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Tuesday, October 13

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	NCAFP Board Meeting (<i>Dogwood</i>)
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Wednesday, October 14

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Vendor Exhibit Setup (<i>Biltmore Foyer</i>)
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12:30 – 1:45 PM	Registration (<i>Laurel Registration Area</i>)
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1:45 – 3:15 PM Note: Duration of individual presentations is in brackets [].	PLENARY SESSION 1: OPENING (<i>Ballroom – Pilot/Pisgah/Roan/Mitchell</i>) Mike Robinson, CFM (NCAFP Chair) Welcome to FFI: Mike Robinson, CFM (NCAFP Chair) [10] Welcome to Asheville: Amanda Edwards, Buncombe County BOC [10] ASFP/CFM/Chapter Update: Bill Tingle, CFM (NCAFP Executive Director) [15] Scholarship Program/Student Chapter Updates: Dan Tomczak, CFM, PE (NCAFP Region B Rep), Holly White, CFM (NCAFP Region A Rep) [15] Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 4 Update: Valerie Anderson, CFM (FEMA Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch) [40]
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3:15 – 3:45 PM	BREAK – Refreshments (<i>Biltmore Foyer</i>)
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3:45 – 5:15 PM Note: Duration of individual presentations is in brackets [].	PLENARY SESSION 2: STATEWIDE UPDATES (<i>Ballroom – Pilot/Pisgah/Roan/Mitchell</i>) Moderator: Scott Brookhart, CFM (NCAFP Vice-Chair) North Carolina Commerce-Community Revitalization Update: Maggie Battaglin, CFM (NC Commerce) [30] North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Update: Steve McGugan (SHMO/Mitigation Section Chief) with Gary Thompson, PLS; Carl Baker, CFM, and Steve Garrett, CFM [30] NCEM-Hazard Mitigation Building Successful Grant Applications: Steve McGugan (SHMO/Mitigation Section Chief), Jason Pleasant (NCEM) [30]
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5:15 – 5:45 PM	Registration (<i>Laurel Registration Area</i>)
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5:30 – 7:00 PM	Exhibitors' Social – Refreshments (<i>Biltmore Foyer</i>)
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7:00 – Until	Dinner on your Own
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9:00 – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open (<i>Room 220 Thomas Wolfe Suite</i>)
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Thursday, October 15

