This workshop will include real world examples and hands on exercises that will:

- Provide step-by-step walkthrough of how to complete the six (6) sections of the Elevation Certificate (EC) - current and new EC will be covered unless FEMA releases new form before the workshop
- Demonstrate the three purposes of the EC: ensure compliance with community floodplain management ordinances, determine the proper insurance premium rate, and support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F).
- Review the requirements for survey, flood opening documentation and certifications, building diagrams, BFE determination and documentation requirements, common errors and omissions, and discrepancies between different regulatory and programmatic requirements.

Register Here

Conference Updates

LFMA Annual Conference 2023

Thanks to our Registration Volunteers



Our Sponsors and Exhibitors helped to make this year's conference fun and interactive



180 Attendees gathered in Ruston for informative sessions

Breakout sessions were a huge success this year. Thanks to all of the presenters.



Wednesday night's Wine and Cheese had great music and food.



Students from LA Tech demonstrated their bridge for out attendees



Thursday night Party was a huge success and a great way to network after the day's sessions



Special thanks to Josh Walker for showing our group the City of Ruston, it's amazing food, and singing for us at the Thursday party.



ASFPM Annual Conference

The ASFPM annual conference was in Raleigh NC in early May. Over 40 individuals from Louisiana attended this year's conference and many LFMA members presented at the conference about the great work taking place in our state. LFMA hosted a lunch for Louisiana attendees where we were able to network together and discuss the value of being an LFMA member.



Association Updates

2023 - 2024 Board of Directors



Executive Board

Chair - Kim Reeves

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Region 3 - Lisa Ledet

Alt - Mike Stewart

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Region 6 - Melissa Becker

Region 7 - Josh Walker

Alt - Victor Bivens

Region 8 - Larry Walters



Committee Chair

Awards - Colin Sternhell

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Continuing Ed - Danielle Honor-Young

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Chairman's Corner

I had a wonderful time at this year's conference and the family-like atmosphere was truly special. Seeing everyone come together to help with setup, carrying ice and water, and enjoying the conference food together was like a family reunion! I hope all of you who attended the conference or workshops felt the same sense of family and made lasting friendships. The importance of community in the Floodplain Management field has been made very clear in the past few years with the aftermath of the 2016 floods, Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Ida.

At LFMA, we recognize the tremendous responsibility of substantial damage estimates, administration, and enforcement that falls on the local level and the potential of public assistance funding under DRRA 1206. We are dedicated to sharing best practices and providing support and guidance to floodplain managers through this process. FEMA's case study on Hurricane Ida provides great insight into the lessons learned, which we will be discussing at future LFMA workshops.

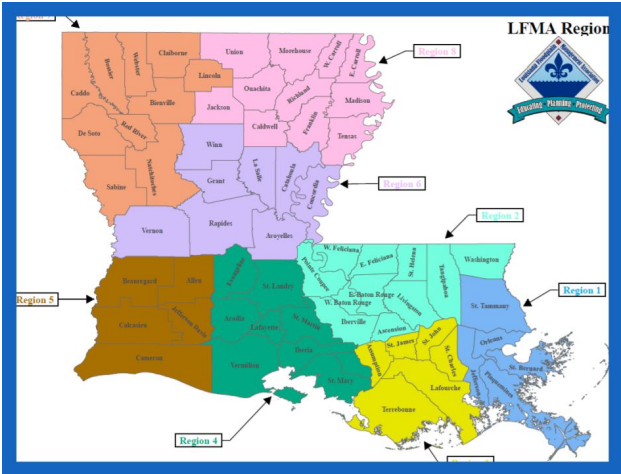
I look forward to continuing to serve on the board of directors in the position of Vice-Chairwoman and know that you will be in good hands with the new Chairwoman, Kim Reeves.

