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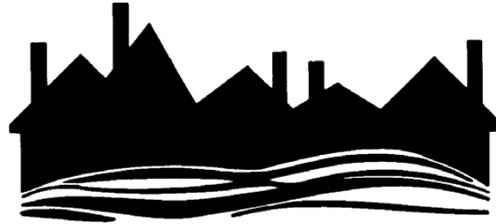
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NFIP/ CRS Corner

—More on FEMA’s Moonshot—

Help Burst those Flood Insurance Myths

As part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s “moonshot” goal of doubling flood insurance coverage nationwide by 2022, the Community Rating System is asking communities to strengthen their flood insurance outreach campaigns. Remember that “Insure your property for your flood hazard” is CRS priority topic 2 for element OP credit (and also a prerequisite) under Activity 330 (Outreach Projects). Publicizing flood insurance also can be credited in a community’s flood response preparations (element FRP), and under Activity 370 (Flood Insurance Promotion).

An important component of promoting flood insurance is dispelling the myths that persist about it. Below are a few of the most salient misunderstandings about flood insurance and some straightforward explanations of what is really true. Your community may find it helpful to use the linked materials to address mistaken beliefs among your residents. Also, there are several “myths” articles in the linked materials that could be reprinted to highlight some of the ideas below.

MYTH: My homeowner’s insurance covers flooding.

This may be the most prevalent misinformation of all. In fact, almost no homeowner’s insurance policies cover flood damage. That is why the federal government created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood insurance is sold as a separate policy, so even if a person’s regular agent doesn’t handle flood insurance, it can be obtained from another agent who serves that area. To find one, people can contact the NFIP call center at 800-427-4661 or www.FloodSmart.gov. Communities can distribute FEMA’s palm card, “[Your Homeowners Insurance Does Not Cover Flooding](#).” One flood survivor who had that separate policy—and was glad he did—tells about it in a [one-minute video](#) from FEMA.

MYTH: I don’t need flood insurance, because I’m not in a high-risk zone.

The reality is that it can flood almost anywhere, and it doesn’t take much water to cause expensive damage. In fact, about 1/3 of all flood disaster assistance and 1/3 of all flood insurance claims payments go to people who have been flooded even though they were outside of the mapped high-risk zone (Special Flood Hazard Area). With a changing climate, scientists say that extreme weather events—like the tremendous rain that

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Flood Insurance Myths (cont...)

accompanied hurricanes last summer and caused localized flooding—will be more likely in the future. So living in a location that so far has been thought to be at low risk does not mean that is safe now. [Why Do I Need Flood Insurance?](#) helps people understand the need for flood coverage. [Know Your Risk](#) focuses on the potential for flooding in low-lying coastal areas. A [one-minute video](#) from FEMA tells the story of a family who were relieved that they had bought flood insurance even though they had already been through hurricanes without sustaining damage.

MYTH: I can't get flood insurance, because I'm not in a high-risk zone.

Virtually anyone who lives in or owns property in an NFIP-participating community can buy flood insurance for a residential building, business, condo, or apartment, and the contents can be insured as well (or instead). Flood insurance through the NFIP has never been restricted to people located in the high-risk zone (Special Flood Hazard Area). In fact, for people outside the high-risk zone, flood insurance is an even better deal, because the premiums are lower. An overview of the availability, coverage, and costs of flood insurance—in clear language and with sources of more information—can be found on the [FloodSmart website](#). Communities can also use the [brochure about the preferred risk policy](#) for low-hazard areas.

MYTH: Even if my house did flood, it wouldn't be by much.

There may not be very much water, but that doesn't mean there won't be much damage. Only one inch of water in an average home can cause more than \$25,000 in damage. A handy visual representation of this is the [Cost of Flooding tool](#) developed by FEMA. It is a simple interactive device to help people see how the depth of flooding translates to damage costs. This link is a good addition to a community's flood awareness website.

MYTH: I don't need flood insurance because FEMA gives disaster assistance.

