

WEST VIRGINIA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 16, 17, 18

PIPESTEM RESORT
STATE PARK

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	SPEAKER
REGISTRATION (8:00 - 8:45)		
8:45 - 9:30	Challenges and Changes in the Future of Flood	Del Schwalls <i>Schwalls Consulting LLC</i>
9:30 - 10:00	Floodplain Management in WVDOH Projects	Doug Kirk <i>WVDOH</i>
MORNING BREAK (10:00 - 10:15)		
10:15 - 10:45	USGS Flooding and Data Resources	Jeremy White <i>USGS</i>
10:45 - 11:15	Forerunner x Preston County Case Study	Carissa Oseguera & Clark "Nick" Nicklow <i>Forerunner & Preston County Floodplain Coordinator</i>
11:15 - 11:45	Local Impact During Weather Events and Resources Available	Julie Lockhart and Greg Puckett (Moderated by Keith Gunnoe) <i>Mercer County 911 Director & Mercer County Commissioner</i>
LUNCH (11:45 - 1:00)		
1:00 - 1:30	Overview of Services and Success Stories	Mark Philips <i>WV Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster</i>
1:30 - 2:00	Transformative Mitigation-Connecting Planning, Modeling & Outcomes	Casey Garnett <i>IEM</i>
2:00 - 3:00	Integrated Flood Observing & Warning System and Rapid Flood Detection programs	Andy Teter <i>IFLOWS - WVEMD</i>
AFTERNOON BREAK (3:00 - 3:15)		
3:15 - 4:15	The HazMit Plan - Reality Link	Jeff Harvey <i>J H Consulting</i>
4:15 - 4:45	Philanthropy Responding to WV's 2025 Flood Recovery	Jennifer Goddard <i>Philanthropy WV, President & CEO</i>
4:45 - 5:00	Day 1 Wrap-up and Announcements	Board <i>WVFMA</i>
6:30 - 8:00 Networking Opportunities: Movie Night <i>Lodge Suite</i>		

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:30 - 8:45	Recap and Announcements	Board <i>WVFMA</i>
8:45 - 9:30	Dilapidated Structures in the SFHA	John King <i>WVDEP</i>
9:30 - 10:15	Sponsor Overviews	All <i>WVFMA Sponsor Introductions</i>
MORNING BREAK (10:15 - 10:30)		
10:30 - 11:00	Update on Hazard Mitigation Grants & Grant Writing Information	Katie Chaffins <i>WV Grant Resource Center</i>
11:00 - 11:15	Election of 2026-2027 Board Members	All
11:15 - 11:30	WV Floodplain Manager of the Year	WVFMA Board <i>WVEMD / WVFMA</i>
LUNCH (11:30 - 1:00)		
1:00 - 2:00	Floodplain Management using Legal & Planning Tools	Katherine Garvey <i>WV Land Use</i>
2:00 - 2:45	Review and Update on the WV Flood Tool	Kurt Donaldson & Behrang Bidadian <i>WV GIS Technical Center</i>
AFTERNOON BREAK (2:45 - 3:00)		
3:00 - 4:00	CFM's Guide to NWS Products, Inundation Tools, and Their Performance in Floods	Fred McMullen & Nick Webb <i>NWS-Charleston & NWS-Pittsburgh</i>
4:00 - 4:30	Available Disaster Assistance and Services Provided	Brannon Lambert <i>American Red Cross</i>
4:30 - 4:45	Day 2 Wrap-up and Announcements	Board <i>WVFMA</i>
6:30 - 8:00 Networking Opportunities: Game Night <i>Lodge Suite</i>		

Thursday, June 18, 2026

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:30 - 8:45	Recap and Announcements	Board <i>WVFMA</i>
8:45 - 9:15	Group Flood Insurance Policies	Ehrin Starcher <i>WV EMD</i>
9:15 - 9:45	Substantial Damage Workshop	James Young & Christina Armour <i>Tetra Tech</i>
MORNING BREAK AND ROOM CHECKOUT (9:45 - 10:15)		
10:15 - 11:30	Substantial Damage Workshop	James Young & Christina Armour <i>Tetra Tech</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Round Robin; Flooding Q & A	All
CONFERENCE ADJOURNMENT (12:00)		

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