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### Message from the Editor

The WAFSCM newsletter is published twice a year to update members on chapter activities and to provide information on publications, seminars, etc. that may be beneficial to our water community. If you have articles, announcements, or other information that you would like us to include in future newsletters, please forward it to me at [BPowers@scsengineers.com](mailto:BPowers@scsengineers.com).

Thank you to all the newsletter contributors and to Rhonda Janos for the newsletter preparation.

*Betsy Powers, P.E.*  
Newsletter Editor

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## **Message from the Chair**

*Doug Kerns, CFM*



Hello WAFSCM members,

I hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to the months to come.

The WAFSCM conference planning committee has been busy planning the upcoming annual conference. This year the conference is being held at the Kalahari in the Dells on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open on our website (<https://wafscm.org/annual-conference/>) and the conference brochure will be available soon. Be sure to register before October 5<sup>th</sup> for discounted pricing. We have another great lineup of talks for this year and are looking forward to seeing you there! Also, if you have a colleague that is interested in becoming a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), please let them know that the ASFPM exam is being offered.

Sponsors and exhibitors make this conference a great place to be. It is always good to catch up on the latest and greatest products and information. Please get in touch with me ([doug@mwfloodplain.com](mailto:doug@mwfloodplain.com)) or Terry Tavera ([ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com)) if your company is interested in having a booth or sponsoring the conference.

Finally, our Board is looking for some new faces to help participate. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with me. Our group has a wealth of talented folks, and it is my goal to find a place for everyone to contribute. A list of current board members and open positions is available in this newsletter.

I look forward to catching with everyone at the conference. See you there!

Thank you!

Doug Kerns, CFM

WAFSCM Chair

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## 20th Annual WAFSCM Conference October 19 & 20, 2022

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1305 Kalahari Drive  
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

The Wisconsin Association for Floodplain, Stormwater, and Coastal Management (WAFSCM) is holding its 20th Annual Conference on October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center. WAFSCM is excited about this year's lineup of speakers and topics. Professional Development Hours (PDHs) and Continuing Education Credits (CECs) can be earned at the conference.

As always, we anticipate a dynamic group of professionals coming to share their experience in a variety of water-related issues from all sectors: local government leaders, community administrators, planning agencies, public works departments, developers, consultants, environmental groups, state and federal agencies and students.

### **Admission Pricing**

SAVE \$25 PER TICKET WHEN YOU REGISTER BY OCTOBER 5, 2022.

Admission includes access to the conference, workshops, field tour, Wednesday night reception, breakfast and lunch on 10/20, as well as 2023 membership dues for WAFSCM.

- General Admission: \$165
- Government Employee: \$125
- Student/Unemployed: \$50
- Guest: \$70 (Includes meals and reception. Not eligible for early bird pricing.)

### **Registration**

Online credit card registration is currently available. Check out the WAFSCM website for the link at [www.wafscm.org](http://www.wafscm.org) and for further updates.


Registration questions should be directed to Terry Tevera at 262-953-3052 or [ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com).

### **Contacts**

Any conference questions can be directed to Conference Chair Jacob Maas at 920-262-4041 or [jacobm@cityfowatertown.org](mailto:jacobm@cityfowatertown.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the WAFSCM conference! Please invite a friend! Thank you!

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Conference, Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

### **CFM Exam**

WAFSCM will host an in-person CFM examination on the morning of October 19, 2022. As always, registration for the exam is handled directly through ASFPM. You must apply to ASFPM at least two weeks in advance to take the exam. Send CFM exam related questions to [cfm@floods.org](mailto:cfm@floods.org) or call 608-828-3000.

### **Workshop**

Frank Shockey, FEMA, will lead an NFIP training seminar on Coastal Flood Mapping and Floodplain Management the morning of October 19, 2022.

### **Field Tour**

WAFSCM will be offering a field tour on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 19, 2022. This year's field tour is being guided by Wisconsin DNR's Uriah Monday. The field tour will cover the FEMA-approved levee system in Portage and tour of the Fox River lock and dam system. This field tour is limited to one (1) bus worth of participants.

Please note that this is occurring on Wednesday, October 19, 2022; there is **NO** field tour on Friday.

### **Exhibitors Reception and Social Event**

After an exciting field tour, cap off the opening day with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar as you peruse, discover, and interact with Exhibitors.

### **Conference, Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

We will still be hosting the business meeting on the main day of the conference (October 20, 2022) at 7:45 a.m. Opening plenary will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day with 14 different presentations on a wide variety of WAFSCM related topics. There is also a mid-day plenary speaker and an end of the day raffle. There will be plenty of breaks throughout the day for folks to get up, stretch, use the restroom, and grab food. Registration for the full-day conference includes 2023 WAFSCM membership.



