



West Virginia Floodplain Management Association  
**2024 Conference Agenda**  
Chief Logan Lodge and Conference Center  
June 10-12, 2024

## **BUILDING BACK BETTER**

*Conference presented by the WV Floodplain Management Association (WVFMA),  
the Office of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the State Resilience Office (SRO)*

### **Monday, June 10, 2024**

- 8:00 to 8:30      Registration
- 8:30 to 8:45      Welcome and Introductions  
*Ray Perry, CFM, Chairman, WVFMA and Diana Barnett, President, Logan County Commission*
- 8:45 to 9:30      Keynote Speaker - Hazard Resistant Building Codes  
**Charles Baker**, Program Analyst, Regional and Field Support Branch, Floodplain Management Division, FEMA Region III



Charles Baker is a Program Analyst for FEMA Headquarters, Floodplain Management Division, Regional and Field Support Branch. Charlie's duties include being support for FEMA Regions I, III, and IX and being the liaison between Floodplain Management and Building Science. Current Building Code initiatives include sitting on the committee for ASCE 24-24 development and a Headquarters subgroup targeting Select Flood Hazard Resilient Standards in the Codes and development of a training emphasizing the cross connections of the 2021 International Codes and the NFIP. Charlie is also the lead for the National Violation Tracker (NVT) and Potential Violations.

Charlie was previously employed as a Floodplain Specialist with FEMA Region III for five years. Prior to his employment with FEMA he served as a local floodplain administrator, building code official, planning director, and historic landmarks director at the local level. Charlie has received awards from the DHS Administrator for work associated with the Substantial Damage Administrative Procedures while at FEMA Region III.



## Monday, June 10, 2024 – continued

- 9:30 to 9:45      Break
- 9:45 to 10:15    WV Flood Resiliency Plan  
*Bob Martin, Director, State Resilience Office (SRO) and Ed Martin, Deputy Director, State Resilience Office (SRO)*
- 10:30 to 10:45   Break
- 10:45 to 11:30   Enhancing Floodplain Management: Adopting, Enforcing Ordinances and Educating Officials  
*Bobby Cobelli, Floodplain Management Section Supervisor: State Support, Mitigation, FEMA Region III*
- 11:30 to 12:00   WV DEP Dilapidated Properties Program in the Special Flood Hazard Area  
*John King, Environmental Resources Analyst, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection*
- 12:00 to 1:30    Lunch
- 1:30 to 2:00      WV Flood Insurance Round Table Discussion  
*William Bradfield, CFM, Flood Insurance Outreach Specialist, Mitigation, FEMA Region III*
- 2:00 to 2:45      National Weather Service (NWS) - Flood Inundation Mapping Services  
*Nicholas Webb, Senior Service Hydrologist, Department of Commerce/National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration/National Weather Service*
- 2:45 to 3:00      Break
- 3:00 to 3:45      WV Flood Resiliency Research Project  
*Behrang Bidadian, PhD, CFM ; Annie Mahmoudi, CFM; Kurt Donaldson, GISP, CFM, Senior Project Manager; Eric Hopkins, CFM, GIS Specialist; Shannon Maynard, CFM, GIS Specialist; and Sara Lusher, Graduate Research Assistant; West Virginia GIS Technical Center, West Virginia University*
- 3:45 to 4:00      Wrap-up and Announcements  
*Ray Perry, CFM, Chairman, WVFMA*
- 7:00-8:00        Special Evening Activity - The History and the Return of Elk in West Virginia  
*Lauren Cole, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Logan State Park*



## Tuesday, June 11, 2024

- 8:30 to 8:45 Recap and Announcements – **Ray Perry**, CFM, Chairman, WVFMA
- 8:45 to 9:30 Legal Tools for Floodplain Management  
**Katherine Garvey**, Director, Land Use Law Clinic, West Virginia University College of Law
- 9:30 to 9:45 Break
- 9:45 to 10:30 Enhancing Flood Resilience: The Redesigned NFIP Compliance Audit Program  
**Joshua Lippert**, CFM, Floodplain Management Sector Supervisor, FEMA Region III
- 10:30 to 10:45 Break
- 10:45 to 11:00. Conference Sponsors - Introductions and Overview of Services
- 11:00 to 11:30 Election of 2024-2025 WV Floodplain Management Association Board of Directors  
**Ray Perry**, CFM, WVFMA Chairman
- 11:30 to 12:00 Presentation of Floodplain Manager of the Year  
**Timothy W. Keaton**, CFM, NFIP/CTP Coordinator, WV Emergency Management Division
- 12:00 to 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 to 3:00 Multi-Hazard Extreme Flood Event (interactive)  
**Timothy W. Keaton**, CFM, NFIP/CTP Coordinator, WV Emergency Management Division and **Hannah Parlock**, CFM, Interdisciplinary Planner, Huntington District, US Army Corps of Engineers
- 3:00 to 3:15 Break
- 3:15 to 4:00 Updates on the WV Flood Tool  
**Eric Hopkins**, CFM, GIS Specialist; **Kurt Donaldson**, GISP, CFM, Senior Project Manager; **Shannon Maynard**, CFM, GIS Specialist; and **Sara Lusher**, Graduate Research Assistant; West Virginia GIS Technical Center, West Virginia University
- 4:00 to 4:45 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan - Overview, Funding and Application Process  
**Tammy Sneed**, Project Officer, **Cory Clay**, Project Officer, **Xzavier Morgan**, Project Officer and **Vivian Wood**, Planner, WV Emergency Management Division
- 4:45 to 5:00 Wrap-up and Announcements  
**Ray Perry**, CFM, Chairman, WVFMA
- 8:30 to 10:00 Special Evening Activity – Blacklight Nite Hike  
**Lauren Cole**, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Logan State Park



## Wednesday, June 12, 2024

- 8:30 to 8:45      Recap and Announcements  
*Ray Perry, CFM, Chairman, WVFMA*
- 8:45 to 9:30      WVFMA Sponsorship Presentations (15 minutes each)
- Kurt Luecke, CFM, Regional Manager, Flood Mitigation Specialist, **Floodproofing.com***
- Kenneth Kinder, P.E., CFM, Project Manager, **E.L. Robinson Engineering***
- Matthew Breen, Senior Associate/Service Line Lead and Jenna McGee, PE, CFM, GISP, Assistant Vice President/Water Resources Engineer, **WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure Inc.***
- 9:30 to 9:45      Break
- 9:45 to 10:30     CRS and West Virginia: You are closer to becoming a CRS community than you May Think  
*Melissa Mitchell, CFM, Floodplain Management Analyst, Tetra Tech*
- One-on-One:** Tetra Tech will be available to visit with you directly!  
If you would like to discuss floodplain management, NFIP, and the CRS program, Tetra Tech will be available to meet with you. Please reach out to Melissa Mitchell to schedule a day and time to connect during conference week. [Melissa.Mitchell@tetratech.com](mailto:Melissa.Mitchell@tetratech.com).
- 10:30 to 10:45    Break
- 10:45 to 11:30    NFIP – Yesterday and Tomorrow  
*Elizabeth Ranson, Floodplain Specialist, WV FIT (Field Integration Team), FEMA Region III and Timothy W. Keaton, CFM, NFIP/CTP Coordinator, WV Emergency Management Division*
- 11:30 to 12:00    Open Discussion – Floodplain Management Opportunities  
*FEMA and WV NFIP Staff*
- 12:00              Conference adjourns



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