The truth is that FEMA can only provide disaster assistance when the president issues a disaster declaration—this happens for less than half of all floods. Even if there is a disaster declaration, FEMA can only provide small grants, not enough to cover all losses and certainly not enough to rebuild. For example, in Hurricane Harvey the average individual grant FEMA distributed was only \$7,000. Most other federal disaster assistance comes in the form of loans, which must be repaid. By contrast, in Hurricane Harvey, the average NFIP claim payment was over \$100,000—that's a payment from the insurance policy and of course never has to be repaid. And, a flood insurance policy pays for any covered damage, even if it results from a small (not disastrous) flood. Use the two-page handout, [“The Benefits of Flood Insurance vs. Disaster Assistance,”](#) to compare the two.

More Resources

- Learn about Promoting Flood Insurance (Activity 370) at the CRS webinar April 17th.
- Refer to FEMA's [Moonshot Outreach Starter Kit](#), the [Regional NFIP Marketing & Outreach Toolkit](#), and the [FloodSmart website](#) and its [Agents page](#). There you will find many useful examples, templates, photos, videos, and press releases that can be used in your community's outreach, as well as basic facts to help you dispel these misconceptions about flood insurance.

Still to Come

Future NFIP/CRS Update newsletters will have more on flood insurance myths. The CRS Moonshot Workgroup will be presenting new ways for CRS communities to close the insurance gap. ☰ ☰ ☰

(Taken from the NFIP/CRS UPDATE Newsletter, December 2018/January 2019 Issue)



NFIP/CRS Corner (cont...)



Send Your Ideas about the Next CRS Coordinator's Manual

During the next year the CRS Task Force will be working on another routine update and revision of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual*, the all-purpose reference and guidance document for the Community Rating System. The new edition is expected to become effective at some point after the current, 2017, edition of the *Coordinator's Manual* expires (March 31, 2020).

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the CRS Task Force welcome written input for the next *Coordinator's Manual* from communities, CRS Users Groups, regional or state entities involved with the CRS, and other stakeholders. All comments will be considered, whether for minor corrections, new credits, or other improvements.

Meanwhile, the CRS team is continuing its work to simplify and clarify the procedures, descriptions, and documentation to be incorporated into the next *Coordinator's Manual*. With every edition, the CRS strives to make all the guidelines and instructions even easier to understand. Further, all references and links to sources of information and further assistance—both within the CRS and among outside entities—are being updated.

Send your corrections, suggestions for clarifications, new ideas, and other comments to Tom Powell, Chair of the CRS Task Force, at twpgmp0328@gmail.com. ≡ ≡ ≡

(Taken from the NFIP/CRS UPDATE Newsletter, December 2018/January 2019 Issue)



Tidbits from the CRS Task Force

The Community Rating System Task Force met via teleconference on January 29, 2019. The meeting included these items:

- ◆ Updates were presented on the ongoing work of the CRS Task Force committees on floodplain management planning, coastal areas, watershed management, and post-disaster issues.
- ◆ The timeline for the routine revision and update of the *CRS Coordinator's Manual* was discussed [*see article above*].
- ◆ Priorities for 2019 for the Task Force and the CRS team were outlined, including activities to support FIMA's insurance moonshot [*see cover article*]; continued work on the anticipated Class 8 freeboard prerequisite [*see article on page 2 of our September 2018 issue*]; and development of ways to help communities plan ahead for how they will implement their substantial damage requirements, especially after a large flood.

The CRS Task Force plans to meet again in April 2019. ≡ ≡ ≡

(Taken from the NFIP/CRS UPDATE Newsletter, December 2018/January 2019 Issue)



Louisiana Flood Map Books

By Susan Veillon

In FY17, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) created a Flood Information Guide (FIG) Map for West Carroll Parish for their communications effort.

In recent years, a plethora of data and tools have been deployed to try to aid communities in understanding, communicating, and to make better decisions regarding their flood risk. Unfortunately, there are still a number of communities that cannot make effective use of those tools and data because they have neither the funding nor personnel to do so. In situations like these, it may prove more valuable to use technology to repackage the available data into a format that will be more easily and regularly used by these communities.

In Louisiana, there are a number of communities that do not utilize GIS software. As a result, even when supplied with FIRM Databases, they are unable to utilize the raster (depth grid, etc.) or other spatial layers. These communities rely on printed copies of the work maps or FIRM panels to make decisions related to planning and development, infrastructure improvements, mitigation projects, and post disaster needs. While work maps and FIRM panels are a standardized product, they can be difficult to properly decipher.

