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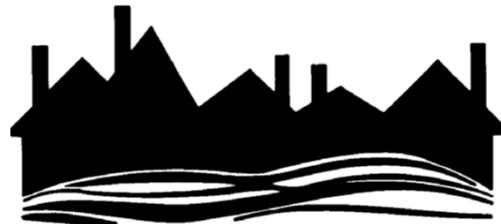
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NFIP/ CRS Corner



Community Rating System Credits for Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) are being retired with the new 2017 Coordinators Manual

The [Community Rating System](#) (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS rewards communities that are doing more than meeting the minimum NFIP requirements to help their citizens prevent or reduce flood losses. The CRS also provides an incentive for communities to initiate new flood protection activities. As communities engage in eligible activities they receive points which translate into flood insurance policy discounts. Region VI currently has 139 communities in the CRS receiving discounts ranging from five percent all the way to 40 percent per policy.

The CRS Coordinator's Manual is the guidebook for the CRS and sets the criteria for CRS classification. It explains how the program operates, what is credited, and how credits are calculated. Although it is primarily a reference for CRS activities and credits, it can also help guide communities that want to design or improve their floodplain management programs. Under the current Coordinators Manual (set to expire on December 31, 2016), communities can receive a maximum credit of 132 points under the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) element.

To level the playing field for all communities nationwide, the CRS Task Force has decided to retire the CTP element and redistribute the points beginning with the 2017 Manual. This is also being done so communities are not receiving credit for a FEMA funded program. The points from the CTP element will be redistributed into New Study (NS), Higher Study Standards (HSS), and more restrictive Floodway Standard (FWS) elements which are all part of Activity 410 Floodplain Mapping. The new 2017 Coordinators Manual is still going through Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval but will be posted to the [CRS Resources](#) website prior to January 1, 2017.

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Online Resources & Training Opportunities

Online Resources

At CRSresources.org

Check frequently at www.CRSresources.org to see what's been added in the way of CRS materials. All documents referred to in the Coordinator's Manual are posted here as soon as they are available. If you cannot find a piece of information or document, please notify your ISO/CRS Specialist or NFIPCRS@iso.com. Here are some recent additions to the website.

- ⇒ **Success with CRS** is a new tab on the www.CRSresources.org website, featuring short articles about the many different ways in which communities have found their own types of success through the CRS.
- ⇒ **Webinar Schedule**—A schedule for the first part of 2017 is posted under the Training & Videos tab at www.CRSresources.org/training. This link has registration information. Also, see the webinar schedule below.
- ⇒ The most recent issue of the **NFIP/CRS Update** newsletter, in case you missed it (September/October 2016), along with all other past issues, can be found at www.CRSresources.org/100.

At FloodSmart.gov

Remember that the CRS pages of the FloodSmart website [https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/crs/community_rating_system.jsp] are the place to go for people new to the CRS, elected officials, newly hired CRS Coordinators, and the public. It is designed for those who don't need the full technical details posted elsewhere.

Training Opportunities

Webinars

The CRS offers webinars to help communities understand and meet their CRS requirements. Many will be recorded, so they can be accessed later. Registration is free, but required, as space is limited. Some courses provide continuing education credits for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs). See www.CRSresources.org/training. The following one-hour topical webinars are on the calendar, and others will be scheduled. All webinars begin at 1:00 pm EST / 10:00 am PST.

- **Introduction to the CRS** — [February 21, 2017](#)
- **Repetitive Loss Properties and the CRS** — [February 22, 2017](#)
- **Preparing for a Verification Visit** (1 hour and 15 minutes) — [March 21, 2017](#)
- **Changes in the 2017 CRS Coordinator's Manual** — [March 22, 2017](#)
- **The Role of the Community CRS Coordinator** — [April 18, 2017](#)
- **Repetitive Loss Properties and the CRS** — [April 19, 2017](#)
- **Introduction to the CRS** — [May 16, 2017](#)
- **The CRS and Coastal Hazards** — [May 17, 2017](#)
- **Preparing for a Verification Visit** (1 hour and 15 minutes) — [June 20, 2017](#)
- **Developing Outreach Projects for Activity 330** — [June 21, 2017](#)

Some other anticipated webinars include **How FloodSmart Tools can help CRS Communities**, **Forming a Users Group**, and **Stormwater Management**. If you'd like to have a webinar on the FEMA Elevation Certificate, or a particular CRS activity, contact your ISO/CRS Specialist.

For more on the CRS webinars, go to www.CRSresources.org/training. If you have questions about or suggestions for the CRS Webinar Series, contact Becca.Croft@atkinsglobal.com.

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Six Months Later: Partners Work for Progress in Louisiana Flood Recovery

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BATON ROUGE, La. — In the six months following the August flood, Louisiana recovery has moved forward as a result of survivors helping one another, volunteer groups and partnerships among different levels and agencies of government.

