

TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

TN AFPM Schedules Middle TN Regional Training

Sharon Armstrong, [TN AFPM Middle Tennessee Regional Representative](#) scheduled a one day training and regional meeting, on **March 16, 2012**, at the UT-TSU Institute of Agriculture, Rutherford County - Heart of Tennessee Extension Facility, located at **315 John R. Rice Blvd., Suite 101, Murfreesboro, TN 37129-4105**. There is **no cost for members** to attend ([See Page 2](#)) and TN AFPM will provide lunch. Use the [Registration Packet Link](#) to register for the training.

Six (6) CEU/CEC Training Hours are approved for the training schedule listed below:

1. 9:00 AM—11:00 AM Local Hazard Mitigation and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans-Process, Steps, Requirements

• Training includes:

- Overview of HMP and PDMP Grants, Resources and Planning Process—Benefits for Local Governments
- Hazard Identification—Risk Assessment (Natural and Technological [Manmade]) Process
- Critical Facility Exposure
- Mitigation Strategies
 - Goal, Objectives, Actions
 - Assignment of Responsibilities
 - Funding & Implementation
- HMP or PDMP Updates and Maintenance
- Implementation, Integration, and Community Involvement



2. 11:00 AM—1:00 PM SFHA MANAGEMENT—ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS, VARIANCES

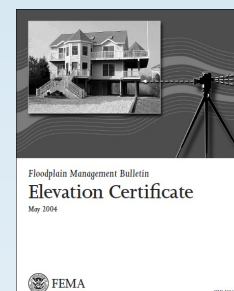
A training presentation for Floodplain Administrators, Building Officials, Building Inspectors, Permit Issuers, and Local Government Officials to demonstrate the activities required to achieve compliance with NFIP regulations and the Local Community Flood Ordinance. The training builds on past TN AFPM Training Modules, “Minimum Requirements of 44 CFR,” and “Floodplain Administrator Daily Grind.” Topic 1: SFHA Permits, Inspection, Enforcement, and Compliance; Topic 2: Elevation; Topic 3: SFHA Variances; Topic 4: Correcting CAV Issues; and Topic 5: Floodplain Management Practice—Insurance Connection.



1:00 PM—2:00 PM LUNCH

3. 2:00 PM—4:00 PM Demystifying the FEMA Elevation Certificate

The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the NFIP. It is used to determine the proper flood insurance premium rate; it can be used to document elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management regulations; and it may be used to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision based on fill (LOMR-F). This course will address frequently asked questions about completing and using the Elevation Certificate.



A FEMA Elevation Certificate is needed before most flood insurance policies can be issued under the NFIP, communities are encouraged to obtain and maintain Elevation Certificates so that residents and businesses can easily obtain flood insurance. In order to participate in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS), communities must require and maintain the Elevation Certificate for all new and substantially improved structures. References are made throughout this bulletin to various sections in the Elevation Certificate. A copy of the Certificate is available from the FEMA Distribution Center or at the website <http://training.nfipstat.com/ecsurveyor/>.

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TN AFPM MIDDLE TN REGIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION

Meeting & Registration Information:

Please use the links below to register for the one day training and to find additional training information.

[Download Registration Packet](#)

Location:

[UT-TSU Extension Facility, UT-TSU Institute of Agriculture Rutherford County - Heart of Tennessee Extension Facility](#), Lane Agri-Park, located at 315 John R. Rice Blvd., Suite 101, Murfreesboro, TN 37129-4105.

Location Directions:

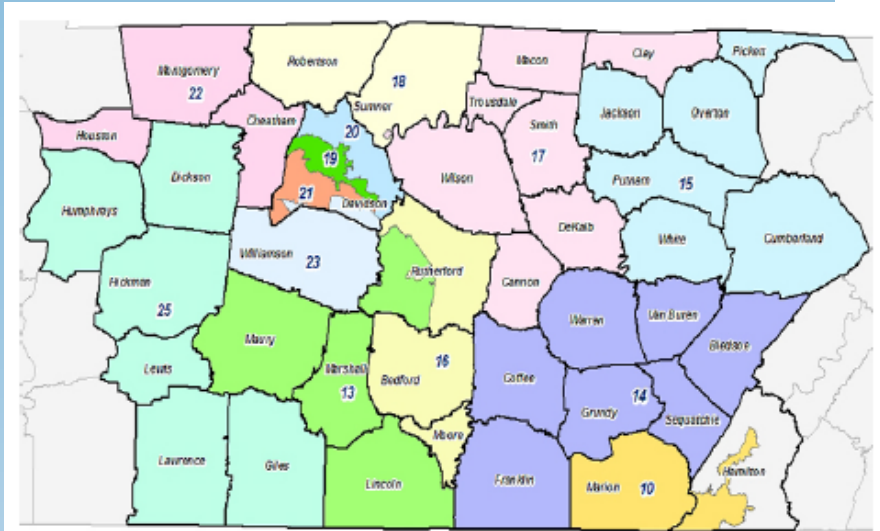
From Nashville:

Take I-24 E, exit 78A. To first light (John R. Rice Blvd), go right. Complex will be .8 miles on the left.

