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WAFSCM Floodplain Model



MMSD Menomonee River Flood Control Project Tour

Message from the Editor

The WAFSCM newsletter is published twice a year to update members on chapter activities and to provide information on publications, seminars, etc. that may be beneficial to our water community. If you have articles, announcements, or other information that you would like us to include in future newsletters, please forward it to me at cindi.debruine@rasmithnational.com.

Thank you to all the newsletter contributors and to Rhonda Janos for the newsletter preparation.

Cindi DeBruine
Newsletter Editor

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President's Message

Without further ado – here is what your dedicated WAFSCM Board has been working on for you—our hardworking members.

Floodplain Model

WAFSCM has purchased a floodplain model for use by our members for educational purposes. The model was on display at the 2011 Conference and has already been used by a few members for demonstrations to grade school and high school students and can be checked out for use by any WAFSCM member. There are opportunities to do hands on trials for different land covers and flood protection measures and get



wet too! The model is being stored at the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (Waukesha) and I am the caretaker. If you would like to use the model for an educational event, please email me at lkletti@sewrpc.org to coordinate.

10th Annual Conference

We are currently hard at work planning our 10th annual conference, which will be in Madison, October 10-12, 2012.

I won't steal Minal's thunder as there is a separate article on the conference, but check out our website wi.floods.org for the Calls for Speakers and Awards for the conference. If you would like to help with the conference please contact Minal Hahm

minal@msquaredengineering.com

We would love to have you on the committee. And yes, the conference is a bit earlier, but Madison in October should be gorgeous. We hope to see you there!

We have a new look. At the 2011 conference we voted and selected this new WAFSCM logo designed by Ann Lemons of Saukville. We plan to have the new logo on some items for purchase at the 2012 conference.



We are currently looking for committee chairs for the Stormwater Management and Coastal Management committees. If interested, feel free to contact me. The WAFSCM Board would like to have more Twilight technical sessions in the future, and our committees will have a major role in organizing these. With Wisconsin soon to have professional development hours as a part of renewing our Professional Engineer license, we feel these sessions will be very beneficial to our members.

I look forward to representing WAFSCM at the ASFPM National Conference in San Antonio this May. If you have any thoughts I should bring to this conference, feel free to email me.

Laura Kletti, PE, CFM
2012 WAFSCM Chair
lkletti@sewrpc.org



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2011 Conference Debrief

The 2011 WAFSCM Conference held at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, November 2-4, 2011 was a resounding success. With over 120 registrants, nine exhibitors, and nine sponsors, networking was at a premium. On Wednesday six workshops were presented by a diverse group of speakers from FEMA, ASFPM, MMSD, Wisconsin Coastal Management and UW Sea Grant. Thursday was the main conference day, with a variety of plenary and concurrent session speakers. Friday we enjoyed a morning field tour of the Menomonee River flood control projects completed by MMSD.



During the conference attendees voted on a slew of new logos for our organization, with the winner being used in this newsletter. We also had live demonstrations of our newly purchased Floodplain Model, which is available for our members to use for school talks or other events. More info on those in the President's message on previous page.

At the conference we also elected a new WAFSCM board for 2011-12 consisting of myself as Chair, Ryan Kloth as Vice Chair, Carrie Bristoll-Groll as Treasurer, and JoEllen Donovan as Secretary.



Laura Kletti Carrie Bristoll-Groll Ryan Kloth JoEllen Donovan

Many thanks to our conference committee who worked so hard to put this conference together. In addition to the board members listed above the committee included Minal Hahm, Cindi DeBruine, Roxanne Gray, Jackie Monfils, Dave Meyer, Earl Holzman, Tom Sear, Dave Fowler, Tom Ganfield, and Dan Cook.

