

Floodplain Management Training Calendar April 2026 - December 2026

Date	Time	Training Registration Link (Location)
Weds, April 15, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	MA Model Floodplain Bylaw (Virtual)
Thursday, April 16, 2026	9:00am-4:30pm	Elevation Certificates with Del Schwalls
Monday, April 27, 2026	9:00am-4:30pm	Elevation Certificates with Del Schwalls
Weds, May 20, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Floodplain Development Permitting (Virtual)
Weds-Thurs, May 13-14, 2026	All day	SEMBOA Annual Conference (Plymouth)
May 31-June 4, 2026	All day	ASFPM Annual Conference (Wisconsin)
Weds, June 24, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Flood Resistant Construction in the 10th Edition Building Code (Virtual)
Weds, July 15, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Being a Floodplain Administrator (Virtual)
Weds, August 19, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Understanding FEMA's Flood Maps (Virtual)
Weds, August 26, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Understanding FEMA's Flood Insurance Studies (Virtual)
September 2026	TBD	SEMBOA: Annual Floodplain Seminar
Weds, September 16, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Floodplain Development Permitting (Virtual)
Weds, October 14, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Substantial Improvement & Substantial Damage (Virtual)
Weds, November 18, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	Flood Resistant Construction in the 10th Edition Building Code (Virtual)
Weds, December 16, 2026	12:00pm-1:30pm	MA Model Floodplain Bylaw (Virtual)

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Floodplain Basics Series

This series of six courses covers basic topics in floodplain administration and runs from 12-1:30pm on the third Wednesday of every month.

Being a Floodplain Administrator:

This introductory course reviews the role of the local Floodplain Administrator (FPA) and the basics of local implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The course is highly interactive with plenty of time to ask questions. Completion of the course offers 1.5 CEC credits from ASFPM for Certified Floodplain Managers, and 1.5 hours of CEC credit for MA Certified Building Officials.

Understanding FEMA's Flood Maps:

Are you new to using FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps? This course serves as an introduction to FEMA's flood maps and will help you to learn how to access, read, and understand FEMA's flood maps. Completion of the course offers 1.5 CEC credits from ASFPM for Certified Floodplain Managers, and 1.5 hours of CEC credit for MA Certified Building Officials.

Floodplain Development Permitting:

Effectively managing development in the floodplain requires a well-integrated local permitting process that includes review by multiple programs. This course offers a closer look at floodplain permitting and review processes, and reviews how a community can work together for sound floodplain management. Completion of the course offers 1.5 CEC credits from ASFPM for CFMs and 1.5 hours of CEC credit for MA Certified Building Officials.

Flood Resistant Construction in the 10th Edition Building Code:

For building officials: This course will cover the residential flood-resistant construction standards of the MA Building Code, including 10th Ed. updates. Related FEMA guidance will also be covered. Completion of the course offers 1.5 CEC credits from ASFPM for Certified Floodplain Managers, and 1.5 hours of CEC credit for MA Certified Building Officials.

Substantial Improvement/Substantial Damage:

For building officials: Do you ever receive permit applications for rehabs or restorations of buildings in the floodplain? Brush up on the NFIP requirements for 'substantial improvements' in the floodplain. (This is often referred to as "the 50% rule.") Requirements for substantial damage post-disaster will also be covered. Completion of the course offers 1.5 CEC credits from ASFPM for Certified Floodplain Managers, and 1.5 hours of CEC credit for MA Certified Building Officials.

MA Model Floodplain Bylaw:

For floodplain administrators and planners: Need to update your local floodplain regulations? This training will walk you through the current MA model floodplain bylaw and explain how your community can use it to meet NFIP regulatory requirements. Completion of the course offers 1 CEC credit from ASFPM for CFMs.

Intermediate Courses

Elevation Certificates with Del Schwalls

This comprehensive training provides a deep dive into the 2023 FEMA Elevation Certificate, focusing on the technical requirements for NFIP compliance, Risk Rating 2.0 insurance, and CRS prerequisites. Completion of the course offers 6 CEC credits from ASFPM for Certified Floodplain Managers, and 6 hours of CEC credit for MA Certified Building Officials.

NFIP Beyond the Building Code:

For floodplain administrators and conservation agents: This covers requirements for floodplain development that is not structures—tanks, watercourse revisions, fences, pools, recreational vehicles and more. Learn about your role in keeping your community safer from flood damages! Completion of the course offers 1 CEC credit from ASFPM for Certified Floodplain Managers.

Substantial Damage Planning:

This course offers insight into pre-disaster planning for the work of substantial damage (SD): developing a local SD plan and team, a look at tools for SD determination, and a hint about Stafford Act funding for this work.

Understanding FEMA's Flood Insurance Studies:

This course serves as an introduction to FEMA's Flood Insurance Studies, which accompany FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps. This course will walk through how to understand and use FEMA's Flood Insurance Studies, including how to use the Flood Insurance Study to determine a base flood elevation.