



**2010 ASSEMBLY OF THE  
GILBERT F. WHITE  
NATIONAL FLOOD POLICY FORUM**  
**“Managing Risk to Humans and to Floodplain Resources”**  
Marvin Center, George Washington University

**A G E N D A**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

- 1:00-1:45 pm Welcome and Introductions – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Amphitheatre**  
*Scott Edelman, President, ASFPM Foundation; AECOM*  
*Greg Shaw, Co-Director, Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management, GWU*  
*Participants (brief self-introductions)*
- 1:45-2:15 pm Forum Topic and Process:** Summary of Symposium 1 on Quantifying Flood Risk and Symposium 2 on Communicating Flood Risk, with conclusions that set the stage for the Forum on Managing Flood Risks and Resources.  
*Sam Riley Medlock, Policy & Partnerships Program Manager, ASFPM*
- 2:15-4:15 pm What must we do to effectively Manage Risk to Humans and to Floodplain Resources?** Three speakers will explore the principal challenges in crafting and implementing a successful strategy for minimizing flood risk and protecting floodplain resources in the future. Questions and discussion by the Assembly.  
*Moderator: Greg Main, Chair, ASFPM; Indiana State Floodplain Manager*
- 2:15-2:45 pm Challenges in Managing the Natural Functions and Resources of Floodplains**  
*Jeanne Christie, Executive Director, Association of State Wetland Managers*
- 2:45-3:15 pm Break**
- 3:15-3:45 pm Behavior Factors and How to Effect Change in Flood Mitigation**  
*Dennis Mileti, Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado–Boulder*
- 3:45-4:15 pm Setting the Stage for National Flood Risk & Resources Policy and Strategies**  
*Doug Plasencia, ASFPM Foundation Trustee; Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.*
- 4:15-5:00 pm A Vision of the Management of Risks to Humans and to Floodplain Resources**  
As a nation, what do we want to accomplish by undertaking a comprehensive strategy for managing flood risks and risks to floodplain resources? What will “success” look like? The Assembly will brainstorm a vision of successful flood risk and resources management—its possible outcomes, components, and benefits.  
*Facilitator: Gerry Galloway, University of Maryland*
- 5:00-7:00 pm: Networking Reception – Room 310** (around the corner from Amphitheatre)

## Wednesday, March 10, 2010

- 8:30-8:45 am**     **Group Assembly to Issue Charge for Break-outs – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Amphitheatre**  
*Doug Plasencia*  
Based on the vision of a nation in which flood risks to people and also risks to floodplain resources are effectively managed (as envisioned in the final, brainstorming session on the previous day), what challenges are we facing? How do we get from here to there?
- 8:45-10:15 am**     **Session One (Break-out): What Indicators should we use to Gage Progress in Managing Flood Risk and Floodplain Resources?** The Assembly will divide into three groups. Each group will (1) identify the most important indicators (perhaps five) of ways in which risk and the status of resources can be monitored and/or measured for purposes of a comprehensive strategy for managing flood risk and resources; (2) list the barriers that are preventing us from already using each indicator; and (3) suggest ways in which the barriers can be overcome.  
*Facilitators: Bruce Bender, Chad Berginnis, Linda Manning*
- 10:15-10:45 am**     **Break and transition to Amphitheatre for feedback session**
- 10:45-11:30 am**     **Feedback Session #1.** A spokesperson from each group will display the group's dashboard and briefly describe its highlights and any problems encountered. Discussion by the Assembly and consideration of contradictions or challenges, if any.  
*Facilitator: Gerry Galloway*
- 11:30-12:30 pm**     **Lunch** (*participant's choice at 1<sup>st</sup> floor food court*)
- 12:30-2:15 pm**     **Session Two (Break-out): How do we foster the individual, household, organizational, and government behaviors that will cause our dashboard indicators to show improvement?**  
Back in the same three small groups, participants will first make adjustments to their dashboards if needed, based on what they heard during Feedback Session #1. Next they will (1) identify the behaviors that are needed from individuals and from organized entities in order to generate a positive change on one or more of the dashboard indicators (these behaviors should be prioritized and separated into two categories: individual/household behavior and institutional/collective behavior); (2) identify the barriers that are keeping these desirable behaviors from taking place; and (3) suggest how those barriers could be overcome with management actions. After discussing the behaviors needed, the groups should reconsider their dashboard indicators to see if additional gages are needed to track changes in behavior.  
*Facilitator: Same as Break-out Session 1*
- 2:15-2:45 pm**     **Break and transition to Amphitheatre for feedback session**
- 2:45-3:15 pm**     **Feedback Session #2.** Each group's facilitator will present (1) the five highest-priority individual/household behaviors that are needed to make the dashboard indicators show progress; (2) the five highest-priority institutional/collective behaviors that are likewise needed; and (3) a short summary of that group's suggestions for fostering the needed behaviors. Discussion by the Assembly to refine the composite dashboards in light of Breakout Session #2, if needed.  
*Facilitator: Pamela Pogue, URS Corporation*

**3:15-4:15 pm**     **Session Three (Plenary): An Action Plan for Management of Risk to Humans and to Floodplain Resources.** The Assembly will catalog its recommendations for monitoring progress and for better managing floodplain risks and resources under three broad areas: (1) authorities for risk management and resource protection, (2) policy and programs, and (3) research and data.

*Facilitator: Doug Plasencia*

**4:15-4:30 pm**     **Wrap Up** Next steps to be taken by the ASFPM Foundation, the ASFPM, and others to advance the recommendations made by this Assembly. Discussion of possible topics for the next Assembly of the Forum.

*Scott Edelman and Larry Larson*

**4:30 pm**     **Adjourn**

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