

Common Sense Floodplain Management – An Overview of the ASFPM “No Adverse Impact” Approach

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The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) “No Adverse Impact” approach to floodplain management sets forth a framework of regulatory guidelines such that new development does not adversely affect the rights of other property owners, as measured by increased flood peaks, flood stage, flood velocity, and erosion and sedimentation. The approach was established upon recognition that current national floodplain standards allow for new development to intensify flood damage potential in our communities without regard to resulting consequences on adjacent properties through the filling of floodplain fringe areas and altering of channel velocities. The presentation will 1) discuss the No Adverse Impact approach in detail, 2) discuss how a community can adopt No Adverse Impact principles in their local floodplain management program, and 3) identify how a community can gain additional FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) credits (and associated discounts in local flood insurance premium rates) for adopting No Adverse Impact principles in their local floodplain management program.