



## 2018 Flood Risk and Water Quality Excellence in Communications and Stormwater Management Green Infrastructure Awards Applications Due on Friday, May 18

The National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) has officially opened both its Excellence in Communications and 2018 Green Infrastructure Awards Programs. The association carries out these very successful awards programs every two years. The 2016 programs combined saw almost 50 entries submitted from throughout the country.

Entry submissions for both of the 2018 awards programs should cover projects and programs implemented between January 1, 2016 and February 28, 2018. To be eligible for consideration, applications need to be submitted electronically via the NAFSMA website by midnight EST on **Friday, May 18, 2018**.

Award winners will be announced at NAFSMA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is being held at the La Fonda Hotel on July 10–12, 2018. Award winning entries will be highlighted on a special video and this year's awards will be extremely special with winners expected to be eager to display these unique recognitions in their agencies or firms.

NAFSMA's Green Infrastructure Awards Program was designed to recognize and spotlight those stormwater management projects throughout the country that are advancing and innovating Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development techniques. This initiative was undertaken as one of the key projects identified in NAFSMA's Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. EPA on Green Infrastructure. In the program's inaugural year in 2016, the program awarded seven projects from various areas in the country, with first and second place awards presented in three population categories (small, medium and large populations) and the top overall project was also awarded.

Per the Green Infrastructure application, the project description needs to include a site plan or diagram, and descriptions of the project's environmental impact, economic impact, outreach efforts, results, maintenance (monitoring, upkeep, costs and reporting) and conclusion. This year's GI award winners will be announced at NAFSMA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting

in Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 10-12, 2018. Applications will be submitted electronically.

For questions on the Green Infrastructure Awards Program, please contact Dusty Williams at [dustyw2015@gmail.com](mailto:dustyw2015@gmail.com) or (951) 313-0257.

[Click here to submit your 2018 Green Infrastructure Awards application form online.](#)

NAFSMA also has a separate awards program to recognize Excellence in Communications in the categories of "Public Awareness of Flooding and/or Flood Prevention and/or Emergency Preparedness" and "Improving Water Quality." Application submissions for Excellence in Communications are due by Friday, May 18, 2018 and are to be submitted electronically. [Click here to submit your 2018 Excellence in Communications Award application form online.](#)

The Excellence in Communications Awards Program is part of NAFSMA's mentoring efforts with FEMA. The program is designed to not only highlight award winning communication and outreach programs, but to also provide examples of work about flood awareness, pollution prevention and environmental protection that are taking place across the United States. The 2016 contest brought in entries that included comprehensive campaigns as well as individual works, like brochures, posters, public service announcements and government television programs.

For questions on the Excellence in Communications Awards Program, please contact Sofia Chatos at [schatos@nafsma.org](mailto:schatos@nafsma.org) or 301-871-9262.

NAFSMA's awards programs are open to all public agencies as well as private firms working with a public agency on a green infrastructure project or on communications efforts for flood risk communication as well as water quality communications initiatives. NAFSMA members and non-members are invited to apply. Feel free to also contact the NAFSMA National Office at [sgilson@nafsma.org](mailto:sgilson@nafsma.org) (202-289-8625) for any additional information.

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