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Through your support and participation, Georgia Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM) continues to thrive. GAFM was created from the vision of individuals and organizations that understood the need to bring together the expertise and skills of diverse professions for a common objective – *reducing the impact of flooding on the citizens of Georgia*. As the current Chair of GAFM, I encourage you to join with other individuals and organizations in renewing your 2008 membership. We invite membership from all professional, public and private entities; students and everyday citizens interested in or involved in floodplain, watershed, storm water, wetlands, and hazard mitigation management and/or related disciplines within the State of Georgia.

I also encourage you to become actively involved in one of GAFM's current committees. A description of each committee along with Committee Chair contact information is listed on the website under the heading "About GAFM".

The Conference Planning Committee recommended and the GAFM Board approved Decatur, Georgia as the location for the 2008 conference and annual membership meeting. The conference dates are March 5-7, 2008. The conference theme, **"Perspectives of a Floodplain Manager: Public, Local, Regional and National"** will provide focus for the various presenters, training sessions and the field tour. This will be an educational and networking event that you do not want to miss. Conference attendees will be eligible for Continuing Education Credits (CECs). Visit GAFM website at www.gafloods.org for conference registration form and information about conference sponsorship or participating as an exhibitor. The membership renewal form can be downloaded from this same site by clicking on the "Join GAFM" tab.

The conference hotel is the Holiday Inn – Decatur Conference Plaza located at 130 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030. The special hotel rate is \$109/night. When calling the hotel – (404) 371-0204, mention Georgia Association of Floodplain Management to receive the conference rate.

Concerns or suggestions please e-mail me at collis_brown@dnr.state.ga.us. Again, thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

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