Observations and Take Aways from the MSCs

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2017 Interagency Flood Risk Management Workshop
Awards & Recognition

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Flood Risk Manager of the Year

Scott Whitney
PEOPLE

Traditionalist
- Status Quo
- Tried and True
- Just Right
- Needs met
- Proven record

Mentor
- Experienced
- Sharing
- Inspiring
- Guiding
- Building

Facilitative Leader
- Strategic View
- Collaborative
- Opportunity
- Earned Trust
- Tactical Actions

Trailblazer
- Seeking
- Exploring
- Testing
- Innovator
- Better Ways
MOTIVATION

WORDS

IMAGES

ACTIONS

RELEVENCE

What you want to say.

What they’re interested in.
BUILDING STRONG®

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

VISION: An implementable UMR Flood Risk Management Strategy; goal is a predictable system

- Shared Responsibility
- Flood Risk Management Life Cycle
- Risk Informed Decision making

Winning the Next Flood
Innovate, Adapt and Improve
Roadmap to the FUTURE

Finding a Common Voice for unified and holistic UMR Flood Risk Management

UMR Watershed Plan

Federal & State Regulations
Partner Collaboration
Technical Team
Stakeholder Coordination
Management Team

Senior Leadership
Public Involvement

Risk Management Decisions
Surveys & Inspections

UMR Hydraulic Model

Integrated, holistic & resilient
COLLABORATIVE

Oakville, IA (2008)

Cedar Rapids, IA (2008)
In Summary......

✓ Actions, not words, will ultimately define the success of the MVD RFRM transformation.

✓ Attainment of the desired future conditions of risk reduction, safety and prosperity highlighted in this document will require innovative planning, prioritized investments and enhanced regional collaboration.

✓ Our return on FRM investment will be measured in economic and ecological damages prevented, lives protected and resiliency in the wake of recurrent and extreme flood events.

✓ Our WORDS must convey the value, wisdom and urgency for ACTIONS that serve to define us as vigilant, relevant and proactive for those we serve.
Silver Jackets
Coordinator of the Year

JoAnn Combs & Ashley Stevens
Silver Jackets Coordinator of the Year
Silver Jackets
Team of the Year

DC Silver Jackets Team
DC Silver Jackets:

What is Working for Our Team?

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Presented by:
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Phetmano Phannavong, D.C. Dept of Energy and Environment
Mark Baker, National Park Service
Building a Strong Foundation

• Comprehensive Charter (MOU) to capture our common goals
• Understanding members’ mission and limitations
• Each member understands the benefit they are gaining
• Set achievable goals
Building a Strong Foundation

- Establishing task groups of which each member can be a part
  - Communications Task Group
  - Flood Emergency Planning Task Group
  - Interior Flooding Task Group
  - Levee Certification and Accreditation Task Group
  - Flood Tour Task Group
  - Task Group for each Interagency Project
Maintaining Strong Relationships

• Personal and professional

• Dedicated and committed co-leaders and team members
  • USACE Baltimore District has multiple team members (for SJ teams and SJ project teams) – one person can’t do it all!

• Listening to and following up on issues with members
Being Inclusive

- **Membership**: Opening up to new and diverse members
- **Issues**: Addressing all types of flooding: riverine, tidal/coastal, and interior
- **Solutions**: Being willing to learn new innovative solutions—structural and non-structural, policy and regulatory solutions
  - DC is one of the “100 Resilient Cities” and is a member of “C40 Connecting Delta Cities”
Maintaining a Productive Meeting Cycle

• Entire DC SJ meets every 3-4 months from 9:30-1:00
• Rotate host/location
• Agenda development/meeting planning/execution
  • Co-leads develop agenda together
  • Include topics of interest
  • Host presentation
  • Task Group report outs
  • Special discussions/topics
  • Guest presentation
  • Open discussion and announcements
• Working between meetings
Reflective and Forward Thinking

- Annual Reports: capturing accomplishments and planning for future activities together
- Encouraging members to be creative and think outside of the box
- Looking for innovative ideas and new partners
Taking Actions Together

- Interagency SJ Projects – DC FIM, DC Flood Exercise, Watts Branch FRM Study
- Flood Tours
- DC Flood Summit
- DC Levee Project – Risk Communication and Levee Certification
- Flood Technical Advisory Group
Questions?

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Closing Comments

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• Change comes in many forms
  – Environmental
  – Policy
  – Political
  – Leadership
• Adaptation is key
  – What can we do differently pre- and post-disaster?
  – How can we incorporate changing conditions into FRM plans and strategies?
  – Who can help us? Who can we help?
What we have heard...

• Solutions to FRM are expanding
  – Nonstructural flood risk management
  – Natural and nature based approaches
  – Risk communication and outreach efforts
  – Improvements in imaging and mapping

• And are part of a larger community effort
  – Resilience encompasses far more than FRM
  – Environmental, Social and Economic benefits
What we have heard...

• Integration is still the key to successful flood risk management
  – Successful partnerships leverage resources
  – You don’t need to be creative – steal and borrow from other teams
Call to Action

• HQ
  – Continue to support our community
  – Look for opportunity to bring us together again

• MSC/Districts/Teams
  – Identify the changes that affect your priorities and possible approaches to adapt to changes
  – Reach out to new partners to find new opportunities for innovation and implementation
Workshop Feedback

- Hard copy available in workshop packet
- Electronic version will be available on the FRM and SJ websites (within 2 weeks)

  - FRM

  - SJ
    - [http://www.nfrmp.us/state/index.cfm](http://www.nfrmp.us/state/index.cfm)
Thank you!

• See you at the next workshop!