7:00 – 10:30 AM	Registration (<i>Laurel Registration Area</i>)		
7:00 – 8:30 AM	Morning Meet and Greet - (<i>Biltmore Foyer</i>)		
8:30 – 10:00 AM Note: Duration of individual presentations is in brackets [].	PLENARY SESSION 3: STATEWIDE UPDATES (<i>Ballroom – Pilot/Pisgah/ Roan/Mitchell</i>) <i>Moderator: Angela Lee, CFM</i> State Climate Office: <i>North Carolina Climate Focus: El Niño Impacts and Precipitation Tools, Dr. Tim Glotfelty Associate Director of the North Carolina State Climate Office (NCSU) [30]</i> NCDEQ Resiliency Update: <i>Blueprint, Stu Brown; State Resilience Office, Gian Tavares (NCDEQ) [30]</i> NCDOT Resiliency Update: <i>Kurt Golembesky, PE, CFM (NCDOT) [30]</i>		
10:00 – 10:30 AM	BREAK – Refreshments (<i>Biltmore Foyer</i>)		
10:30 – 12:00 PM Note: Duration of individual presentations is in brackets [].	1-A Technical Session <i>(Pilot/Pisgah)</i> <i>Moderator: James Scanlon, GSIP, CFM</i> One <i>Building Resilience in Action</i> <i>Ryan Cox, CFM (Insight Consulting Group)</i> <i>Kevin Amory, MELP, CFM (Insight Consulting Group) [30]</i> Two <i>More Than a Culvert: Turning Flood Control into Community Connection</i> <i>Lydia Ward PE (Freese & Nichols, Inc.) [30]</i> Three <i>EMA Updates for Local Governments Acquiring Flood-Prone Property</i> <i>Taylor Morris (UNC Chapel-Hill) [30]</i>	1-B General Session <i>(Roan/Mitchell)</i> <i>Moderator: Steve Garrett, CFM</i> One <i>Positioning Natural Floodplain Management in Southern Appalachia</i> <i>Tyler Sammis (American Rivers) [30]</i> Two <i>The First Line of Flood Defense Isn't a Permit: It's Better Community Decision-Making</i> <i>Ashli Barefoot, MPA, CZO, AICP, CNU-A</i> <i>David "DC" Linton, MPA, CEM (Insight Consulting Group) [30]</i> Three <i>Flood Risk Reduction in the Rocky Branch Watershed</i> <i>Andrew Martin, PE, CFM (ESP Associates) [30]</i>	1-C Field Trip <i>(Dogwood)</i> <i>Moderator: Angela Lee</i> One <i>Biltmore Cottage</i> <i>Variance: MEETING POINT</i> <i>Angela Lee, CFM (Buncombe County)[90]</i>
12:00 – 1:15 PM	LUNCH BUFFET INCLUDED (<i>Buffet Biltmore Foyer</i>) (<i>Pilot/Pisgah/ Roan/Mitchell</i>)		
1:30 – 3:00 PM Note: Duration of individual presentations is in brackets [].	2-A Technical Session <i>(Pilot/Pisgah)</i> <i>Moderator: Melonee Brock, CFM</i> One <i>Planning Frameworks for Resilience: Re-imagining Opportunities After Hurricane Helene</i> <i>Mike Robinson, CFM (Summit Design and Engineering Services)</i> <i>William A. Drew Parker, GISP, CFM (US EPA Region 4) [30]</i> Two <i>One Piece in the Larger Puzzle of Recovery – Acquisitions and Elevations after Hurricane Helene</i> <i>Corey Barber, PE (NCDPS) [30]</i> Three <i>ASCE 24 and the National Flood Insurance Program: Key ASCE 24-24 Provisions Aligned with CRS Activity 430, Higher Regulatory Standards</i> <i>Carrie Robinette, CFM (Tetra Tech) [30]</i>	2-B General Session <i>(Roan/Mitchell)</i> <i>Moderator: Virginia Spillman, PE, CFM</i> One <i>From Recovery to Resilience: Rebuilding Lake Lure After Hurricane Helene Through Strategic Funding and Floodplain Informed Infrastructure Planning</i> <i>Jennifer Davis, MCRP (Strategic Resilience)</i> <i>Olivia Stewman, MPA</i> <i>Jessica Ahaus, MELP [30]</i> Two <i>A True Tale of Ten Tasks: Gastonia's Approach for Developing a Data-Driven Stormwater Management Strategy</i> <i>Neal Banerjee, PE, CFM (Freese and Nichols, Inc.)</i> <i>Danon Lawson, CFM (City of Gastonia) [30]</i> Three <i>Transitioning FIMAN from 1D to 2D: A Case Study in Lumberton, NC</i> <i>Ethan Everett, EI, CFM (ESP Associates) [30]</i>	2-C Collaborative Session <i>(Dogwood)</i> <i>Moderator: Holly White, AICP, CFM</i> One <i>Practitioner Voices for Statewide Impact: A collaborative Session on Improving North Carolina's Flood Resilience</i> <i>Gian Tavares (NCDEQ)</i> <i>Nicole Goddard</i> <i>Holly White, AICP, CFM (NCDEQ) [60]</i>
3:00 – 3:30 PM	BREAK – Refreshments (<i>Biltmore Foyer</i>)		

Thursday, October 15 (cont.)

3:30 – 5:00 PM Note: Duration of individual presentations is in brackets [].	3-A Technical Session <i>(Pilot/Pisgah)</i> <i>Moderator: James Scanlon, GSIP, CFM</i> One Hazard Mitigation Planning Strategies for CRS Communities: From Grant Planning to Plan Development <i>Carrie Robinette, CFM (Tetra Tech) [30]</i> Two Hazard Mitigation Planning <i>Carl Baker, CFM (NCEM) [30]</i> Three So... It's Time to Update the Plans Again? Lessons from North Carolina's Statewide Local Mitigation Plan Updates <i>Nathan Slaughter AICP, CFM (ESP Associates) [30]</i>	3-B General Session <i>(Roan/Mitchell)</i> <i>Moderator: Holly White, AICP, CFM</i> One HMGP OMG <i>Nathan Pennington, CFM (Buncombe County) [30]</i> Two Applying the North Carolina Resilient Communities Planning Guide in Swannanoa <i>Nicole Goddard, (NCDEQ)</i> <i>Shannon Capezzali AICP (Buncombe County) [30]</i> Three ASCE North Carolina Infrastructure Report Card Updates <i>Chas Webb, PE, CFM (Region 4 ASCE NC) [30]</i>	3-C CFM Review <i>(Dogwood)</i> <i>Facilitator:</i> <i>Steve Garrett, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator (NCEM) and Terry Foxx, CFM Western NFIP Planner (NCM)</i>
6:00 – 11:45 PM	Downtown Hop on Hop off shuttle provided by Hendersonville Trolley Service. Shuttles leave from Crowne Plaza Main Entrance and make four stops in downtown Asheville before returning to the Crown Plaza. Shuttles will run a continuous loop until 11:00 PM. For more information relating to attractions near each stop please click this link to a google map of the route. https://maps.app.goo.gl/EpCHSetjN5e8LrbZ9 RIDERS MUST HAVE THEIR FFI NAME TAG VISIBLE TO BOARD THE BUS		
7:30 – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open <i>(Room 220 Thomas Wolfe Suite)</i>		

