



Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association 2020 Conference

May 1, 2020, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Rhode Island College, Providence, RI

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association (RIFMA) invites state and municipal staff and officials, consultants, non-profit leaders and other interested parties to submit abstracts for its 2020 Conference. This popular event brings together a broad range of professionals to address the complex and interdisciplinary issues associated with managing flood risk, making communities more sustainable, and protecting floodplains and fragile natural resources.

The 2020 Conference theme is **“Communicating Risk and Motivating Action.”** Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- 🔗 Engagement tools - Tools you created or use that assist in communicating messages about risk and motivating action
- 🔗 Lessons learned - A mistake, mix-up, or introduction of a new perspective that provided a new opportunity when communicating with stakeholders
- 🔗 Unlikely partnerships - An unlikely partnership that you built or were part of that assisted in communicating risk or motivating action
- 🔗 Building grassroots movements - A grassroots movement that you built or were part of on a topic related to flood mitigation, climate resilience, or related issue
- 🔗 Motivating action - A project of your own or one you're a part of that has stalled and you would like additional perspectives on how to move it forward
- 🔗 Creating targeted messaging - A targeted message that has spurred a specific audience(s) into action related to flood mitigation, climate resilience, or related issue
- 🔗 Engaging underrepresented audiences- A story/method of involving those typically not engaged in the issue/process
- 🔗 Equity and justice - A story/method/project that directly addresses and incorporates social equity and/or environmental justice in the process of communicating risk and motivating action

Tracks may be offered (a maximum of one set before lunch and two sets after lunch) to accommodate attendees' various interests and level of knowledge. Selected presentations will be combined by focus area to create cohesive sessions. **Think about which of the following formats is the best fit for your presentation:**

- 🔗 20-minute session (oral presentation (15 minutes, with 5 minutes Q&A))
- 🔗 30-minute demonstration to showcase a new or innovative use of a tool or program
- 🔗 30-minute 'advisory' session to discuss with a group issues that are stalling a current project and ways to move forward
- 🔗 60-minute panel discussion taking a deep-dive into a topic that requires multiple (e.g. private, government, non-profit, etc.) perspectives
- 🔗 Other? Please let us know if you have another way to best present your topic!

Please enter submissions using the [Google Form](#) ([preview here](#)) no later than midnight on **March 8, 2020.**

Please direct questions to RhodeIslandFMA@gmail.com. You will be notified via email no later than March 20, 2020 whether or not your abstract was selected. **All selected presenters must register for the conference.**