In a time when technology offers a seemingly endless suite of options for delivering data, whether through a website or a mobile app, it may seem counter-intuitive to go backward and employ a delivery mechanism which seems to be in decline, but in certain situations that may be what is needed. For decades, travelers relied on road atlases to navigate their routes and local community map books would usually include an index of street names so that users could quickly locate the page, or pages, of interest. Being both easy to use and commonly available made these map books trusted sources for information.

Using this time-tested, simple approach, a variety of data sources can be combined into a single volume that could be deployed to local officials and staff. The data for this project came from both FEMA and LADOTD. It was organized into a series of map pages which labeled the streets, the BFEs or estimated water surface elevations, and depending on density, some or all of the structure points with their addresses. Each map page utilized the same scale, feature symbology, and consistent, easily decipherable labeling formats.

The goal of the volume was to make identifying individual properties and flood risk elevations within the maps quick and easy. With this tool, local users would be much more capable of understanding and communicating risk. This would in turn lead to an overall better understanding of changing flood risk, and the implementation of flood risk reduction measures.

The final product of this project was an 11 inch by 17 inch spiral bound map book. The opening page included a legend and some basic instructions for using the book, followed by an alphabetical listing of streets which included upper and lower limits of the BFE or water surface elevation for the street segment, and finally the map page or pages within the book on which that street segment appears.

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CTP & MAPPING NEWS (CONT...)

Louisiana Flood Map Books (cont...)

By providing an easy to use, easily reproducible product to staff and officials within the West Carroll Parish Government, each of these users would become more proficient in identifying the flood risk for specific sites within their community. Once these users become comfortable with the Guide Map, the information within will come to influence a greater number of decisions including planning and development decisions, public works projects, and mitigation actions, to name a few. While these users will not be directly utilizing the spatial Flood Risk Datasets generated during the study for their community, they will be using a repackaged version of that data, data which would have been completely ignored if only provided in its original form. ≡ ≡ ≡

ASFPM’s Flood Insurance Committee Corner



FEMA’s New NFIP Flood Insurance Manual, Training & More

In October 2018, FEMA released a totally reformatted, easier-to-use [Flood Insurance Manual](#). And we mean totally reformatted. By now, we are sure many of you have had to use the manual and for some, have experienced the awkwardness of trying to figure out where everything is now.

Well, help is here! Recently, the NFIP Training Contractor (H2O Partners) presented a webinar called “Navigating the Restyled NFIP Flood Insurance Manual.” The presenters showed how to get around the new manual in order to ease the transition to it. If you missed the webinar, you can see a recording of it here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycyzzmxq>. They used a great crosswalk tool that shows exactly where the information from the April 2018 version is in the new manual and provides quick links to the content. It is available for download, and if you use the manual at all, go get yourself a copy of the crosswalk now at www.h2opartnersusa.com/agent/crosswalk.pdf.

Speaking of training, the NFIP provides many online course that can be found at www.fema.gov/floodinsurance-manual. And if you haven’t signed up to receive notices about training opportunities (and other notices from FEMA), visit <https://tinyurl.com/ya5z69mr>.

And here’s the “More”: We’ve mentioned it before, but wanted to one more time. The new and improved [FloodSmart Cost of Flooding Tool](#) is now available and can be embedded on YOUR community’s (or company’s) website to help property owners better understand the financial impact just a few inches of flood waters can have. And you can easily access the tool from the home page of www.Agents.FloodSmart.gov.

As always, whether it is a specific flood insurance-related question or a topic you’d like the Flood Insurance Committee to look into addressing, we want to hear from you. Please send us your thoughts to InsuranceCorner@floods.org and if you aren’t a committee member and wish to join, let us know that too!

Humbly yours,
Bruce Bender and Steve Samuelson
—[Your Flood Insurance Committee Co-chairs](#)

(Taken from the January 2019 issue of The Insider)

From the Chair of the ASFPM

Maria Cox Lamm, CFM &
South Carolina State Floodplain Manager



From Congress to the local floodplain manager

ASFPM works on many levels to assist local floodplain managers. I had the pleasure of being part of a very important law change. As many of you know, Substantial Damage assessments and post-disaster floodplain management recovery duties have been considered non-reimbursable under the Public Assistance program since FEMA policy RR9523.2 passed in 1998. Before then, costs were reimbursable, including costs for floodplain managers helping other floodplain managers in disaster-affected communities (also called mutual aid).

