

Mitigation Matters

Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers
Spring 2023

KAMM Executive Director Announces Retirement

Pam Moore



“What a great 18 years! I know as founders, Carey [Johnson], Taylor [Duncan], Josh [Human], and I never saw the success KAMM would have today in 2022. We had a vision, and we were happy that 25 people showed-up at our first Conference. Look at us now! I am one proud person!

In the words of Groucho Marx from *Animal Crackers*...

Hello, I must be going!”

Pam



After 18 years of service ranging from founding member to Executive Director, Pam Moore announced her retirement from her roles in KAMM leadership in December 2022.

Pam helped lead KAMM from a small group of mitigation professionals looking to share resources in 2004 to a statewide organization 300 members strong in 2022.

Organizing 18 annual conferences, developing and maintaining the KAMM website, publishing monthly *eNews* and semi-annual newsletters, overseeing membership rolls and training registrations, and providing immeasurable support for the KAMM Executive Board of Directors, Pam has been KAMM’s #1 Fan every step of the way.

We cannot possibly thank Pam enough for her role in raising KAMM from infancy to adulthood. Although Pam is stepping back from “official” leadership, she will still be a very active member and supporter of the organization, and we will still see her smile and hear that one-of-a-kind laugh when we get together!



The KAMM Executive Board of Directors celebrated Pam’s service to the KAMM family at a farewell lunch in January.



KAMM was formed to promote natural hazard mitigation and management in Kentucky. Our members represent local floodplain coordinators, planning and zoning officials, engineers, surveyors, GIS specialists, hydrologists, public safety, and emergency managers.

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KAMM Leadership Roles Transition

CHAIR NOTES



It seems as each year passes it brings changes and the opportunity to grow. This year KAMM has experienced some changes as our Executive Director, Pam Moore, has retired after 18 years of service. The Board of Directors met in December and voted to ask Esther White to fill that role. Esther accepted and vacated the Chair position to serve as our Executive Director. With this change, it afforded me the opportunity to grow and serve the membership in a dual role of Chair and Vice Chair with the support of Past Chair Mike Greene. This year is going to be busy as we support our members by planning KAMM training opportunities and our annual conference in Prestonsburg.

We are looking forward to visiting Prestonsburg and taking mitigation to the mountains September 19-21 with our free Preconference Day sessions on Monday, September 18. We will send out a Call for Abstracts in April. I hope you will mark your calendars and join us for what will be an exciting time in Eastern Kentucky!

Geni Jo

2023 KAMM Conference:
Mitigation in the Mountains
Mountain Arts Center
Prestonsburg, KY

Esther White, New KAMM Executive Director

During my 15 years as a part of the KAMM family, I have had the pleasure of serving for a decade on the KAMM Board of Directors (BOD), from Region IV Representative to Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair. With Pam Moore's retirement, I am now moving to a new role as KAMM Executive Director to support the BOD and all our members as you work to build stronger communities through hazard mitigation.

In the days ahead I will be working to provide current mitigation resources through the KAMM monthly *eNews*, bi-annual newsletters, and website at kymitigation.org and will work closely with the Regional Representatives and Conference Team to ensure that the mitigation education you need is accessible and enjoyable.

I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity to thank Pam for her years of commitment and dedication to building KAMM to be the successful organization it is today. Thank you, Pam, and much appreciation for the guidance you continue to provide during our transitioning roles.

Please continue to correspond with us at help@kymitigation.org if there is anything you need for your mitigation work. We are happy to share your relevant training opportunities and local success stories at our website, kymitigation.org, and strive to answer your inquiries promptly.

I am looking forward to working with the KAMM family in 2023!

Esther

Welcome
First Time
KAMM Members!

Martie Berton
Mark Carrie
David Coe
Stacy Cook
Chris Cunningham
Candice Fields
Mindy Glenn
Jennifer Hamilton
Dustin Heiser
Jimmy Helms
Trevin Hunter
Alex Hycza
Darrell Littleton
Joe Lobianco
Tad Long
Kate Morganett
Daniel Newcomb
Dorothea Perry
James Polk
Jose Luis Ramirez
Melany Rios
Jake Roberts
Amy Rose
William Saali
Jason Sebastian
Renee Stewart
Wes Willis
Jesse Yarbrough



KAMM Regional Trainings



The KAMM Regional Representatives have trainings scheduled in each of our four regions during the month of March. Regional trainings are free to KAMM members and \$25 for non-members. [Link to Join KAMM.](#) Check out the agendas and sign up for one or more of the trainings. All four agendas have different topics and allow for multiple CEUs to be earned. Certificates of Attendance will be provided.