From Chattanooga:

Take I-24 W, exit 78A. To second light (John R. Rice Blvd), go right. Complex will be .8 miles on the left.

The Map and Chart at right identify the TN AFPM Middle TN Region. Municipalities located within each county are part of the Middle TN Region.



TN AFPM Middle Region County Chart:

Montgomery	Robertson	Sumner	Macon
Clay	Pickett	Houston	Dickson
Cheatham	Davidson	Wilson	Trousdale
Smith	Jackson	Overton	Humphreys
Hickman	Williamson	Rutherford	Cannon
DeKalb	Putnam	White	Cumberland
Lewis	Maury	Marshall	Bedford
Coffee	Warren	Van Buren	Bledsoe
Grundy	Sequatchie	Lawrence	Giles
Lincoln	Moore	Franklin	Marion
Hamilton			

TN AFPM Membership: A Note from TN AFPM Middle TN Regional Representative Sharon Armstrong

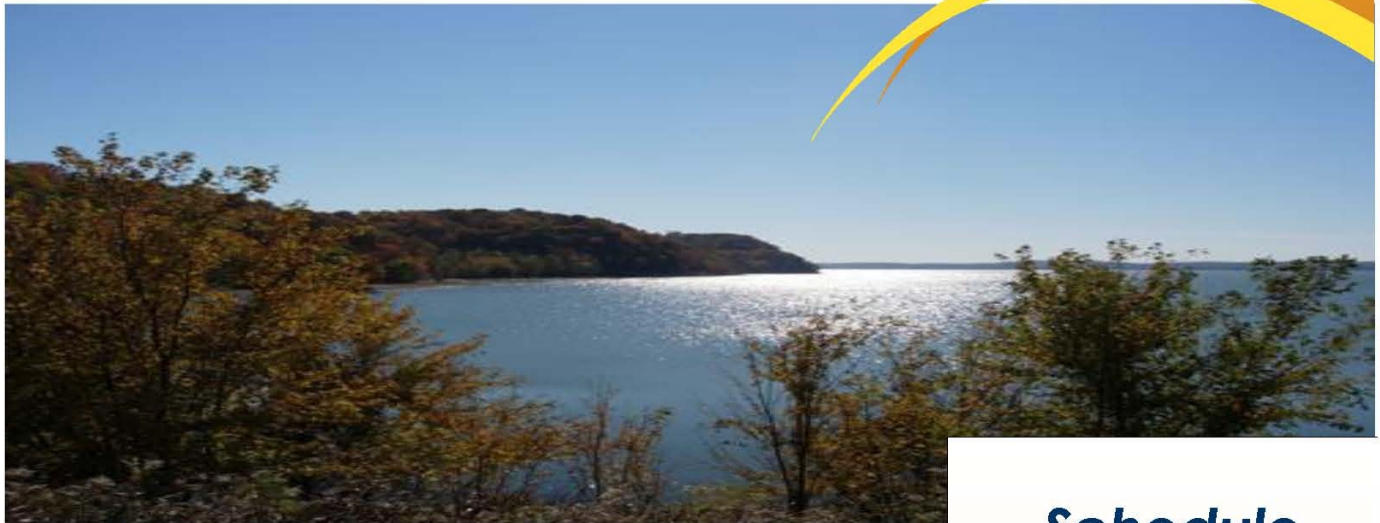
The primary mission of [TN AFPM](#) is the provision of training resources to our Local Government Floodplain Managers, Elected and Appointed Officials, and the professional groups that advise and serve them. If your community is not a member of the association, you are missing out on valuable training and resources to guide your floodplain management program. Our training presenters come from a variety of backgrounds, both public and private, and are experts in the field of floodplain management. The **cost** to join the association is minimal (\$25 for an individual; \$40 for an agency [2 designated members]). The **benefits** are many including three (3) FREE training opportunities each year held in East, Middle, and West Tennessee locations with 5-6 CEUs/CECs awarded and a free lunch provided by the association, yes I said a free lunch. Each year TN AFPM holds a low-cost, high-yield Annual Conference in July (2—3 days), 12 CECs/CEUs awarded, interactive workshops, training, and resources for your floodplain management program at a cost of \$150 dollars + lodging at a State Park venue.

We are traditionally joined by FEMA, US Army Corps of Engineers, TN State NFIP Personnel, Experienced Local Government Floodplain Administrators, Engineering and Planning Firms, and a host of vendors offering programs and services to Local Government.

Membership applications are available online at: <http://www.tnafpm.com/index.php/about/membership>. Visit our website to view training opportunities, current association Newsletter, and training information. **So...if your community is not a member of the association....please join today!**

Sharon Armstrong, TN AFPM Middle TN Regional Representative

TN AFPM Annual Conference 2012



Save the Date! July 24th – 26th, 2012

The Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management (TN AFPM) will be holding our **3rd annual conference** this **July 2012** at the **Paris Landing State Park** in Buchanan, Tennessee.