Sincerely,

Michelle Gonzales, CFM

LFMA Chairman

What's Happening Around The State



Region 1

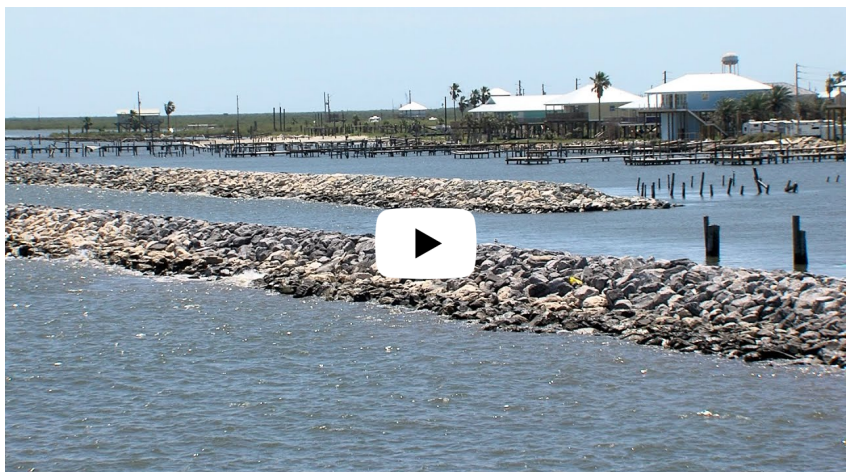
After \$7 million renovation, Gretna City Park can hold 6.5 million gallons more stormwater - read more about how an 80-acre expanse of undeveloped green space became a flood-fighting tool [HERE](#). Information about prior site conditions and the improvements that were implemented can be found [HERE](#).



City of Mandeville in St. Tammany Parish featured as a case study in the FEMA library - read about their progress in floodplain management on the FEMA website [HERE](#).



Jefferson Parish and Town of Grand Isle hosted media to Grand Isle to highlight the recovery from hurricane Ida. You can view the video [HERE](#).



Region 2

Stay up to date with information and projects in the Amite River Basin by checking the ARBC [Website](#)

Amite River Basin USGS Map Showing HydroWatch Stations



Region 3

Terrebonne Parish Coastal Day

COASTAL DAY
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 | 3 - 8 PM | CIVIC CENTER

JOIN US
Experience an interactive showcase of Terrebonne Parish's flood risk reduction and coastal restoration projects.
View:
▶ FLOOD GATES ▶ LEVEES
▶ LOCK SYSTEMS ▶ PUMP STATIONS

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FREE FOOD AND DRINK

The poster features a large image of a flood gate structure at the top. Below the main title, there are three smaller images: a flood gate, a lock system, and a pump station. The bottom right corner contains the logos for Terrebonne Parish and Terrebonne Parish Coastal Day.

St. Charles Parish Trash Bash

On Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, St. Charles Parish hosted its 15th annual Trash Bash in conjunction with Love the Boot Week. More than 900 volunteers collected 350 bags of litter and nearly 25 bags of recyclables, accumulating more than 1170 hours of work. I was more than happy to team up with some of my family members, on such a beautiful morning, to help with such an amazing event. "I love it when my professional and personal life are on the same page." ~ Danielle Honor-Young CMA, CFM



Region 4

Stay up to date with LWI information in your area by visiting the Acadian Planning Commissions Watershed Management [Webpage](#)



Region 5

Stay informed about LWI in your area by visiting LWI Region 4 [website](#).



Region 6

L273 Training in Alexandria

A collaborative effort between LaDOTD, Half Associates, FEMA R6 and Rapides Area Planning Commission brought the L273 training class to Alexandria, Louisiana earlier this year

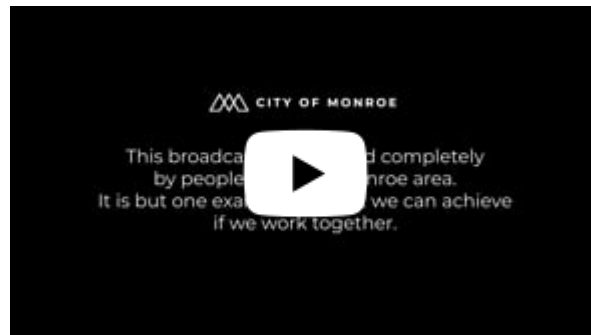


Region 7

Meet and Greet

Planning is in progress for an upcoming meet and greet event for LFMA members/affiliates in Region 7 - make sure you have LFMA saved in your e-mail contacts so that you don't miss out on further information about this exciting event.