Overtuning this policy has been a priority for ASFPM for some time. After my state, South Carolina, saw extensive flooding in 2015 and used the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (which is the mechanism for requesting interstate mutual aid) for assistance, we ended up with a huge bill! I became an advocate for overturning the policy with this great real-world example. So, with my state's experience in hand I joined the ASFPM policy team and we hit the ground running.

We approached FEMA to discuss overturning the policy after Hurricane Harvey. Once the ruling came down from FEMA that the policy would stand, we changed our approach. We moved to get Congress involved. This is where my experiences from years of repetitive flooding came in very handy. As we discussed the issues it became very apparent that knowing the issues all the way down, from the state to the local level, was vital to senators and representatives. As we continued to share our knowledge with all who would listen, we started to get movement.

In the end, Section 1206 of the DRRA was written and addressed the long-standing issue of reimbursement for these important activities. Now that the law has been passed, we are all awaiting the implementation guidelines that FEMA will provide.

This change will have huge, positive implications at the local level for floodplain managers. If you are in a community that has seen repetitive flooding, it is possible that some, if not all, of the cost associated with post-disaster floodplain management activities will be reimbursed. Specifically, Section 1206 states that building code and floodplain ordinance administration and enforcement including inspections for substantial damage compliance are eligible for reimbursement. As you know, the work doesn't end with the substantial damage determination. There are permits to be processed, inspections to be done on repairs, and certificates of occupancy to be issued. This also means that costs for others to aid a community should now be reimbursable. What great news for all of us floodplain managers!

Working on this important legislation is one of the highlights of my relationship with ASFPM. With all the repetitive flooding my state has endured since 2015, it is nice to know the stories and examples from my local governments and my personal experiences at the state coordinating office have made a difference. This is truly an example of how, through our national professional organization – ASFPM - one can make an impact that extends far beyond their day-to-day lives. So I encourage everyone to get involved and share your experiences. ≡ ≡ ≡

(Taken from the ASFPM's News & Views Newsletter, December 2018 Issue)



Flood Fest 2019: The Mitigation Resilience Tour

ASFPM's 43rd Annual National Conference

Cleveland, Ohio

May 19-23, 2019

Registration for the year's most comprehensive floodplain management training and networking opportunity is now online! [Register to attend now](#) before the rate goes up April 5. The [preliminary draft program](#) is also available for review, though some changes are expected in the coming months. Need a hotel room? Our [room blocks at three hotels](#) are within easy walking distance to the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. Visit [our conference page](#) for more information.

If your firm or organization is interested in high-level exposure at this conference, be sure to check out our [sponsor](#) and [exhibitor](#) opportunities. The ASFPM annual national conference is THE place to engage your stakeholders and clients. Contact **Sarah Waller** at sarah@floods.org for more information. We look forward to welcoming you to Cleveland!

Plus, there is sooo much to do in Cleveland. Check out the ["Make No Mistake, This is Cleveland"](#) website that highlights things to do, events, cool bars and restaurants and even "planning tools" to get around the city.

And don't forget to get your fingers in social media posting shape for #ASFPM2019 by liking and following our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages!

(Taken from ASFPM's News& Views February 2019 Issue)



Chillin' with my peeps





**LFMA Official Registration Form
36th Annual Technical & Business Conference**

“Rise Above The Risk”

April 3 - 5, 2019

Kenner, LA

LFMA website: www.lfma.org

Please print or type

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THRU March 12 AFTER March 12

Members	_____ \$175.00	_____ \$185.00
Non-Members	_____ \$225.00	_____ \$235.00 (fee includes membership)
One-Day - Thursday only	_____ \$115.00	_____ \$125.00
Spouse/Guest	_____ \$50.00	(Name: _____)
Open Space (Golf) Tour	_____ \$60.00	(Chateau Country Club Golf Course)
Wetland/Marsh Creation Coast Boat Tour	_____ \$30.00	(Wednesday morning field trip)
Residential Elevation Site Visits & Wetland/Marsh Creation Coast Boat Tour	_____ \$45.00	(Wednesday field trip-All day) (Lunch provided)

