

ASFPM Recognizes Excellence in Floodplain Management with 2020 ASFPM Awards

Annual awards honor contributions made by individuals and agencies to keep communities safe from flood loss, promote resiliency

Madison, Nov 4, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) today announced the winners of its 2020 ASFPM awards. These annual awards recognize the outstanding contributions by individuals, agencies, and organizations who are advancing the association's mission to reduce the loss of human life and property damage due to flooding.

The 2020 ASFPM award winners are:

Tom Lee State Award for Excellence in Floodplain Management

The Tom Lee State Award for Excellence is given annually to recognize an outstanding floodplain management program or activity at the state level.

2020 Winner: **Florida State Floodplain Management Office.**

James Lee Witt Local Award for Excellence in Floodplain Management

The James Lee Witt Local Award recognizes outstanding local programs or activities at the front lines of floodplain management.

2020 Winner: **Greenville County, South Carolina.**

Larry R. Johnston Local Floodplain Manager of the Year

This award is designed to honor an individual responsible for the development of a distinguished local program or activity, or one who struggles to implement flood hazard reduction at the local level in the absence of sophisticated programs and support.

2020 Winner: **Cornelius R. Byrne, CFM**, floodplain manager and CRS coordinator for Sea Isle City, NJ.

The John Ivey Award for Superior Efforts In Certification

This award recognizes exceptional efforts to promote the professional certification of floodplain managers. The award is named after John Ivey who was chair of the ASFPM Professional Development Committee in the mid-1990s and was instrumental in the development of the CFM exam.

2020 Winner: **Roy D. Sedwick, CFM**, Texas Floodplain Management Association.

Louthain Award for Distinguished Service to ASFPM

This award is the highest award ASFPM gives to recognize individuals who, through their long-term efforts, have clearly supported and advanced the work of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

2020 Winner: **Bob Freitag, CFM**, director of the Institute for Hazards Mitigation Planning and Research (IHMP) at the University of Washington.

Meritorious Lifetime Achievement in Floodplain Management Award

This award recognizes individuals who, throughout their career, have achieved success in a significant aspect of floodplain management. These efforts shall include, but not be limited to, policy, outreach, implementation, education, government, research, litigation, or other actions that demonstrate the advancement of flood loss and risk reduction within the nominee's professional realm.

This year we honored three individuals:

- Bret Gates, FEMA
- Lisa Hair, EPA Office of Water
- William “Buster” Smith, Association of Alabama Floodplain Managers

[Learn more about the winners and watch the video of the socially distanced awards presentation.](#)

About the Association of State Floodplain Managers

Founded in 1977, the Association of State Floodplain Managers is a 501(c)(3) scientific and educational nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing flood loss in the nation. We accomplish this mission by educating policymakers on sound floodplain management policies and practices; improving the knowledge of floodplain managers through the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) certification program; delivering on-going professional development and training events; conducting applied research, promoting emerging technologies, and developing tools that address all aspects of flooding and floodplain management; and increasing international awareness on flooding and flood loss reduction. Learn more about ASFPM at <https://www.floods.org/>.

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