

Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call – Feb 13, 2023

Attendees: Alan Luloff, Dave Guignet, Brooke Seymour, Laura Algeo and Joanna Rohlf.

Floodway Higher Standards

ASFPM has been funded to prepare materials promoting higher standards floodways.

As indicated on earlier calls, the project involves providing some outreach materials that can be provided to communities early in the mapping process to promote communities opting for higher standards (lower surcharge) floodways.

We are planning on having a webinar on the project the last week of March. The title of the webinar is floodway surcharge. One option for the title is floodway surcharge – mitigating the impact of this future condition. We discussed the value of using this terminology.

CTP webinars

We discussed options for the webinar in the April – June timeframe. Maryland has developed mapping showing the flood extent of BFE +1,2, and 3 feet. Dave has indicated that he has done presentations in state on the topic so that presenting during a webinar would not be a big lift.

Laura indicated that they are analyzing what data is needed for FEMA to implement FFRM. Andrew Martin is handling this for FEMA headquarters. He is presenting on this topic as the ASFPM conference in May so putting on a webinar in June on the topic may be good timing.

Building footprints

KS has requested funding from FEMA to develop building footprint data for the state. The region has agreed to fund a pilot project. We discussed to adequacy of the National Structure Inventory and Bing. KS has used BING and it is a good baseline. KS has a statewide address point file that they have intersected these data with the BING structure data.

Energy Grade Line

Brooke indicated that MHFD using EGL when evaluating whether a project will cause an increase in the BFE. Some projects can cause an increase in velocity which can actually cause the water surface elevation to decrease. Brooke was curious if others also use this approach. Dave indicated that MD using this approach for evaluating transportation projects. Alan indicated that the information he has on the King County no-rise floodway is that they also use the EGL to evaluate projects.

CTP Conversation at the ASFPM conference in May

The agenda last year was that there was a presentation of the accomplishments of the CTP subcommittee (CTP webinars). Laura that provided a FEMA update on the CTP program. Finally we broke up into 3 groups for additional discussion. Brooke suggested that there be more detail from the CTP co-chairs – e.g. highlights of the webinars. Brooke indicated that at the region meeting they had people highlight what is going well and what is not going well.

It was indicated that there likely will be significant discussion on FEMA new emphasis on reporting requirements. The workload for this reporting is significant and is simply putting the same information

that was required in the past into a different format. It seems that there are several FEMA programs implementing reporting requirements changes at the same time (e.g. CAP-SSSE). Laura indicated that she is being asked to provide additional justification re: the value to the CTP program before the NOFO can be issued.

We also discussed an off sight evening event similar to last year. We discussed having a bit less so that FEMA staff can attend. Joanna volunteered to help set up the event. Alan will check with our conference coordinator regarding venue options.

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