The partnership has worked together to advance recovery in many ways. Work includes mucking out homes, clearing debris, creating solutions to keep displaced survivors close to home, advancing flood insurance payments and other financial help to repair homes and businesses, and reimbursing local governments for temporary school facilities.

Survivors Staying Close to Home

Survivors and communities have coordinated with the partnership to create solutions that accommodate their situations and—most importantly—keep them close to their schools, work and places of worship. Below are some of the recovery actions that have been used to meet increased disaster housing needs:

- Volunteer groups, family, friends and neighbors have mucked out houses and donated items and labor essential for recovery. These groups are important because they're usually the first and last presence following any disaster. Volunteers have contributed 750,000 hours to muck out and repair homes. They have also mucked out nearly 3,400 homes.
- The state and FEMA worked to extend curbside debris removal to ensure all affected residents received services needed to clean up and make repairs. Approximately 4 million cubic yards of flood debris have been removed—more than 99 percent of the total amount—enough to fill 90 percent of the Superdome.
- Many National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policyholders received up to 50 percent advance payments to repair homes and businesses and replace contents so they can return home and get back to work faster.
- The state requested a direct housing mission to supply Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) to some survivors who cannot find temporary housing within a reasonable commuting distance. Units have been furnished, enhanced to meet federal standards and custom fitted for survivors who have access and functional needs.
 - * 4,040 households have settled into 4,172 MHUs.
- Survivors have received other forms of temporary help—such as rental assistance and providing hotel room expenses—if they're unable to return home.
 - * Nearly 67,000 households have received help to pay rent and more than 4,300 have received FEMA-funded hotel stays.
- Survivors have also received grants to repair their homes and make safe, sanitary and functional so they can move back in.
 - * About 35,000 households have received help for home repairs.
- Rapid damage assessment response teams sped up the home inspection process so survivors could get federal disaster assistance more quickly.
- The state's Shelter at Home program has engaged contractors to provide emergency repairs to homes allowing families to stay there.
- FEMA's Multi-Family Lease and Repair (MLRP) program has created more temporary housing options. The program provides funds to landlords to make rental units habitable again in order for eligible FEMA applicants to occupy them. The program has funded repairs to 142 rental units for flood survivors.

Recovery through Partnerships

The state, voluntary agencies, FEMA and other federal recovery partners have coordinated solutions to overcome many recovery challenges after the August flood:

- 300 volunteer groups coordinate with FEMA to provide resources for unmet needs. Volunteer groups are crucial parts of recovery because federal disaster assistance alone cannot make survivors whole again.
- 18 long-term recovery committees comprised of volunteer groups and FEMA liaisons create solutions to fill in recovery gaps.
- Three faith-based groups have agreements with FEMA for 181 case managers to work directly with survivors on recovery plans and matching needs to available resources.
- Not long after the flood, disaster recovery specialists from various federal agencies brought resources and expertise to assist recovery. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Interior, FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) work with state, local and parish governments, community leaders and the private sector to build communities better prepared to face disasters.

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Six Months Later: Partners Work for Progress in Louisiana Flood Recovery (cont...)

- USACE has assisted with debris removal, the restoration of critical infrastructure, and inspecting and installing MHUs. They provided more than 3,000 MHU site inspections to ensure feasibility and hauled and placed about 1,200 units.
- The state requested FEMA to initiate the Watershed Resiliency Study. Data will be used to determine ways to manage areas where rivers drain—watersheds—and prevent or reduce infrastructure damage.
- Nearly 300 private sector entities in Louisiana used their abilities to connect with communities efficiently to provide helpful information to 625,000 people, such as how to apply for FEMA help and tips on rebuilding safer, stronger and smarter.
- FEMA typically reimburses 75 percent of eligible Public Assistance (PA) expenses to eligible local and state government and certain private nonprofit entities. However, applicants will be reimbursed 90 percent of eligible PA expenses given the magnitude of the August flood.

By the Numbers

The following summarizes contributions of various recovery partners:

Department of Agriculture

- The USDA has provided more than \$90 million in Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to survivors to help them with groceries due to lost income or damage following the flood. They've also provided nearly \$43 million in supplements and replacements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program households that lost food because of the disaster.

FEMA

- Survivors have received about \$134 million to pay for somewhere to stay if their home is not habitable.
- Survivors have received \$456 million for home repairs to make them habitable and nearly \$161 million to replace essential household items.
- More than \$2.2 million in Disaster Unemployment Assistance has gone to certain workers whose employment was affected by the flood.
- Local and state government and certain private nonprofit entities have been obligated nearly \$295 million as part of the Public Assistance (PA) program for disaster-related expenses.
- The PA amount includes \$60 million to pay for temporary facilities for schools and to clean and remove flood debris so students can go back to school. While some schools have accommodated displaced students, these grants have helped many return to their original campuses.

