



# **OHIO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **Recognition Awards and Guidelines**

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The Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA) was formed in 1995 in response to a need expressed by floodplain professionals for a common forum, and a network that supports and improves their management of Ohio's water resources, specifically floodplains. OFMA is a Division of the Water Management Association of Ohio. The OFMA Board promotes the recognition of professionals contributing to better floodplain management through the annual awards. The following recognitions have been created and are awarded each year at the annual statewide floodplain management conference.

**Please join in helping OFMA recognize outstanding local, regional and state programs / professionals, from either the public or private sector, by nominating one of Ohio's unnoticed floodplain management leaders!**

### **Floodplain Administrator of the Year**

The *Floodplain Administrator of the Year* award is designed to honor an individual whose contributions have resulted in an outstanding local program or activity for comprehensive floodplain management. The recipient of this award will serve as a role model and inspiration to other local officials.

- ✓ The nominee must be employed by a county, city or village as a local floodplain manager.
- ✓ No more than one award will be granted in a single year.
- ✓ The nominee will be selected based upon their leadership, outstanding accomplishment in the profession of floodplain management, and demonstrating personal/professional character of the highest quality.

### **Award for Innovation in Floodplain Management**

This award is intended to recognize those who have developed and applied an approach that is "outside of the box." Promotion of flood loss reduction, stewardship of valuable floodplain resources, economic sustainability and quality improvement may be elements of programs, projects, publications and activities nominated for this award.

- ✓ The nominee may be an individual, organization, public or private sector, government agency, regional agency or academic institution.
- ✓ This award need not be given annually, or may be given to multiple recipients in a single year.
- ✓ Nominees must be currently working or contributing to active water resource management programs or projects.

### **Peter G. Finke Award for Most Valuable Contribution to Floodplain Management**

This award is being established as a tribute to Peter G. Finke in his distinguished service and leadership of the Ohio Floodplain Management Program for three decades. Peter utilized collaboration and creativity throughout his career and drew strength from his personal dedication to create a statewide floodplain management program that improves the quality of life for Ohioans present and future. He has also been an integral part of developing the national policy on floodplain management.

- ✓ The nominee may be an individual, organization, public or private sector, government agency, or regional agency.
- ✓ This award need not be given annually.
- ✓ The recipient will be selected based upon their outstanding contribution to the multifaceted aspects of floodplain management.
- ✓ The contribution supporting this recognition should have a direct impact on improving the quality of life through better water resource management.
- ✓ More than one award may be granted in a single year upon approval by the Board.

### **Jerry J. Oney Distinguished Member Service Award**

The success of any professional organization is rooted in the dedication and capabilities of its members. This award is intended to recognize a member whose outstanding contribution has furthered the OFMA goals and objectives.

- ✓ The nominee may be an elected official, appointed official, federal, state or local employee, engineer, planner, consultant, insurance agent, student, surveyor, appraiser, real estate agent, or interested citizen.
- ✓ The recipient must be currently active in the Ohio Floodplain Management Association.
- ✓ More than one award may be granted in a single year upon approval by the Board.
- ✓ This award need not be given annually.
- ✓ The nominee must have made a significant contribution through their leadership, dedication, creativity or collaboration to improve floodplain management in accordance with the OFMA purpose and objectives.

### **OFMA Annual Awards Application and Instructions**

- ✓ Complete the "OFMA Recognition Award Application" and supporting information. (The award application can be downloaded from <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Water/tabid/17934/Default.aspx>)
- ✓ Publications, videotapes, letters of recommendation and project descriptions may all be submitted as support or justification of nominees.
- ✓ Submit applications and supporting materials to:

Ohio Floodplain Management Association  
 Attn: Cindy Crecelius, Scholarship Coordinator  
 179 Baranof East  
 Westerville, OH 43081  
[ccconsults.cjc@gmail.com](mailto:ccconsults.cjc@gmail.com)

You may fax to Ohio Department of Natural Resources at: (614)265-6767

- ✓ You may direct any questions to Awards Coordinator, Cindy Crecelius at 614-891-1595.
- ✓ **The deadline for submittal of annual nominations is August 7, 2009.**



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**Recognition Award Application**

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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Contact/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Award Nominated For

- Floodplain Administrator of the Year
- Award for Innovation in Floodplain Management
- Peter G. Finke Award (Most Valuable Contribution to Floodplain Management)
- Distinguished Member Service Award

On a separate sheet or in letter please describe the activities of the nominee in support of your nomination. Please note the criteria for each award and provide specific information including any supporting materials in justification of the nominee's qualifications.

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit nominations to:**

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