



## **Status and Plans of PAFPM**

Since early 2006 PaMAGIC has partnered with DCED and FEMA to promote and develop a more coordinated and active approach to FEMA's Flood Map Modernization (MapMod) in the Commonwealth. The core of people involved with the Map Mod initiative has grown from about 25 to about 75 people who meet 3-4 times per year. The larger group grew to include state and federal agencies, county representatives, large and small private business (primarily engineering), and non-profit groups interested in natural functions within floodplains. There is a set of summary documents at [www.pamagic.org](http://www.pamagic.org) explaining that work; accomplishments include:

- Increasing information flow from state agencies to support MapMod activities,
- Effective support for completion of LiDAR-based topography and prioritization of PAMAP production in areas needed for MapMod production,
- Initiation of interagency flood mitigation coordination among state agencies,
- Discussions and documents leading to Executive support for investment in infrastructure related to flood mitigation,
- Increased orientation of DCED community outreach to counties for efficiency in flood map ordinance adoption at the municipal level
- Mutual education and increased communications among participating individuals

A natural outgrowth of improved flood maps is the promotion of flood plain management. Our adjoining states of NY, NJ, and MD all have affiliates of the American Society of Flood Plain Managers (ASFPM), and over the past year and a half we have been developing our own affiliate out of the current activities. At the present, the PA Association of Flood Plain Managers (PAFPM) is a sub-committee of PaMAGIC until such time as it can stand on its own financially and administratively. The purposes of this new group are:

- To promote public awareness of integrated floodplain management;
- To promote a liaison and to encourage the exchange of ideas and resources between individuals and groups concerned with floodplain management and to keep those individuals and groups well informed via educational and professional seminars; and,
- To inform concerned individuals of pending floodplain legislation, regulation, and related matters in order to advance the effective implementation of floodplain management.

The PAFPM is currently guided by an interim board and organizes its activities through committees, which are:

- Executive
- Outreach and Education
- Technical and Mapping
- Policy and Legislative