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In July 2008, a letter was sent to you encouraging you to have your engineers and policy writers attend the one-day training session; No Adverse Impact (NAI) – The Basics that was held in conjunction with the “Coastal Connection” Educational and Technical Training Workshop sponsored by GAFM Coastal Region, September 11 & 12, 2008 on Jekyll Island. In the letter, it was recommended that the engineers and policy writers attend the NAI session to bring back much needed information to your community to discuss. Then, the letter suggested that community officials and legal personnel attend the No Adverse Impact (NAI) – Beyond the Basics session to be held at GAFM’s Fourth Annual Conference in Columbus, GA on February 11, 2009. At that time, the community has a unique chance to meet with ASFPM to discuss NAI in a one-on-one atmosphere. Communities wishing to discuss the proposal are to register with GAFM to ensure a one-on-one time slot. If no one-on-one time slots are scheduled, the NAI – Beyond the Basics time slot will be used to answer questions in a small group setting.

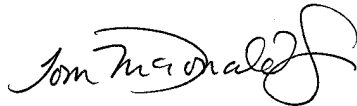
NAI is a set of “do no harm” principles that assist communities in overseeing growth and development by limiting the impact of harmful construction to adjacent and down stream properties and communities. Communities achieve this higher level of protection by adopting stronger regulations that identify acceptable levels of impact, appropriate measures to mitigate those adverse impacts (before those impacts occur) and an established plan for implementation. NAI is intended to save the community money and ensure proper life safety of citizens that reside in or near flood prone areas. NAI will bring to the forefront topics such as stormwater conveyance systems, retention, detention, “smart” floodplain practices, the role of emergency responders and citizens’ life safety.

Please take time to register at www.gafloods.org. At GAFM’s web site, you will be able to register to attend the NAI session(s) plus view all the educational sessions scheduled for the three day annual conference.

Should you have questions regarding No Adverse Impact (NAI) and its role in making your community a better and safer place to live, please contact George Reidel, Deputy Executive Director of ASFPM, at (608) 274-0123. Of course, feel free to contact any of your GAFM Board members, as well.



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