

Can a community plan in such a way as to avoid future damaging events and reduce liability exposure? *You Bet!* The objective of this workshop is to introduce an approach and tools to make a community more resilient in planning for future conditions in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Aimed at community officials, elected leaders, attorneys, planners, floodplain managers, this workshop will focus on community resilience using the Community Health And Resource Management (CHARM) mapping application and No Adverse Impact approach to floodplain management.

CHARM is a new user-friendly mapping tool that enables everyday citizens and local officials to create coastal planning scenarios that are complex and dynamic with results that are instantaneous in terms of a variety of impacts. Where should growth be encouraged and where should it be avoided? How many homes are we putting in harm's way? What do we want to conserve for future generations? CHARM helps communities see how planning decisions made today will impact tomorrow's community. CHARM directly fits into ASFPM's No Adverse Impact (NAI) approach to floodplain management and by extension FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). NAI floodplain management takes place when the actions of one property owner are not allowed to adversely affect the rights of other property owners. A community can be held liable for taking an action (or non-action) that results in a taking or harm to others. Preventing such actions is the core of the NAI principle.



Join us for an interactive workshop as we introduce CHARM and NAI to reduce flood risk, protect natural and beneficial functions of the region's floodplain and promote resilience planning across the Lower Rio Grande Valley area. Specifically this workshop will give participants an opportunity to:

- ***Use and understand how CHARM can make your community more resilient in the face of flooding, and land use changes.***
- ***Learn about NAI principles, success stories and case studies in addition to the legal liability faced by communities resulting from the pressures of climate and land use change.***
- ***Build relationships with individuals, departments and organizations across your community including but not limited to: Floodplain, stormwater, and coastal resource managers, land use and hazard mitigation planners, attorneys, insurance providers, business/ industry representatives, and consultants.***

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