

Ohio Floodplain Management Association — Membership



The Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA) is a Division of the Water Management Association of Ohio and a Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers. Since 1995, OFMA has been promoting sound and effective floodplain management throughout the State of Ohio. OFMA envisions management of Ohio's floodplain system to reduce flood losses and promote the natural function of floodplain resources. The activities undertaken by OFMA are centered around public awareness of flood risk, support of professional development and education for those working in floodplain management, cooperation and exchange of water resource information, and encouragement of research and legislation needed for effective implementation of floodplain management practices. **The activities and accomplishments of OFMA are the result of dedicated and committed members.**

Membership in OFMA is open to all persons actively interested or involved in floodplain management concerning the State of Ohio. Current members include: elected officials, appointed officials; federal, state and local employees; engineers; planners; consultants; insurance agents; lenders; surveyors; appraisers; design professionals; students; and the general public.

Subject to the governing documents, each OFMA member is entitled to:

- Access to the *Code of Regulations*;
- Notice of all general membership meetings and committee meetings as applicable;
- Present issues and make motions, to participate in debate and policy formulation, to nominate, to vote and to hold office;
- Review OFMA records and documents; and
- Review and provide input for Strategic Plan.

Each member is responsible for:

- Timely payment of dues;
- Acceptance of majority rule on decisions;
- Cooperating with the elected officers of the organization;

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Each member is responsible for:

- Contributing to the growth and success of the organization through recruitment and promotion of the goals and objectives;
- Supporting the work of the organization by committee participation, policy development, attendance at events and conference support.

Member Benefits:

- Networking opportunities with other floodplain managers who have experience in floodplain development permitting, enforcement and recovery from flood events;
- Comprehensive Statewide Floodplain Management conference annually supporting continuing education and dealing with priority issues;
- Regional workshops providing local education opportunities;
- Affiliated with the National Association of State Floodplain Managers as a State Chapter helping to influence national policy, actions and trends in floodplain management;
- Opportunity to participate in projects that meet the mission and vision of the organization while improving floodplain management in Ohio;
- OFMA monitors and comments on State and Federal legislation involving or affecting floodplain management. Provides a uniform voice to guide legislative actions;
- OFMA supports the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) program by proctoring exams and providing opportunities for continuing education;
- Award and scholarship program to recognize and encourage exemplary achievements in floodplain management.

OFMA is working to increase interest in flood loss reduction, watershed protection, land use planning, flood map modernization, community regulations and mitigation of current risk. Involvement and sharing of experience and knowledge are critical to accomplishment of the organizations mission—*Promoting Sound and Effective Floodplain Management!*

