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## Guidelines for Background Papers

### *Floodplain Management 2050*

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Every participant in the Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum prepares a short background paper that summarizes his or her thinking on one or more issues related to the topic under consideration. The 2007 Forum topic will be “Floodplain Management 2050,” and will be an exploration of how our policies and programs for the management of both flood risk and floodplain resources must be altered by 2050 in order to cope with such anticipated social, economic, and environmental changes as population growth and movement, global warming, restrictive government budgets, ecosystem degradation, and other factors.

**Purpose of Papers:** The background papers are a critical component of the procedure, content, and legacy of the Forum. First, they are distributed to all participants a few weeks before the Forum takes place and all participants are expected to read them in advance. This saves time by ensuring that each participant enters the Forum already possessing an understanding of the range of issues and perspectives that bear on the topic. Second, the issues presented in the papers shape the content of the discussion that takes place at the Forum. Participants in the Forum have been invited because their particular professional training, education, experience, research, or writing is crucial to a careful consideration of the topic being addressed. The background papers therefore reflect the range of expertise necessary for effective resolution of policy issues. Third, the background papers become part of the Forum archive. As such, they guide after-action reports and activities and serve as a permanent record of the thinking of science and policy experts in 2007.

**Length and Format:** Your paper should be from one to three pages long in a single-spaced, 12point Times typeface (a range of 500 to 1500 words) in a Microsoft WORD or similar digital format. Please double space between paragraphs. Use subheadings as needed. Be sure to give your paper a **title** and include your **name and affiliation**. Tables and illustrations are not necessary but may be included if they help convey your point of view. For sample formats, see the papers from the first (2004) assembly of the Forum at [http://www.floods.org/Foundation/Forum\\_2004.asp](http://www.floods.org/Foundation/Forum_2004.asp).

**Deadline and Submission:** Your paper is due **September 21, 2007**. Please email it to [asfpm@floods.org](mailto:asfpm@floods.org). Papers will be reviewed by the Forum committee and you may be asked to supplement your writing with additional information if the committee believes that that would facilitate discussion at the Forum. If you have any questions about your paper, please contact Jacki Monday at 303-985-3141 or via email at [jacki.jlm@comcast.net](mailto:jacki.jlm@comcast.net).