National Flood Insurance Program

- NFIP authorized and issued more than \$2.3 billion in payments so policyholders can repair and rebuild their flood-damaged homes and businesses and replace contents. The average payment has been nearly \$84,000 and about 29,000 claims have been closed.
- NFIP added more than 20,000 policies in the month following the flood.

U.S. Small Business Administration

- The SBA approved low-interest disaster loans of nearly \$1.2 billion to help businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters recover from property losses and other damage. Loans have been approved for more than 17,000 homeowners, renters and businesses.

Taken from FEMA's website

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ASFPM's 41st Annual National Conference April 30—May 5, 2017, Kansas City

Registration is now open!
Go to
www.asfpmconference.org
for more information.





LFMA Official Registration Form

34th Annual Technical & Business Conference “Remembering the Past to Ensure the Future”

April 19 – 21, 2017

Alexandria, Louisiana

LFMA Website: <http://www.lfma.org>

Conference Host Website: <http://www.rapc.info>

Please print or type

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TITLE: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

FIRM: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

FAX: _____

CERTIFICATION: CFM P.L.S. P.E. (CIRCLE)

Registration fee includes admission to, Conference Program, Welcome Reception, Awards Luncheon and Afternoon Cookout. Check all that apply:

	THRU March 15	AFTER March 15
Members	_____ \$175.00	_____ \$185.00
Non-Members	_____ \$225.00	_____ \$235.00 (fee includes membership)
One-Day - Thursday only	_____ \$115.00	_____ \$125.00
Spouse	_____ \$50.00	
Tech Tour - Golf	_____ \$50.00 (Golf Course)	
Downtown Walking Tour	_____ \$20.00 (Wednesday morning field trip)	

Total _____ Check box if receipt is needed

No cancellation refunds will be issued after **March 15, 2017**

Special Diet – Please provide details _____

Make check payable to **Louisiana Floodplain Management Association**

Mail Registration Fee and this Form to:

LFMA 2017 Conference– Attn: Melissa Becker
Louisiana Floodplain Management Association
1405 Frank Andrews Blvd.
Alexandria, LA 71303
Email: [\(mbecker@rapc.info\)](mailto:mbecker@rapc.info)
(318) 487-5401, ext. 16

CFM Exam: April 21, 2017, 1:00 pm

To register for Exam:

Contact: ASFPM Website www.floods.org
or call Anita Larson 608-828-3000
Deadline to register – **April 7, 2017**

Conference Hotel Reservations please contact:

Holiday Inn Downtown, 701 4th St., Alexandria, LA 71301

Click on Booking Link: [La Floodplain Management](http://www.lafourche.gov)

LFMA Block Rate \$97.00 (Group Code FPM)

Book by March 22nd or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first

Also all nominations for Board Members and Regional Reps are due March 1st. Please email those in as well as a brief bio to our current Secretary, Ms. Darla Duet (darlad@lafourche.gov).

Also, I would like to encourage all municipalities who may be willing to share photos or documentary of any 2016 flooding with us in order to put together a slideshow at the conference, to please email them to me by March 31. (kmoree@csrsonline.com)

LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

34th ANNUAL

TECHNICAL & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

April 19, 20, and 21, 2017

Alexandria, Louisiana



"Remembering the Past to Ensure the Future"

Holiday Inn Alexandria – Downtown (318) 541-8333

701 4th Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301

Schedule of Events:

TUESDAY – APRIL 19, 2017

6:00 PM Board Meeting (Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 13, 2016

7:30 - 12:30 **Open Space Tech Tour** (Fee) –
Links on the Bayou Golf Course
271 Vandenburg Dr., Alexandria, LA
Register with Wayne Berggren, CFM
(985) 373-1856

9:30 - 11:30 **Historical District Walking Tour** (Fee) –
Meet in hotel lobby
Register with Melissa Becker, CFM
(318) 451-6005

10:00 – 3:00 **Registration:**
Hotel Lobby

SESSION I LOUISIANA BALL ROOMS

1:30 – 2:00 **Welcome Alexandria Mayor**
The Hon. Jacques M. Roy
Kara Moree, CFM; LFMA Chair
Ted Debaene, LFMA Executive Director

2:00 – 3:00 **Tim Osborne - NOAA**
Louisiana Storm Surge and Coastal
Inundation/Subsidence Issues

3:00 – 3:15 **BR E A K – Exhibits Open**
3:15 – 4:00 **Carrie Robinette, CFM—Rapides Area**
Planning Commission
Rapides Parish Greenway Park Acquisition

