

Fiscal Year 2012 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Application Period Is Open

FEMA began accepting applications for funding consideration under the FY12 HMA Grant Programs on June 1, 2011. Application period is open until December 2, 2011 at 3:00pm EST. All applications must be submitted via eGrants by the time and date posted. For more information, go to: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm>.

GA DNR's Contact Management Database

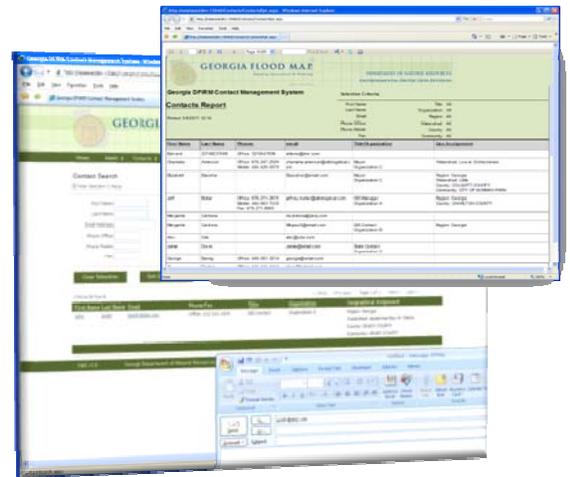
The Georgia Department of Natural Resources recognizes that coordinated outreach is vital to the success of floodplain management. To foster effective communication across the state, the Georgia Flood MAP program has created cms.georgiadfirm.com to collect, manage, and organize floodplain management stakeholders.

Searchable by name, title, organization and geography, this powerful tool provides fast access to a growing roster of Georgia's Flood MAP staff, Floodplain Administrators, community officials, and others.

Contacts are categorized by title, organization, and geographic assignment to easily create contact lists for Floodplain Administrators, County Engineers, or community C.E.O.s within a selected county, community, or watershed.

The system will be open to all community officials and flood study stakeholders including FEMA Regional/National staff, and Regional Service Center representatives. The system aims to be the singular roster and access point for all parties interested or invested in Georgia's flood impacts.

All data housed in this application is assigned a geographic identifier that allows information to be queried and explored through a web-based map viewer. By tying the data elements to geography, users can gain a better understanding of the context a particular project or project element, discover new relationships or impacts caused by geographic proximity, and provide summary data for multiple levels of geography (i.e., region, watershed, state, county, community, or project area).



GA DNR's Outreach Planning Guidebook for Local Governments Update

In July 2009, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources introduced the Flood Map Outreach Planning Guidebook for Local Governments. The purpose of this guidebook is to provide a way to help local communities more effectively reach out to local residents, business owners, and the media and even internally to other local officials when flood maps were being updated. The guidebook takes the reader through the different mapping phases and suggests a variety of outreach tactics during each phase. Supporting outreach material that is in templated form is also provided so that each community can customize the language to make it specifically relevant to their situation. In addition, general fact sheets are provided as well as links to other useful resources.

The guidebook will be undergoing an update to reflect the transition from FEMA's Map Mod effort to its current Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, Planning) effort. Meanwhile, this current version of the guidebook is available online as are the fact sheets and templated material. You can find all of this under the "Documents" tab at www.georgiadfirm.com.

Peak Hurricane Season is Soon Upon Us

Georgia is no stranger to hurricanes and Tropical Storm Emily's recent near miss was a good reminder of that threat. One only needs to look back to another Tropical Storm named Alberto in 1994 to show it doesn't have to be a hurricane to cause damage. Alberto stalled in western Georgia in early July 1994 and caused over \$750 million in damage. Looking at the historical hurricane tracks on NOAA's website, about 65 tropical storms and hurricanes have passed by or through our State's borders since 1970.

While this September is the second anniversary of the Greater Atlanta floods, the peak of hurricane season is also in September. So, it is important that community officials review their emergency preparedness plans now and remind their citizens to do the same. Use these two events to help remind everyone that flooding can and does happen...and not once every hundred years.

There are several good sites as resources you can add to your site to encourage your citizens to be prepared; here are a few:

- <http://www.ready.ga.gov/Stay-Informed/Hurricanes>
- <https://www.gema.ga.gov/> (under Preparedness, click on Hurricanes for the actual link)
- <http://www.floodsmart.gov/hurricanes>