Alex VanPelt, At-Large
Angela Herndon, Region I
Joe Sullivan, Region II
Mario Sebastiani, Region III
Kevin Miller, Region IV

Region I: March 8
Region II: March 15
Region III: March 22
Region IV: March 29

Register today for one or more trainings at:
[KAMM 2023 Regional Training Registration – Ky Association](#)

Region I Agenda
[Region I Training Agenda](#)

Region II Agenda
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Region III Agenda
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Region IV Agenda
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KAMM Committees

KAMM Committees are really taking off in 2023!

Visit our committee pages at kymitigation.org and get involved.



KAMM Committee Information		
Link to Committee Pages	Committee Leads	Board Mentor
Awards and Grants Committee	Mario Sebastiani Zach Dettlinger	Ben Conley Angela Herndon
CRS Committee	Alex VanPelt	Carey Johnson
Education and Professional Development Committee	Katherine Osborne	Mike Greene
Emergency Management Committee	Brittany Duvall	Nick Grinstead Geni Jo Brawner
Flood Mitigation Committee	Sarah Taylor Stacy Smith	Joe Sullivan

ASFPM NEWS

ASFPM RISE Challenge

The RISE Challenge engages young people in developing community resilience to environmental hazards. Young people are increasingly concerned about community resilience and combating the impact of climate change – and they want to start now. The Challenge meets this need by equipping your people to lead projects that increase their own community’s ability to both prepare and mitigate the effects of natural disasters. The **RISE Challenge: 2021-2022 Report** can be found [here](#).

New NFIP 101: Introduction to Floodplain Management from FEMA & ASFPM

Want to learn floodplain management basics? Don’t have the ability to attend a four-day training? Maybe you just want to brush up on one or two floodplain management topics? In partnership with the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), FEMA’s Floodplain Management Division is thrilled to announce that our new online, self-paced course NFIP 101: Introduction to Floodplain Management is live! The course is free and available to the general public. More info at kymitigation.org or register for the training at <https://www.floods.org/training-center/online-training/asfpm-on-demand-learning/nfip10>.

KAMM Community Mitigation Grant Fund Application Period Opening Soon!

We are pleased to announce that we will soon be accepting applications for the *KAMM 2023 Community Mitigation Grant Program*! KAMM promotes natural hazard mitigation and disaster recovery as well as public awareness of floodplain, stormwater, and emergency management.

The KAMM Community Mitigation Grant is ideal for financial assistance with smaller mitigation projects or to complement funding for a larger project. The program allocates funds for projects that promote natural hazard mitigation and management or mitigation awareness in your community.

Below is a list of project examples; however, any project that promotes the Purpose of KAMM is acceptable. Please be creative! What are your community mitigation actions?

- Flood Hazard Mitigation
 - Upgrade undersized drainage systems
 - Flood barriers, flood awareness equipment, and flood warning systems
- Stormwater Management Mitigation
 - Detention or retention basins
 - Stream or wetland restoration
 - Green infrastructure practices
- Conservation of Natural Features and Resources
 - Reforestation projects
 - Parks or open green space
- Educational Awareness
 - Field trips/public outreach
 - Signage to promote natural hazard mitigation and management
 - Community mitigation library
- Local match funding for a larger mitigation grant

Proceeds from donations to KAMM throughout the year and raised via the Community Grant fundraisers at our annual KAMM conference are used to fund our annual grant. Our 2022 conference fundraiser helped bring the grant fund balance to \$2,000 for the 2023 grant opportunity. Applications will be accepted soon, and the **Community Mitigation Grant recipients will be announced at the 2023 annual conference in Prestonsburg.**

You can **donate** to the *KAMM Community Mitigation Grant Fund* by scanning the QR code or here: <https://www.kymitigation.org/kamms-community-fundraiser/>.



Stay tuned for updates on grant application deadlines!

Thanks to our KAMM Sponsors!!



KAMM Leadership

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Nick, Mike, Kevin, Carey, Esther, Joe, Geni Jo, Ben, Mario, Alex, & Angela at KAMM BOD Annual Planning Retreat Dec. '22