

Welcome Pennsylvania— ASFPM's 37th Chapter!



ASFPM is excited to welcome Pennsylvania to its chapter family! In June, our Board of Directors approved the [Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers](#) as its newest chapter.

PAFPM began to evolve in 2006 when the Pennsylvania Mapping and Geographic Information Consortium partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and FEMA to promote and develop a more coordinated and active approach to FEMA's Flood Map Modernization in the Commonwealth. The core individuals involved with MapMod in Pennsylvania met 3-4 times per year and expanded to include state and federal agencies, county representatives, large and small private entities (primarily engineering), and nonprofit groups interested in the natural functions and management of floodplains.

In 2008, Pennsylvania started to work towards developing its own affiliate of ASFPM, and adopted by-laws and formally elected officers to the board in 2009. The group began to establish committees and held monthly board meetings, and conferences have also been held annually.

Fast-forward nearly a decade and PAFPM is now incorporated and financially independent. The goal of becoming an official ASFPM state chapter gave impetus to accomplishing these milestones. According to PAFPM Board Secretary **Taryn Murray**, "We are constantly striving to improve the services and support we are able to provide to our members and to floodplain management in Pennsylvania. Taking this next step to become an ASFPM affiliate will help us do just that. We are confident that this partnership will strengthen our organization and look forward to working with ASFPM and collaborating with all 36 other state chapters."



Left to right: ASFPM Region 3 Director Necolle Maccherone presented the charter certificate to PAFPM Board members Sara Knapp, Frances McJunkin, Doniele Russell, Taryn Murray, Daniel Distler, Kerry Wilson and Eric Jespersen at their annual conference.

PAFPM developed a [website](#) to help inform its members of news, training and events related to floodplain management. The annual meeting, now known as the PAFPM Annual Conference, was identified as a top priority. Annual conferences have been held throughout the state since 2009, and its [10th annual conference](#) was held Sept. 18-19 in Harrisburg. Please join us in congratulating Pennsylvania on their great work and welcoming them as ASFPM's 37th chapter.