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### Please Join as a Conference Sponsor or Exhibitor

On behalf of the Conference Organizing Committee, we invite you to support WAFSCM by attending the conference, exhibiting your products and services, and by becoming a conference sponsor. We have put together attractive exhibitor and sponsor packages. **The levels of sponsorship and number of attendees included in each level are indicated below.** Space is limited for exhibitors in the main room so register early!

BENEFITS	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Exhibitor
	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$450</b>
Conference Registration (including Wednesday night reception and Thursday luncheon)	3	2	1	1
2023 Membership (1 year for each registration)	3	2	1	1
Recognition as a <b>Gold Level Sponsor</b> (Name at the top in larger font on all signs and printed materials)	X			
Recognition as a <b>Silver Level Sponsor</b> (Name in the middle in medium font on all signs and printed materials)		X		
Recognition as a <b>Bronze Level Sponsor</b> (Name at the bottom in small font on all signs and printed materials)			X	
Recognition at Wednesday evening reception and Thursday luncheon	X	X	X	X
Exhibit Booth —area with skirted 10' table and 2 chairs; complimentary wireless internet (BYO power strip and cords)				X
Acknowledgement in the printed brochure ( <i>if registration is received by Sept. 30, 2022</i> ) and in printed conference materials	X	X	X	X
Acknowledgement in the WAFSCM newsletter	X	X	X	X
Acknowledgement on the WAFSCM website	X	X	X	X
Prominent display of your organization's name as a valuable sponsor/exhibitor in the Conference Hall	X	X	X	X

**Please Note:** If you do not plan to use all your conference attendee spots, please designate "Scholarship" and your attendee spot will be provided to a student or other selected individual in your name.

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### ***Exhibitor and Sponsor information continued***

Exhibitors will be in the room where the meals, breaks and evening reception will be located in the Grand Ballroom. Exhibitors may set up anytime from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, with the reception scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on that evening. The exhibits will be open Thursday, October 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Exhibits must be removed by 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 20.

Send your sponsorship information along with a check written out to “WAFSCM” to Ruekert & Mielke, Inc, C/O Terry Tavera, W233 N2080 Ridgeview Parkway, Waukesha, WI 53188-1020. We will forward by email a link to you for the conference registration(s). Once you register as a sponsor/exhibitor, please send you company’s logo to [ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com) so it can be included in the brochure, WAFSCM newsletter and displays. We must receive your registration by September 30, 2022 to include your company logo in the printed conference brochure.

Please also consider donating a door prize!

If you have questions regarding the registration and exhibit process, please feel free to contact Jacob Maas at [jacobm@cityofwatertown.org](mailto:jacobm@cityofwatertown.org) or Terry Tavera at [ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:ttavera@ruekert-mielke.com).



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## **WAFSCM Legislative Committee Report**

I hope everyone had a great summer. This last spring and summer were relatively quiet in the state legislation in regards to bills impacting flood management. However, with growing unpredictability of intensified climate change-related flooding and rainfall patterns, the WAFSCM legislative committee continues to work with and educate both houses of the state legislature on the need to maintain and improve Wisconsin higher standards for floodplain management. Particularly for what types of development will be allowed in the flood fringe and floodway. The committee is also encouraging the state legislature to work with state agencies to develop strategies that will help local communities become more resilient in the face of flooding events and assist them with their capacity to implement additional public safety-based measures adapted to the community-specific consequences of climate change.

As Chair of the Committee, I am also working to set up a meeting this fall with the WDNR Secretary, Preston Cole, to discuss ways our organization can assist the DNR in making the state more resilient to the impacts of climate change and increased flooding. This will involve both riverine and coastal flood and erosion risks. Please let me know if there are topics of interest that you would like me to bring up with the Secretary. Also, please inform me of any legislative or community actions that impact flood management that you feel might be of interest to WAFSCM.

Cheers!  
David C. Fowler  
WAFSCM Legislative Committee Chairperson





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## Upcoming WDNR/FEMA Webinars

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is proud to partner with FEMA in offering continuing floodplain education. Please see information below regarding an upcoming webinars being offered, and information on how to register.

Topic #10 Oct. 26, 2022: Floodplain Management Higher Standards – [Register](#)

Topic #11 Nov. 30, 2022: Basement Flooding Mitigation – [Register](#)

Topic #12 Dec. 14, 2022: No Adverse Impact – [Register](#)

Additional Topic Nov. 16, 2022: Community Rating System (CRS) – [Register](#)





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