Total _____ Check box if receipt is needed

CERTIFICATION: CFM P.L.S. P.E. (CIRCLE)

Registration fee includes admission to, Conference Program, Welcome Reception, Awards Luncheon and Afternoon Cookout. Check all that apply:

No cancellation refunds will be issued after March 12, 2019

Special Diet - Please provide details _____

For Conference questions contact: Conference Chair: Michelle Gonzales, CFM
michelle.gonzales128@gmail.com

Make check payable to **Louisiana Floodplain Management Association**

Mail Registration Fee and this Form to:

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36th ANNUAL

TECHNICAL & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

April 3, 4, and 5, 2019

Kenner, Louisiana

"Rise Above the Risk"

Airport Hilton—901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062



Schedule of Events:

TUESDAY – APRIL 2, 2019

6:00 PM **Board Meeting (Invitation Only)**

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3, 2019

Technical Tours - (Additional Information on Page 2)

Pre-Registration Required for all tours

7:30 - 12:30 **Open Space Tour (Golf) - Tech Tour #1** \$60

7:30 - 12:30 **Wetland/Marsh Creation Coast Boat Tour - Tech Tour #2** \$30

7:30 - 3:00 **Residential Elevation Site Visits & Wetland/Marsh Creation Boat Tour - Tech Tour #3** \$45

10:00 - 3:30 **Registration:**
Grand Ballroom Foyer

SESSION I GRAND BALLROOM

1:30 – 2:00 **Welcome, Kenner Mayor**
The Hon. Ben Zhan
Toby Fruge, CFM; LFMA Chair
Ted Debaene, CFM; LFMA Executive Director

2:00 – 2:30 **Chris Brown, CFM - City of Covington**
Drainage System Maintenance Program—CRS

2:30 – 3:00 **Ryan Mast, CFM - City of New Orleans**
Repetitive Loss Area Analysis

3:00 – 3:30 **Jeanne Hornsby, PE - Fenstermaker**
Flood Forecasting

3:30 – 3:45 **B R E A K** – Exhibits Open

3:45 – 5:15 **Louisiana Watershed Initiative - Panel Discussion**
Moderated by: TBD
Members of the Watershed Council and Working Group will update on progress

5:30 **Welcome Reception - Hilton Courtyard**
(Wine, Cheese, and Music)
Hospitality Room – Pontchartrain Room

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

THURSDAY – APRIL 4, 2019

SESSION II GRAND BALLROOM

7:30 – 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 - 12:00 **Registration / Exhibit Opens**

8:00– 8:30 **Welcome, Jefferson Parish President**
President Michael S. Yenni
Kara Moree, CFM; LFMA Vice Chair
Michelle Gonzales, CFM; ASFPM R6 Rep. Update

8:30 – 9:00 **Ben Pylant, PE - HALFF**
Unmapped Risk Associated with Local Flood Hazards

9:00 - 9:30 **Don Cummins - Air Data Solutions**
Application of Aerial Imagery for Flood Management

9:30 - 10:00 **Gary O'Neal, CFM & Kim Ryals**
Quality Engineering & Surveying
FEMA HMA Grant Programs

10:00– 10:15 **B R E A K** – Exhibits Open

10:15 - 11:45 **CRS BREAK OUT SESSION - Barataria A/B**
Maggie Talley, CFM & Nic LeBlanc, CFM
(Additional Information on Page 2)

10:15 - 11:15 **Brett Parker - Smart Vent**
Hazard Mitigation Planning

11:15 - 11:45 **Jennifer Gerbasi, CFM - Terrebonne Parish**
Incentives for Private Investment in Flood Safe Building

12:00 – 1:45 **Awards Luncheon - Grand Ballroom**
Toby Fruge, CFM– LFMA Chair

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TBD -

SESSION III GRAND BALLROOM

2:15 - 2:45 **Jacob Lesue, PE, CFM & Seth Bradley, PE - Dewberry**
The Potential of BLE Data: How Communities Can Use This Product to Enhance Their Floodplain Management Program



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Schedule of Events: (cont...)

SESSION III GRAND BALLROOM (cont...)

