

Chad Berginnis, CFM, is the Executive Director for the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), a national non-profit organization of over 19,000 members and 37 state chapters whose mission is to promote policies, approaches, and activities that mitigate current and future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding; and to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains - all without causing adverse impacts.



Mr. Berginnis has 26 years of experience in various aspects of natural hazard management, flood loss reduction, and land use planning / programs at the state, local and private sector level. As a state official, Mr. Berginnis worked in the Ohio Floodplain Management Program and was Ohio's State Hazard Mitigation Officer. He was involved in creating/administering the Appalachian Flood Risk Reduction Initiative, administered the Community Assistance Program, authored a comprehensive revision of the model state floodplain management regulations, oversaw state hazard mitigation operations in three Federally declared flood disasters and authored the 2008 update of Ohio's mitigation plan. As a local official, Mr. Berginnis administered land use, economic development and floodplain management programs in Perry County, Ohio as well as assisted Perry County communities with their post-disaster floodplain management responsibilities following a major flood. In the private Sector, Mr. Berginnis was the national Practice Leader in hazard mitigation for Michael Baker Jr. Inc.

Mr. Berginnis is a recognized national expert in floodplain management and hazard mitigation, having participated on national research / focus groups, providing agency (FEMA, USACE, OMB, CRS, IG, CBO, various states) and Congressional testimony, and was selected to participate on an advisory panel to the Chinese Government on the development of a national floodplain management strategy. He recently served on a National Academies of Science committee on urban flooding. Chad is also currently an advisory board member for the Coastal Resilience Center at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and for the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder. He is also past Insurance Committee Chair, Mitigation Policy Committees' Coordinator, Vice Chair, and Chair of ASFPM. Mr. Berginnis holds a Bachelor of Science in natural resources from Ohio State University and is a Certified Floodplain Manager.