



City of Dillingham Trip Report

1. Course/Class/Conference Name:

E0273: Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP

2. Date(s) attended/location:

Course Dates: 2/27/2023 through 3/03/2023

Course Location: Robert B Atwood Building

3. Participant(s):

Patty Buholm, Planning Director

4. Main topic(s):

Floodplain Development and Management

5. Detailed discussion of training/event:

This course reviewed the Floodplain Management and what details of being a Floodplain Manager's responsibilities. This training stressed the importance of how being a National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP) participating community affects the ability to apply for assistance during or after a flooding event.

6. How it could/will impact the City of Dillingham:

The National Floodplain Act was started in 1968 and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. The first visit to Dillingham by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 1978. Studies including gathering stories of previous flood events, mapping and some aerals were completed. Over a course of 2 years (January 1977 – October 1979) and massive amounts of research were the development of the Floodplains maps in Dillingham.

Dillingham has been a participating member of the NFIP since the release of the maps and the Flood Insurance Study booklet in March of 1982.

NFIP is a program that was created by Congress with the main purposes of this is to reduce flood damage by limiting development in the identified floodplains and sharing knowledge of Insurance coverage, especially flooding.

If the NFIP is not enforced and permitting not followed, Dillingham could be moved to a probationary status or expelled from the NFIP. The NFIP does cover flood events when created by natural rise of water level. If Dillingham does not follow the NFIP standards, all insurance rates would increase within the floodplain. Homes located outside the floodplain may not have funding available and insurance for other homes or financially funded homes may be lost due to lending institutes making the NFIP a regular standard in insurance.

It is critical to implement the process' set by FEMA so these options are available to the community members of Dillingham.

7. Recommendations for the City of Dillingham:

- Update the all forms pertaining to the NFIP.
- Re-establish the process' set by Dillingham Municipal Code (DMC), Chapter 15.04 for the Floodplain Management.
- Re-establish the permitting process
- Public Outreach and Education for community members of Building Codes and Floodplain Insurance.

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Patty Buholm

Date: 3/20/2023