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#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the ASFPM Foundation is to promote public policy through select strategic initiatives and serve as an incubator for long-term policy development that promotes wise floodplain management.

## **Update on ASFPM Foundation's 2010 Forum on Flood Risk Management**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ASFPM Foundation Forum, conducted at George Washington University in March 2010, carefully considered issues and options to establish principles and formulate a comprehensive national strategy to assess the successful management of flood risk and floodplain resources. The two-day combination of invited speakers, brainstorming, small group discussions, and group feedback resulted in four over-arching conclusions:

1. More work needs to be done to arrive at a commonly accepted definition of "flood risk management." However, natural floodplain resources protection must be included.
2. Too much time has been invested in communicating the complexities of flood risk on the assumption that the public will take action. A different, science-based path toward fostering appropriate behaviors is needed.
3. Progress is unlikely to be made without some defined goals and indicators that show whether "success" is approaching or receding.
4. A national strategy is essential to managing flood risks and floodplain resources, but most action occurs at the local level. Goals and approaches should be locally based.



**2010 Forum – Photo courtesy of the Forum Planning Team**

A full report, action agenda, and recommendations for further research will be released late this year. For now, anyone can peruse the background reading, PowerPoint presentations, agendas, and assembly participants (as well as those from the two formation symposia that preceded it) at [www.asfpmfoundation.org/2010forum.htm](http://www.asfpmfoundation.org/2010forum.htm).

This event was generously sponsored by AECOM, CDM, Dewberry, ESP Associates, Greenhorne & O'Mara, H2O Partners, Michael Baker, PBS&J, Stantec Consulting, and URS Corporation.

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## Nick Winter's Memorial Scholarship

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) and the ASFPM Foundation, grant a \$2,000 scholarship each academic year to a full-time college junior or senior currently enrolled in an undergraduate program related to floodplain/stormwater management, or a student enrolled in a graduate program in a field related to floodplain/stormwater management. This year's recipient of the 2010-2011 Nick Winter's Scholarship is Steven M. Mee, Jr. of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Eligible applicants include current undergraduates in a four-year college program, applicants to a graduate program, or current graduate students. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and be a citizen of the United States. Eligible fields of discipline include civil or environmental engineering, planning, emergency management, environmental sciences or other disciplines with a demonstrable link to floodplain and stormwater management.

Applicants must complete an application form. Selection preference will be given to those applicants who demonstrate a history of civic or volunteer service, as well as a financial need (i.e. full-time students responsible for their own tuition), in addition to meeting the basic qualifications. For more information please visit:

<http://www.asfpmfoundation.org/winters.htm>

## ASFPM Foundation Receives Thanks from Terri Turner, AICP, CFM

This past spring Scott Edelman received the following praise for the work of the ASFPM

Foundation from Terri Turner, "First, I wanted to thank you and the ASFPM Foundation for the extreme honor and privilege of being invited to the Gilbert F White Flood Policy Forum in DC this past March. The group did an excellent job of outlining a flood risk management strategy and also predicting the indicators that would signify progress and foster success in the management of flood risks and in the protection / management of floodplain resources. I wholeheartedly concur with the conclusions that were reached by the Forum attendees and hope that I can be of part of any future endeavors to map out a national strategy for managing flood risk."

"Second, I wanted to thank you and the ASFPM Foundation for the continuing support of our State Chapter. The Georgia Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM) just celebrated our 5 year anniversary at Lake Lanier this past month and I am proud to say that ASFPM and the ASFPM Foundation have been with us every step of the way in our short, but memorable, journey to promote sound floodplain management across the State of Georgia. The Foundation's support of Mike DePue attending a number of our Conferences to promote the Foundation and also the Foundation sending Curtis Beitel to demonstrate the Floodplain Managers Game (which was a HUGE success I might add !!) are but a few examples of ways in which the Foundation continually supports our organization."

"Again, please extend my sincerest thanks to all of the Foundation Board Members for the incredible work that the Foundation is doing in promoting sound and sustainable floodplain and watershed management throughout our local area here in Georgia and, more importantly, across the US!"

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## RESULTS OF THE LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

The 2010 ASFPM Annual Conference proved to be a great success for the ASFPM Foundation. The Foundation hosted both a Live and Silent Auction at the Conference. A total of \$6,260 was raised at the Live Auction, \$8,974 was raised at the Silent Auction. The grand total raised by the ASFPM Foundation at the 2010 Annual Conference was \$64,558. Thank you to all of those who participated!

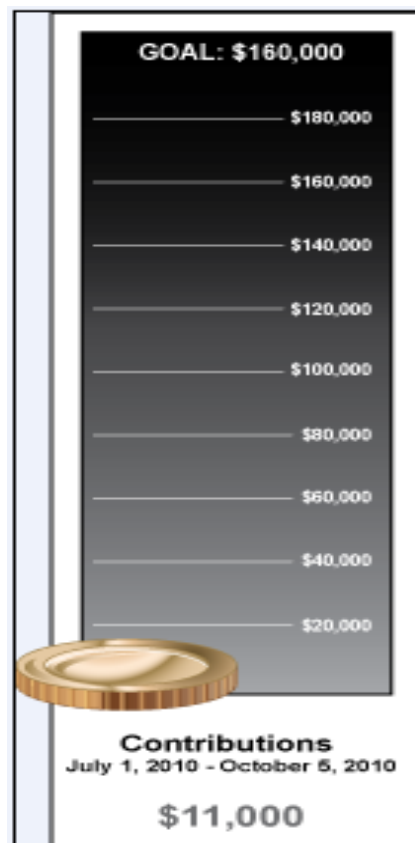


## FOUNDATION DONATIONS UPDATE

With a goal of \$160,000 this year, we still need your help! As of October 5, 2010, contributions equal \$11,000. Only through your generous support can we reach our final goal. Together we can help guide the future of wise floodplain management!

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