

Candidate Bios

NCAAFPM Board - Region F Representative Position

Angela Lee

Angela Lee is a passionate and dedicated professional who currently serves as the Floodplain Administrator for Buncombe County. With a background in environmental resource management, her experience has been concentrated in watershed, floodplain, stormwater, and land management. Angela's enthusiasm for the program extends beyond her immediate duties—she is always looking for ways to learn through collaboration and education to help improve floodplain management practices within Buncombe County. During the TS Helene disaster, Angela led emergency floodplain management efforts in substantial damage assessments, emergency permit issuance, and NFIP compliance in the midst of a national crisis.

She seeks to become the Region F representative to collaborate with professionals, share knowledge, exchange experiences, and encourage stronger connections across the Western North Carolina region and beyond. She believes her dedication to the FPA role and her drive to build stronger relationships, combined with her technical skills and community-focused approach will make her a valuable NCAAFPM representative.

Olga Grooman

My name is Olga Grooman, and I am the Assistant Development Services Director for the Town of Waynesville. I am excited to express my interest in the Region F Representative position on the NCAAFPM Executive Board. I firmly believe that my strong knowledge of land use regulations, progressive experience in municipal planning, and experience in stormwater and floodplain management will make me effective in this role and allow me to support the Board's mission. Since joining the Town of Waynesville in 2021, I have gained extensive experience in land use regulations and floodplain management. I became a Certified Floodplain Manager in 2022, and this year I played an active role in post-Hurricane Helene community recovery efforts by conducting damage assessments, assisting the community, and collaborating with the State and FEMA to ensure compliance with various regulations.

In my current role, I conduct site plan reviews, draft text amendments, assist with rezoning and annexation applications, conduct research, analyze data, create maps, and present findings at public meetings. I am fluent in three languages, which allows me to effectively communicate with our diverse community. I hold a Master's in Public Affairs from Western Carolina University and multiple professional certifications, including NC Certified Zoning Official, Erosion & Sediment Control Inspector, and Stormwater SCM I&M Certification. Additionally, I serve as Vice Chair on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment in my hometown of Fletcher.