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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.

Just Released! The Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum 2007: Floodplain Management 2050 Report

The highly anticipated report from last fall's 2nd assembly of the Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum has just been released. Entitled "Floodplain Management 2050", the Forum was held November 6-7, 2007, at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. It addressed the question of the long-term future of floodplain management and its role in shaping the United States of 2050.

The 92 diverse experts in attendance used their substantial wisdom to consider what the future of floodplain management could look like under both a business-as-usual scenario and also under an alternative scenario of carefully crafted and aggressive action. The report conveys the results of that dialogue. "Floodplain Management 2050" includes a number of specific issues that the Foundation plans to use to develop future floodplain management research concepts. These items are:

STEPS TO AN OPTIMAL 2050

- Cultivate Additional Human Adjustments to Flooding
- Alter the Mixture of Adjustments That are Used
- Improve Implementation of Existing

Adjustments

- Use Drivers of Change as Opportunities
- Maintain a Sense of Urgency

ACTION GUIDELINES

- Make Room for Rivers, Oceans, and Adjacent Lands
- Reverse Perverse Incentives in Government Programs
- Restore the Natural, Beneficial Functions of Riverine and Coastal Areas
- Generate a Renaissance in Water Resources Governance
- Assume Personal and Public Responsibility

We encourage you to review this Forum report. You will find the agenda, videos of the speakers and their PPT presentations, and background papers that formulated the FPM 2050 Forum at <http://www.floods.org/Foundation/Forum.asp>. A brief summary will also be prepared and released later this fall, similar to what was done following the first forum, "Is The 1% Chance Flood Standard Sufficient?" See those reports at http://www.floods.org/Foundation/Forum_2004.asp.

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NICK WINTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) and the ASFPM Foundation, grant a \$2,000 scholarship for 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. The following was sent in by Sam Riley Medlock, CFM, JD, the 2006-07 recipient of this scholarship.

During fifteen years of service in the various aspects of water resource management, I heard repeated concerns regarding perceived legal barriers to sound watershed and floodplain policy. It became clear to me that my future contributions would be through the law. When Hurricane Katrina struck on my first day of law school, I struggled with the conflicting duties to support the recovery of the region and the nation, and to complete my academic plan as quickly as possible. Fortunately, the support of ASFPM Foundation through the New England Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association made it possible for me to contribute in substantive ways to the myriad policy analyses embedded in our chosen profession while pursuing my law degree. I was honored to be selected as the 2006-2007 Nick Winter Memorial Scholar, which enabled me to dedicate the full academic year to work in his memory to explore areas of the law that support sound water and land resource management, and to promulgate related innovations in governance.

The Vermont Law School Land Use Institute provided the venue for dedicated research and writing efforts to identify and promote local and state solutions for flood risk management. We hosted the Northeast Conference on Flood Hazards, Liabilities, and Responsibilities in October 2007 to gather land use and water resource professionals of multiple disciplines to provide state and municipal officials and attorneys with key information to understand flood hazards and the liabilities associated with municipal and landowner actions. I was also able to attend and participate in the ASFPM National Conferences to stay informed and engaged in the important and rapidly evolving issues associated with our work. The year's research culminated in the first ever law journal article on the No Adverse Impact policy framework, co-authored with Edward A. Thomas, Esq., Baker Corp. These achievements were made possible through the encouragement of key mentors and the support of the Nick Winter Memorial Scholarship.

I will always be grateful to the New England Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association and the Winter family for creating in Nick's memory this opportunity for future watershed and floodplain management leaders. I encourage any member who is advancing their education, or who knows of a student who can contribute to advancements, to apply for the Nick Winter Memorial

Scholarship. The funding provides important flexibility for dedicated studies, and the networking brings the recipient in contact with leaders in our profession, fostering future innovations to meet the ASFPM mission.
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H2O Partners, Inc. (H2O) is nationally recognized for leadership in strategic planning and management of disasters. Jo Ann Howard, President of H2O Partners, Inc. is an attorney, licensed insurance agent, and former Administrator of the National Flood Insurance Program at FEMA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She was responsible for the insurance and mitigation aspects of the federal government's requirements for participation in the program. Ms. Howard also is a member of the Advisory Board of Directors of the Association of State Floodplain Managers Foundation. She has worked as Chief Insurance Regulator for the State of Texas, Federal Insurance Administrator (National Flood Insurance Program) and consultant to many cities and counties across the nation for planning and mitigation projects. The firm is a HUB and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise.

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- **Assisted the State of Mississippi and cities, counties and non-profit entities in managing funds under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.**
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Welcome to the beginning of ASFPM Foundation's Fall Donation Campaign! Last year was a great year and through the great generosity of our supporters we raised \$120,850! With a goal of \$133,000 this year, we need your help! While we do not have a forum this year to support (that accounts for our lower goal) we do have a symposium in the spring. As of November 1, 2008, initial contributions for this fiscal year equal \$1,800. 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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Thank you to all those who participated in the Foundation's auctions at the May ASFPM Conference in Reno, Nevada. We are proud to announce that we were able to raise \$5,285 at the live auction and \$5,461 at the silent auction. Please join us next June in Orlando and start thinking of possible items to donate to make this year's auctions the best yet!

