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### **Alaskan Wins National Floodplain Management Award**

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Floodplain Manager Christy Miller won the National Meritorious Achievement in Floodplain Management Award at the Association of State Floodplain Manager (ASFPM) Conference in June.

This National award highlights Miller's excellence in working toward sustainable responsible development for more than 25 years. Miller is the first recipient of this award. As the State's Floodplain Manager, Miller oversees the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Flood Mitigation Assistance Program and the Flood Map Modernization project.

Alaskans cannot be insured for floods unless their community participates in the NFIP. When Miller began her career in floodplain management only a handful of communities were fully qualified for floodplain insurance under the NFIP program. Today, 32 communities, nearly 90 percent of Alaska's population, are covered with full flood insurance benefits.

To date, Ms. Miller has been the recipient of several awards for her floodplain management work and has been instrumental in modernizing Alaska's floodplain management information, policies and mitigation plans.

Division of Community Advocacy Director Mike Black said Miller is a true champion for Alaskans. "Christy is tireless in her pursuit of practical, real solutions for the diverse flood issues affecting Alaskans," said Black.

The ASFPM convened its 30<sup>th</sup> annual national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 11-16, 2006. According to the ASFPM it represents 9,000 floodplain management practitioners throughout the U.S. and beyond.

A key activity at the ASFPM national conference is to recognize national excellence in flood hazard management; there are ten award categories at state, local and individual levels. For more information about the conference and awards visit ASFPM's website at [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org)

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