- 2:45 – 3:15** **Eric Zgonina, PE, CFM - Dewberry**
WAT Way to Geaux? A New Watershed Planning Tool for Southeast Louisiana in the Amite Watershed
- 3:15 – 4:00** **Susan Veillon, CFM - DOTD & Jerri Daniels, CFM - Dewberry**
CTP Business Plan FY '18 & FY '19 and the Flood Information Guide (FIG)
- 5:00** **LFMA Party Time - Hilton Pool Area**
(Food, Spirits, Music, Fun, and Friends)

FRIDAY – APRIL 5, 2019

SESSION IV GRAND BALLROOM

- 8:00 – 8:30** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:00** **John Miles, CFM - FEMA Region 6**
Post Disaster Substantial Damage Review
- 9:00 – 9:30** **Darrin Dutton, CFM - FEMA Region 6**
Surviving a CAV
- 9:30 - 10:00** **Jamelyn Austin Trucks, CFM - Atkins**
Mitigation Finance - Resilience
- 9:30 - 11:30** **CFM REFRESHER - BREAT OUT SESSION**
Ben Pylant - HALFF
(Additional Information on Right)
- 10:00 - 11:00** **John Schexnayder, CFM - Wood**
Floodplain Mapping
- 11:00 - 11:30** **Justin Kozak - Center for Planning Excellence**
Land Use Community Planning
- 11:30 - 11:45** **General Business Meeting & Election Results**
Ted Debaene, CFM, Executive Chair
- 11:45 – 12:00** **2019 Conference End Wrap Up**
Toby Fruge, CFM– LFMA Chair
Michelle Gonzales, CFM - Conference Chair

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

- 1:30 – 4:30** **CFM Exam - Barataria A/B**
Pre-registered applicants only
(Pre-register with ASFPM at least two (2) weeks prior to the conference at www.floods.org and receive confirmation)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

7:30 — 12:30 **Open Space Tour (Golf) Tech Tour #1: \$60**
Chateau Country Club -- 3600 Chateau Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062
<https://www.chateaugcc.com/>

Questions contact: Colin Sternhell csternhell@solutient.com

7:30 — 12:30 **Wetland/Marsh Creation Coast Boat Tour - Tech Tour #2: \$30**

(Includes Transportation - Meet in Hilton Lobby at 7:15 am.)

Travel by van then by boat to coastal areas surrounding Jefferson Parish where wetland and marsh creation projects have been implemented that slow storm surge and create benefits to the natural floodplain functions. This are also created a huge Open Space benefit in the recent CRS review.

Questions contact: Maggie Talley MTalley@jeffparish.net

7:30 — 3:00 **Residential Elevation Site Visits & Wetland/Marsh Creation Coast Boat Tour - Tech Tour #3: \$45 (lunch provided)**

(Includes Transportation - Meet in Hilton Lobby at 7:15 am.)

Travel by van to see Severe Repetitive Loss residential properties that were elevated above the designated flood elevation to prevent future flood losses; then hop on the boat to see coastal areas surrounding Jefferson Parish where wetland and marsh creation projects have been implemented that slow storm surge and create benefits to the natural floodplain functions. Both the elevation projects and open space can provide CRS credits.

***Participants on this tour will NOT return to the Hilton for the beginning of Session I.**

Questions contact: Vicki Holmes vickih@orleansshoring.com

BREAK OUT SESSION INFORMATION:

10:15 — 11:45 **CRS BREAK OUT SESSION - Barataria A/B**
Maggie Talley & Nic LeBlanc
LOCAL CRS COORDINATORS ONLY

In the past few years, the CRS User's groups have met quickly after lunch to introduce each other. This year, Nic (FLOAT) and Maggie (JUMP) will host a Break Out Session for Local CRS Coordinators ONLY. There will be time to meet each other, discuss some of the things happening in your community, and gain tips from Maggie and Nic on ways their communities of Jefferson and Mandeville were able to improve class ratings in the past year.

9:30 — 11:30 **CFM REFRESHER / PREPARATION - Barataria A/B**
Ben Pylant - HALFF
Reserved for CFM Exam Takers

A quick high-level review of Floodplain Management concepts is being offered for individuals that are new to the floodplain management field or need a refresher on the basic concepts of the field. This class is first reserved for individuals signed up for the CFM test.



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Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

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