Laura Kletti, PE, CFM
2011 WAFSCM Conference Chair



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Ayres Associates Event

Ayres Associates Holds Engineering/Architecture Career Night for Students, Teachers
Submitted by Earl Holzman, P.E., CFM



Ayres Associates sponsored its 12th hands-on Career Expo program on Monday, February 13, 2012, for area students in grades eight through 12. Career Expo allows students to connect with engineers, architects, and other professionals as they consider the prospects for careers in architecture, engineering, environmental science, surveying, and related technical careers.



Parents and teachers were among the approximately 100 guests at the event at Ayres Associates' corporate office in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

After a brief overview on technical professions, participants toured career stations throughout the office to watch demonstrations and hear about the work of various professionals. Students also participated in bridge- and boat-building competitions. Students then gathered for refreshments and a question-and-answer session.

Ayres Associates is an engineering/architecture consulting firm with 13 offices in seven states. We provide consulting services for infrastructure projects like highways and bridges, landfills, water supplies and treatment, mapping, river engineering, energy projects, and buildings.



Please note: Ayres Associates borrowed the WAFSCM watershed model to use at the event. Think about using it for your community or company event!





We are pleased to announce the

10th Annual WAFSCM Conference

Making Waves! Our 10-year event.

October 10 – 12, 2012

Sheraton Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

Details on registration, sponsorships, speakers and award submittals, scholarships, and conference content will be coming soon to the WAFSCM website <http://wi.floods.org>.

Schedule:

Wednesday	Workshops and Reception
Thursday	Main Conference Day (plenary and breakout sessions)
Friday	Morning Field Tour

The 2012 WAFSCM conference will be held from October 10-12, 2012 at the Sheraton in Madison, Wisconsin. We are excited to be bringing our 10th Annual Conference to Madison. The conference committee is in the midst of coordinating our speakers and planning the details. Being our 10th annual conference, we wanted to make sure we mark this milestone (river marker). WAFSCM has evolved and grown in so many ways and we are excited to bring that forward into the future.

Some sneak peeks into the speakers and events that are being planned:

(Also see *Call for Speakers* on next page)

- Pete Wood with WDNR will present on the new NR 151 regulations
- Don't miss our new Social Night after the reception on Wednesday night – play cards, compete in the Sheepshead competition, or just chill and network
- CPSWQ training/Exam
- CFM Refresher Course / Exam
- Great field trips for Friday including the Wingra Creek Restoration and hike
- Project Awards! – Submit your project to be considered
- Earn CFM and Continuing Education credits!
- Great networking sessions

We will be offering scholarships to attend the conference; if interested please contact Roxanne Gray to receive the email notification. roxanne.gray@wisconsin.gov

For information on being a sponsor or exhibiting at the conference, please contact Cindi DeBruine. cindi.debruine@rasmithnational.com

To get involved on the conference planning committee please contact Minal Hahm, Conference Chair. minal@msquaredengineering.com

Registration information will be available on the WAFSCM website <http://wi.floods.org> later this summer.





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This **Call for Speakers** is your invitation to join a broad range of professionals in Wisconsin to address the many problems and issues associated with floodplain, stormwater, coastal waters, and emergency preparedness. This year's theme is **Making Waves! Our 10-Year Event**. Concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, networking events, and a comprehensive exposition of products and services provide an enticing forum for exchange of information. We are seeking presentations showcasing new and innovative stormwater management technologies and BMPs; hazard mitigation planning and public awareness; coastal management; local, state, and federal regulation/policy changes and reactions; stormwater and flood management case studies; levees; dam restoration or removal; advances in H & H; and climate change.

Abstract Submittal Process

Anyone wishing to present MUST submit an abstract describing the proposed presentation.