Region 8



Check out the City of Monroe's State of the City video at this [website](#).

Committee Updates

Awards Committee

The annual awards luncheon was held at the conference in Ruston.

Rod Emmer Award

Michelle Gonzales is the 2023 Rod Emmer Award Recipient. She has held positions in government at the Federal, State, and Local level as well as in Private Sector. She has gained valuable knowledge that she uses to help LFMA and the citizens of our state



Outstanding Community

East Baton Rouge City/Parish is the 2023 Outstanding Community Award Recipient. After the 2016 floods City/Parish leadership prioritized flood risk reduction and in January 2023 they completed a Stormwater Master Plan and adopted an updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that highlights a community designated flood level that may exceed the FEMA minimum that will protect the citizens of the community.



Continuing Ed Committee

Congratulations to Danielle Honor Young, the new Chair of the Continuing Education Committee. Danielle joined LFMA in 2014 and became a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) in January, 2016. Danielle will help make training available to LFMA's CFMs.

New CFM's were recognized at this year's conference.

If you have questions about Continuing Education Credits contact Danielle at dhonor@stcharlesgov.net



Disaster Resources Team

At the January Board Retreat goals were set to interact with individuals outside of the floodplain management community to provide training and understanding of the requirements of Floodplain Management.

Several LFMA members presented at the State of the Coast Conference in New Orleans, LA about the requirements of substantial damage and compliance with the elevation height requirements.

If you are interested in discussing pre-disaster steps to take to be ready for substantial damage estimates and enforcement contact nleblanc@tangipahoa.org.



Legislative Committee

Proposed Rule Changes coming to FHA and HUD via Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS)

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) via the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has proposed a rule change to align FHA with existing floodplain management regulations followed by other HUD programs like CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT. These regulations are known as the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, or FFRMS.

FFRMS rules require critical actions on critical facilities within the 1% and 2% floodplains to be elevated to either 2 or 3 feet above the BFE. HUD's Disaster Programs (CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT for example) have along with FEMA and its Mitigation Programs like PA and HMA-long aligned with FFRMS. The proposed rule changes require FHA to begin to adhere to the same standards.

Requirements of FFRMS will include the use of 2 to 3 foot freeboard in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) along with removal of exceptions allowing the use of LOMA's, LOMAR-F's, CLOMA's and CLOMAR-F's in achieving the specified Freeboard Requirements. If FFRMS guidelines are not met from a design guidance and construction standard perspective, the project or structure will not qualify for financing using FHA products which are key tool in the affordable housing market. Nor will it qualify for the use of FHA Mortgage Insurance, regardless of the financing source.

These changes can be read in their entirety at the following link:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/24/2023-05699/floodplain-management-and-protection-of-wetlands-minimum-property-standards-for-flood-hazard>

Newsletter Committee

If you have a project, program, or information about your region please provide the information to Melonie Ellzey at mellzey@bha-engineers.com. Newsletters will be sent out quarterly and we need your input to make them fun and informative for our members.

LFMA's Flood Awareness Week will be August 21 to August 25, 2023. Start thinking now of what topics you want to highlight in your community for this week.

Workshop Committee

If you would like to present at a workshop please contact Darla Duet at DuetDA@lafourchegov.org

July Workshop

FRIDAY, July 7, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Avoyelles Parish

October Workshop

City of Scott

October 20, 2023

Scott Events Center

110 Lions Club Rd

Scott, LA 70583

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