



2024 Flood Risk and Water Quality Excellence in Communications and Innovative Water Project Awards Applications Due on July 31, 2024

Applications for the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) 2024 Excellence in Communications and Innovative Water Projects Awards can be submitted beginning March 1, 2024. **To be eligible for consideration, applications need to be submitted electronically by email by 11:59 p.m. ET on July 31, 2024.**

Entry submissions for all of NAFSMA's 2023 awards programs need to cover projects and programs developed since January 1, 2019, and completed before July 31, 2024.

Award winners will be announced at NAFSMA's 2024 Flood and Stormwater Management Conference in Colorado Springs, CO - October 27-30, 2024. Winning entries will be highlighted on a video that can be accessed by other communities. Go to www.nafsma.org to view the 2023 Awards video. NAFSMA's awards are always striking recognitions with a water resources theme. Below is an example of one of NAFSMA's 2023 awards!



Excellence in Communications Awards

NAFSMA's Excellence in Communications awards program includes two categories — "Public Awareness of Flooding and/or Flood Prevention and/or Emergency Preparedness" and "Improving Water Quality." Details on how to submit your electronic entries are available at <https://www.nafsma.org/awards-program>.

The Excellence in Communications awards program highlights award winning communication and outreach programs and provides examples of successful initiatives highlighting flood awareness, pollution prevention and environmental protection that are being carried out throughout the country.

Innovative Water Project Awards

In 2022, NAFSMA launched a new awards program to recognize innovative multi-benefit water projects. The Innovative Water Project Awards Program recognizes community flood risk and/or stormwater and water quality management projects that accomplish multiple benefits.

Examples of features and benefits that can be highlighted in project submissions include, but are not limited to, environmental justice, economic, water conservation, recreation, enhanced human health and well-being, endangered or protected species habitat creation, use of natural features and green infrastructure, and community enhancement.

Project descriptions need to include a site plan or diagram; information on the project's unique benefits described above; outreach efforts; results; maintenance (monitoring, upkeep, costs and reporting); and conclusion.

Details on electronic submission of Innovative Projects entries are available at <https://www.nafsma.org/awards-program>.

NAFSMA members and non-members are invited to apply.

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NAFSMA's awards programs, which are carried out under a mentoring agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), are open to all public agencies, as well as private firms working with a public agency.

Good luck to all and get those applications ready and submitted!