

# **Call for Abstracts**

## Nebraska Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association Twelfth Annual Conference

## "Taking Care of Flood Risk Business"

July 23, 2020 Younes Conference Center Kearney, NE

The Nebraska Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (NeFSMA) is pleased to announce the call for abstracts for our Twelfth Annual Conference. NeFSMA is seeking professional and student abstracts for oral presentations that are applicable to one of the three conference topic areas listed below. This year's conference theme is: *"Taking Care of Flood Risk Business."* Presentations with an **emphasis on mitigation efforts related to the 2019 flood will be given priority in abstract selection**. The conference welcomes presenters from students and professionals in Nebraska and across the United States.

- Floodplain: Risk Management, Mapping and Flood Risk Mitigation: All aspects of floodplain management and mapping relevant to the local floodplain manager, planner, or engineer including but not limited to: minimum floodplain compliance standards, higher standards such as no adverse impact, floodplain mapping and related activities such as LOMCs, flood insurance, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, NFIP reform, activities or projects related to flood risk mitigation either pre- or post- flood event, or the NFIP's Community Rating System.
- Stormwater: Quantity and Quality Management: All aspects of stormwater management relevant to regulators, consultants, and developers. This includes discussion on policy, regulations, science, best practices and projects related to stormwater quantity, quality, and/or related infrastructure.
- "Taking Care of Flood Risk Business" This year we would like to highlight the ongoing flood mitigation efforts that have developed following the historic 2019 floods. We are interested in hearing about your flood mitigation story, tools, or resources dealing with both structural and non-structural projects!

### Instructions for Submitting Abstracts:

Abstracts must be submitted online by <u>clicking here</u> and filling out the form. Submissions in other formats will not be considered. You will be asked to provide a brief abstract of your project (please limit to 400 words) and your bio as well as contact information.

Most of the presentations will be 30 minutes in length (25-minute presentation and 5 minutes for questions). However, we may have the opportunity for some longer presentations, if you are interested in a 60-minute presentation (55-minute presentation, 5 minutes for questions) make sure to request

that option on the form. Please note that all presentations may be posted to our website at <u>www.nefsma.com</u> following the conference.

Abstracts must be received by 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 22, 2020. You will be notified no later than May 1, 2020 and will receive further guidelines for preparation of presentations. The registration fees for **one presenter** per presentation will be waived. No other expenses will be covered. If you have any questions please contact Committee Co-Chairs, Kellan Strauch at <u>kstrauch@usgs.gov</u> and Rocky Keehn at <u>rocky.j.keehn@commonsensewre.com</u>, or NeFSMA Chair Paul Woodward at <u>pwoodward@papionrd.org</u>.

#### **Conference Logistics:**

The conference will be held at the <u>Younes Conference Center</u> (map) in Kearney, Nebraska on July 23, 2020. Be on the lookout for more information including registration details in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can contact the Fairfield Inn and Suites at (308) 236-4200 to take advantage of the special NeFSMA room rate if you plan to stay overnight.

If your organization or business would like to be a sponsor, please go to <u>https://nefsma.com/Sponsorship</u> for more information.

Please feel free to forward this to any colleagues or other interested groups who would consider presenting at the conference. We're always looking for great speakers!