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Mission Statement

The mission of the ASFPM Foundation is to be an incubator for research and education that promotes wise floodplain management.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT (LARRY OLINGER)

NEW FOCUS FOR THE FOUNDATION

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees has outlined a newly defined focus for the ASFPM Foundation. While our core objective—to assist in developing and advancing knowledge that promotes sound floodplain management—remains the same, the focus will shift towards the utilization of Forums as the primary method to stimulate and support floodplain management research and education needs. Furthermore, the Foundation will continue to fund research projects resulting from these Forums, and as always, continue to serve as an advocate for wise floodplain management practices. We feel that this new direction will help incubate innovative research ideas relevant to floodplain management as a profession and ultimately will allow us to better promote wise floodplain management practices as a whole. Look for more information in upcoming months regarding specific topics and location of the Foundation's next Forum.

SILENT AUCTION MAKES NOISE!

The silent auction at the ASFPM's June conference in Madison, Wisconsin was a great success, generating over \$6,400! Thanks to all contributing and bidding on items. All proceeds will go to the Foundation. Keep in mind, a portion of next year's auction at the ASFPM conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 11-16, 2006, will be *LIVE*.

GILBERT F. WHITE BIOGRAPHY TO BE AVAILABLE SOON!

Living with Nature's Extremes documents Gilbert Fowler White's remarkable career accomplishments during his 93 years as a humanitarian citizen-scientist. It may inspire emulation by its readers—regardless of vocation—of his character and his modus operandi in effective friendly persuasion to leave our planetary home with a healthier environment than we find it. Gilbert, known as the “father of floodplain management,” chaired the task force under President Lyndon Johnson that laid the groundwork for enactment of the legislation establishing the Federal Insurance Administration and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He was involved in the creation of FEMA and the ASFPM. Gilbert continues to serve on a committee under FEMA charged with assessing the impact of the NFIP. He also serves on the ASFPM Foundation Board of Trustees.

Aside from his significant contributions to the field of floodplain management, Gilbert made major contributions to the study of water systems in developing countries, the management and preservation of arid lands, global climate change, international cooperation regarding water resources in such areas as the Mekong Delta, the Aral Sea, and the Jordan River/Dead Sea in the Middle East, geography education at all levels, the management of nuclear waste, and the mitigation of a wide range of hazards. His legacy in this regard was honored in the creation of the Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum by the ASFPM Foundation in 2004.

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Robert Hinshaw, the author of this biographical work, became acquainted with Gilbert as a student at Haverford College in 1951. Mr. Hinshaw explains his motivation for writing Gilbert's biography in the following excerpt:

"I was compelled to write the book, and encourage you to read it, because of how Gilbert *lived* his life. Simply put, the book deserves reading because Gilbert's life meant so much to him. He believed, with a passion, that any person can make a significant difference in the state of our very messy world. It takes only the determination to live a life that *matters* in terms of a talent or idea that is useful, coupled with its effective presentation or advocacy to insure its notice or consideration for adoption."

Additional information about Gilbert, including a short biography and publication listing, may be found on the University of Colorado's Natural Hazards Center website at <http://www.colorado.edu/ibs/hazards/gfw>.

The biography is being published by Johnson Books, in Boulder, Colorado, and will be available at the 2006 ASFPM Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Funding for the research and writing of Gilbert's biography was obtained from FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Compton Foundation, ASFPM and the ASFPM Foundation. The University of Colorado funded the book's editing by David Butler of the Natural Hazards Center.

NOW ON OUR WEBSITE (www.floods.org/foundation)

We're always adding new information to the Foundation's website so don't forget to check it out regularly. We've recently added background papers submitted in support of the first annual Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum. These papers are organized into four broad categories relating to the 1% chance flood standard, including: History and Usage; Tools and Technology Applications; Implementation; and Societal Implications. These papers can be accessed on our web page at www.floods.org/foundation - just click on the link "Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum": found in the left column.

Also newly available on our web site is a PowerPoint presentation discussing Forum results and conclusions. Just click on the link "2005 Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum Findings Power Point Presentation."

A WORD FROM OUR SUPPORTERS....

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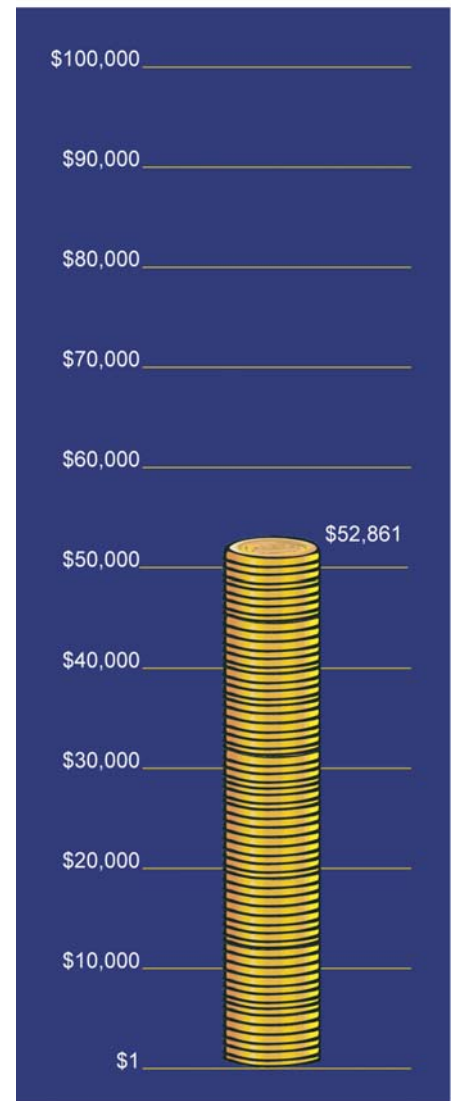
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