- Please submit all information by e-mail and limit abstracts to 300 words or less.
 - A speaker bio will need to be submitted in conjunction with the abstract. Please limit the bios to a maximum of 200 words.
- Please indicate if special A/V needs will be required. A projector and a Windows based laptop will be provided in each room for the speakers' use.
- No faxed or hard copy papers will be accepted. The abstract and bio(s) can be text within an email or MSWord file.
- Authors selected as presenters will need to be paid registrants attending the conference.
- Typical presentation time slots will be 20 to 25 minutes in length with time for questions afterwards for a total of 30 minutes.
- Please indicate if your topic will require more than 30 minutes by indicating the approximate time needed. Longer or interactive presentations may be considered if conference schedule and format allows.
- Abstracts will be selected for fit amongst concurrent sessions on Thursday, October 11, 2012.
- Please include the name(s) of author(s) and presentation title. The lead presenter must provide his/her title, place of employment, telephone number and e-mail address.

Deadline for abstract and bio(s) is June 29, 2012. Abstracts submitted after that may be included in the Conference only if there is space available.

Direct your questions and email your abstract to:

Tom Ganfield

Email: tganfield@baxterwoodman.com

Phone number (262) 763-7834



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Scholarship Recipient Letter

Forest County Zoning, Solid Waste and Recycling
200 East Madison Street
Crandon, WI. 54520

December 15th, 2011

To: Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater, and Coastal Management
Carrie Bristol-Groll, PE, CFM, Treasurer
c/o Stormwater Solutions Engineering, LLC
100 East Sumner Street
Hartford, WI. 53027

Re: 2011 Conference Scholarship Requirement

Let's start with recognizing all the dedicated members of WAFSCM for the hard work that goes into hosting a conference with substance and significance. Substance meaning the agenda addresses the basic concerns of floodplain managers and significance meaning the speakers are respected in the field of floodplain management.

This year's conference was held at The Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The meeting rooms were spacious and accommodated digital presentations. Staff was helpful with computer connections and made sure things progressed as planned.

This year's theme was "Water, Friend or Foe". To those that do not deal with floodplain regulatory issues, either as a public administrator, or as private facilitator, water seems never to be a foe. However, those of us that deal with the rising of waters, the breaking of dams or the failure of a levee, know its two faces. Thinking ahead and preparing for the 100 year or the 500 year flood is only part of our mission. Being able to communicate the awesome responsibility of protecting the municipality, sometimes from itself, is another aspect of floodplain protection. Being able to verbalize the accumulating danger of unrestricted development in flood prone areas assists the community in developing regulations that accomplish the goal of flood protection through general consensus.

The conference offerings included a CFM refresher and workshop on No Adverse Impact for the first day. Many of us were conflicted as to which was more important to attend. I chose the refresher course as our county is just finishing a comprehensive floodplain ordinance rewrite. Thursday we were addressed by the State's new DNR commander and chief, Kathy Stepp. Ms. Stepp has great vision and will do much to advance environmental concerns through the use of common sense and a cooperative attitude. She is appreciative of her workforce and has already done much to change the public's perception of the department.

Again on the two remaining days, concurrent sessions were a challenge. What to do, what to do..... There was a lot to choose from. Many interests were covered. If you represented a private engineering company the conference offered examples of communities that have solved specific flood related problems with sound engineering and community participation. If you were a government representative, there were opportunities to explore digital mapping, software programs and hydraulic modeling. My personal favorite was the Lake Belle View Restoration Project. This project is a fine example of cooperation to restore a functional environment on a grand scale.

In the end, my employer did benefit from my attendance at the WAFSCM Conference. It was not only the information presented but the people in the business that have wonderful working ideas they were willing to share. A special thanks to Gary Heinrich, DNR, for all his help and support during our county's transition from old ways to new wonders. Thanks again to everyone for the trip south. I don't leave the northwoods willingly but GPS on the phone makes everywhere possible.

Sincerely,



Pam LaBine
Forest County Administrator

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WAFSCM AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT

Gary Korb

At its conference next fall, the Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater, and Coastal Management would like to present several awards, relying upon the membership for nominations. The categories are: Chapter Service Award, Local Award for Excellence, Excellence in Project Design or Implementation Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award, if appropriate. The Awards Program was begun in 2006.