4:00 – 5:00 **Pat Skinner – LSU Ag Center**
LSU FEMA Mapping Partnership
5:30 **Welcome Reception –Atrium**
Wine, Cheese, and Light Snacks
Hospitality Room – Admiral Porter Room

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

THURSDAY – April 20, 2017

SESSION II LOUISIANA BALL ROOMS

7:30 – 8:00 Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 12:00 Registration / Exhibit Opens
8:00– 9:00 **David Hiegel CFM – FEMA Region VI**
FEMA Regulatory Issues
9:00 – 10:00 **Rick Foster CFM – Denham Springs**
Life as a Permit Official through a Disaster
10:00– 10:15 **B R E A K –Exhibits Open**
10:15 - 11:15 **Shona Gibson, CFM– FEMA Region VI**
FEMA Mapping for Louisiana Parishes
11:15 - 11:45 **Jeffery Giering CFM, Casey Tingle, Mark Riley – GOHSEP**
State of Louisiana HMA Programs Update

11:45 – 1:45

Awards Luncheon- LOUISIANA BALL ROOMS

Kara Moree, CFM- LFMA Chairwoman

Keynote Speaker: TBD—"Title"

SESSION III

2:00 - 2:45

LOUISIANA BALL ROOMS

Monica Farris CFM – UNO CHART

Repetitive Loss Portal Update

2:45 – 3:30

French Wetmore, CFM—French & Associates

Lessons Learned of Floodplain Management

3:30 – 4:00

Shandy Heil & Chad Ross

LFMA and the DRT Program

5:00

LFMA Party Time

Alexandria Riverfront Amphitheatre
(Food, Spirits, Music, and Friends)

FRIDAY – April 21, 2017

SESSION IV LOUISIANA BALL ROOMS

8:00 – 8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:00 **Mark Goodson—CB&I**

Understanding Risk & Resilience in LA

9:00 – 9:45

Paul Trimble—Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson

Rapides Parish Levee Recertification Project

9:45 - 10:30

Tom David—Pan American Engineers

FPM from an Engineering Prospective

10:30 - 10:45

General Business Meeting &Election Results

Ted Debaene, CFM, Executive Chair

10:45 – 11:00

2017 Conference End Wrap Up

Kara Moree, CFM- LFMA Chair

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 4:00 **CFM Exam, Room Louisiana Ball Rooms,**

(Pre-registered applicants only)

(Registration must be made through the ASFPM by April 7, 2017 contact Anita Larson at (608) 828-3000 or online at www.floods.org)

FOR CONFERENCE QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Conference Chair: Melissa Becker, CFM (318) 487-5401 Ext 16
mbecker@rapc.info

Program Chair: Michael Hunnicutt, CFM (504) 279-4084
mandjhunnicutt@yahoo.com

Open Space Tour:

"Links on the Bayou Golf Course"

271 Vandenburg Dr., Alexandria, LA; (318) 473-1331

Historical District Walking Tour::

"Meet in the Lobby of Hotel, leave at 8:00 am"

Thursday Night Social:

Alexandria Riverfront Amphitheater"

100 Johnston St., Alexandria, LA

WEDNESDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

"OPEN SPACE TOUR" — GOLF

Links on the Bayou Golf Course

271 Vandenburg Dr. Alexandria, LA

Arrive at 7:30 AM, Tee off at 8:06 AM

Contact: Wayne Berggren 985-373-1856

Cost: \$50.00



"HISTORICAL DISTRICT WALKING TOUR"

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Cost: \$20.00



A walking tour presented by the Alexandria Historic Preservation Commission and the Alexandria-Pineville CVB, this tour highlights historic structures and sites throughout downtown Alexandria, utilizing the newly developed Historic Alexandria-Pineville Downtown Walking Tour brochure as a guide. Brochures will be distributed to tour-goers and architectural and historical information will be presented on structures highlighted in the brochure. A great way to learn more about the history of Alexandria as well as the significance of our remaining historic architecture within the original boundaries of the city. We will end the tour at the Alexandria Museum of Art for a luminary art project then it's lunch on your own at one of downtowns many restaurants.

Start at the Holiday Inn

- St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (tour) 30 minutes
- Stop at Tamp & Grind for Coffee
- Hotel Bentley (tour) 30 Minutes
- Walk along Third Street-pointing out Finnegan's Wake, Diamond Grill, Sentry Drug Store, Coughlin Saunders Performing Arts Center, Etc.
- River Oaks Square Arts Center (tour) 30 minutes
- Walk along Second Street (back towards Holiday Inn) –walk up to Amphitheater to look at the Red River; Old Railroad Station & parish marker
- Alexandria Museum of Art (tour and luminary art workshop)

Lunch "On Your Own": *The Sandwich Shoppe/Crave, Sentry Drug, Critics Choice Uptown, Word of Mouth, The Levee – Holiday Inn*



Our goal is flood loss reduction ...

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