Please mark your calendars for this educational opportunity for floodplain administrators, community leaders, and technical professionals throughout the State to keep abreast of current floodplain and stormwater management issues.



Registration Information and Call for Presenters will be distributed in the near future.

Immediate concerns should be directed to:
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Schedule

Tuesday, July 24 HALF DAY

- Welcome Luncheon
- ½ day of concurrent sessions
- Social Hour and Exhibitor Showcase

Wednesday, July 25 FULL DAY

- Full day of concurrent sessions
- General Membership Meeting/ Luncheon
- Cookout

Thursday, July 26 FULL DAY

- ½ day of concurrent sessions
- ½ day of Floodplain Managers Workshop (all attendees)
- CFM Exam

Cindy Popplewell, TN AFPM Secretary and Annual Conference Chair

Why should YOU attend the TN AFPM Annual Conference?

Let's start with **education**. The TN AFPM Annual Conference will offer educational programs covering a variety of floodplain and stormwater management issues specific to Tennessee. You will learn from Federal, State, and local floodplain management professionals while you earn continuing education credit. You will gain new skills and knowledge to enhance your expertise as a floodplain management professional.

Secondly, there's **networking**. You'll be hard pressed to find a better local conference where you can meet and develop a network of floodplain management colleagues and experts. From the Welcome Luncheon to an evening Cookout with daily session breaks throughout, there are a multitude of opportunities during the conference to mingle with others, learn from fellow colleagues, and exchange ideas with industry experts.

Next, comes **certification**. The TN AFPM Conference will host the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Exam. This national program was established by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) for the professional certification of floodplain managers. The goal of program is to help reduce the nation's flood losses and protect and enhance the natural resources and functions of its floodplains by improving the knowledge and abilities of floodplain managers.

And finally, **location, location, location!** This year the TN AFPM Conference will be held at the beautiful Paris Landing State Park, an 841 acre park located on the western shore of the Tennessee River, which is dammed to form Kentucky Lake. What better place to discuss flooding and stormwater issues!

So what are you waiting for? If you attend only one conference this year, the TN AFPM Conference is your best value. Your TN AFPM registration fee includes all concurrent sessions, interactive classroom learning, luncheons, social events, access to industry exhibits, and more. Mark your calendars now – July 24th through July 26th – registration information and call for presenters will be distributed in the near future.

Cindy Popplewell, PE, CFM
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TN AFPM Welcomes Our New East and West Regional Representatives

Stacy Morrison, TN AFPM East TN Regional Representative

Mr. Morrison received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science/Public Administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (1990). Prior to employment with the City of Chattanooga, he worked in the banking and insurance industry, including ownership of an insurance agency for seven years. Then he spent eleven years with the State of Tennessee in the Local Planning Assistance Office, Southeast Tennessee Region, starting as a staff planner in April 2000, and was promoted to Regional Director May 2007. While with the State of Tennessee Mr. Morrison was responsible for office administration, including the hiring, training, and supervision of personnel as he and the staff provided assistance to communities on various planning topics, including long range planning, subdivision regulations, land use regulations, and the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Morrison also assisted communities with information from other divisions within Economic and Community Development.

In August of 2011 Mr. Morrison started a position with the City of Chattanooga as a Combination Inspector, responsible for site reviews, zoning / sign ordinance compliance, floodplain management, review and enforcement of these ordinances. Mr. Morrison was recently named Land Use Development Manager in the City of Chattanooga's Land Development Office division. He is a Chapter member of the Tennessee American Planning Association.

Tom Skehan, TN AFPM West TN Regional Representative

Thomas H. Skehan, AICP, holds a Master's Degree in Urban Studies from Texas Christian University and will graduate this year with a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Memphis.

Thomas has been a planner for twelve years and a certified planner for five of those years. He is currently a Regional Planner with Southwest Tennessee Development District and serves as Section Director of the West Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association.



Thomas Skehan

Thomas has worked with several West Tennessee communities during his tenure with the Local Planning Assistance Office in Jackson. Most recently, he is involved with the City of Brownsville where he assisted in strategic planning efforts to help the community formulate its first comprehensive plan in almost 40 years. One aspect of the plan is to turn problematic flood prone areas into the city's first Greenway.

Finally, Thomas has worked with a variety of local governments in the review and administration of their National Flood Insurance Program. Thomas has completed numerous Information Exchange Visits, assisted with monitoring development in floodplains and drafted several municipal and regional flood prevention ordinances.

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Upcoming Events - TN AFPM

The **2nd TN AFPM Middle Region Training Day** is coming up. Please visit the website for the [training registration and information packet](#). Check out the latest updates on the [TN AFPM Website](#) created by our brilliant webmaster Jenna McGee. Email Jenna at: webmaster@tnafpm.com to share information, articles, training resources, or to make suggestions. **Great Job Jenna!**