The **Chapter Service Award** is intended to recognize individuals who, through significant accomplishments and/or long-term efforts, have clearly influenced the work of the Association to improve floodplain, stormwater, or coastal management in Wisconsin. Previous recipients have been Dave Fowler, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District; Roxanne Gray, Wisconsin Emergency Management; and Cindi DeBruine, R.A. Smith National.

The **Local Award for Excellence** is intended to recognize an individual, organization, program, governmental unit, or the like, which has contributed outstanding or essential work toward implementing sound floodplain, stormwater, or coastal management. A previous recipient of this award was Donna Haugom, Jefferson County Emergency Management Director.

Excellence in Project Design or Implementation is a means to provide recognition focusing on particularly meritorious project efforts more so than individuals. Thereby, teams, firms, agency divisions, etc., may find a recognition niche. Previous recipients have been Meg Galloway, Bill Sturtevant, and the WDNR Dam Safety and Floodplain Management Section; Mike Campbell, Ruekert and Mielke, Inc.; and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., Dave Fowler, MMSD, and Tom Sear, SEH, Project Managers.

A **Lifetime Achievement Award** will also be entertained for distinguished and extensive service, normally over the course of a career, toward advancing the cause and/or ideals of best practical floodplain, stormwater, or coastal management. This prestigious award may be given as warranted, and is still awaiting its first winner.

Please start thinking about the credentials of deserving candidates. In 2012, the Association will again strive to make award nominations a fairly easy and straightforward process. Basic information on the nominee(s) with respect to merit and accomplishments, their contact information, and the relationship or perspective of the nominator (knowledge of award-worthiness), are generally all that will be needed. Brief supporting materials are acceptable, but extensive documentation is discouraged. If appropriate, the Awards Committee may contact persons submitting nominations for additional information.

A formal call for award nominees will appear in the Newsletter as the Fall 2012 Conference approaches.

Please feel free to direct any questions or suggestions, to:

Gary Korb, WAFSCM Awards Chair
UW-Extension/SEWRPC
Phone: 262-547-6721
gkorb@sewrpc.org

Thank you for consideration on behalf of deserving individuals, groups, and efforts.



SAVE THE DATE!

**JUNE
19
2012**



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WORKSHOP

Online Tools for Coastal Hazards Planning

Working with Great Lakes Communities

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, June 19, 2012
8:45 am to 4:15 pm

LOCATION: University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

WHAT:

A workshop to explore online tools for coastal hazards planning in Northeast Wisconsin coastal communities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Planners and other professionals addressing coastal flooding, erosion, and habitat.

WORKSHOP INCLUDES:

- Discussion of climate variability and its relation to coastal hazards
- Overview of a new online guidebook for coastal planning
- Opportunity to interact with instructors and engage in hands-on exploration of online tools and geospatial resources for coastal planning
- Interaction and networking with peers
- Opportunity to help identify additional training and data needs

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Funding for this project was received from President Obama's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. For more information on the initiative and action plan, visit www.greatlakesrestoration.us

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Membership Application/Renewal Form

For January 2012 – December 2012
Membership Fee: \$20.00

Name:			
Title:			
Organization:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:	Ext.:	Fax:	
E-mail:			
Would you like to receive occasional announcements, newsletters and/or notices via E-mail:			
Yes No			
Other Affiliations:			
Primary Interest:	Floodplain	Stormwater	Coastal
Specific Interest:			

Please include a check for the annual Membership Fee of \$20.00 made payable to WAFSCM

Return to: Carrie Bristoll-Groll, PE, CFM
WAFSCM
c/o Stormwater Solutions Engineering, LLC
100 East Sumner Street
Hartford, WI 53027

If you have questions, call Carrie Bristoll-Groll at (262) 673-9697 or cbg@stormwater-solutions-engineering.com.