Friday, October 16

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Registration <i>(Laurel Registration Area)</i>		
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Morning Meet and Greet - (Biltmore Foyer)		
8:30 – 10:00 AM Note: Duration of individual presentations is in brackets [].	4-A Technical Session <i>(Pilot/Pisgah)</i> <i>Moderator: Kenneth Ashe, PE, PMP, CFM</i> One After Helene: How Disaster Data Analysis is Shaping Policy and Mitigation Action in Henderson County, NC <i>Stephen Julka, CFM (Fernleaf Resilience Consulting)</i> <i>Janna Bianculli, MPA, CURP (Henderson County)</i> <i>Lee Stevens, AICP (Henderson County)</i> <i>Dr. Mary Roderick, PhD (Land of Sky Regional Council) [30]</i> Two Where is the Road? The Creation and Maintenance of NCDOT Lidar Road Ribbon <i>Kurt Golembesky, PE, CFM (NCDOT)</i> <i>Hope Morgan, NCPLS, GISP, CFM (AECOM) [30]</i> Three Beyond the Dam: Adapting Hazard Creep Monitoring for Any Flood Zone <i>Dave Michelson (UNCA) [30]</i>	4-B General Session <i>(Roan/Mitchell)</i> <i>Moderator: Catherine Grimm, AICP, CZO, CFM</i> One Advancing Flood Resilience with the French Broad River Basin Action Strategy <i>Melanie Lander (NCDEQ)</i> <i>Carl McDonald, PE (Brown & Caldwell)</i> <i>Sealy Chipley Stanley, COO (Fernleaf Resilience Consulting)</i> <i>Matt Hutchins, CEO (Fernleaf Resilience Consulting) [30]</i> Two LiDAR Change Detection (LCD) Reveals the True Extent of Helene's Impacts on WNC Landscapes <i>Philip Prince (Appalachian Landslide Consultants, PLLC) [30]</i> Three Major Changes: Community Response to Future Hazard Risks After a Disaster <i>Shannon Capezzali AICP (Buncombe County) [30]</i>	4-C CFM Exam <i>(Dogwood)</i> 8:30 – 11:30 AM [3 hr.] <i>Proctor:</i> <i>Melonee Brock, CFM, Steve Garrett, CFM</i>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	BREAK – Refreshments <i>(Biltmore Foyer)</i>		
10:00 – 12:00 PM Note: Duration of individual presentation is in brackets [].	PLENARY SESSION 4: CLOSING PLENARY <i>(Ballroom – Pilot/Pisgah/Roan/Mitchell)</i> <i>Moderator: Mike Robinson, CFM (NCAFP Chair)</i> BLE For You and Me <i>Stacey Fuller, CFM (NC Department of Public Safety) [30]</i> GROW NC Updates: <i>Scott Elliott (Grow NC, Deputy Director) [30]</i> Prize Giveaways (Must be Present to Win!): <i>Mike Robinson, CFM (NCAFP Chair) [30]</i>		

2026 Fall Floodplain Institute Presenters and Moderators

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Kevin Amory, MELP, CFM
Valerie Anderson, CFM
Kenneth Ashe, PE, PMP, CFM
Carl Baker, CFM
Neal Banerjee, PE, CFM
Corey Barber, PE
Ashli Barefoot, MPA, CZO, AICP, CNU-A
Maggie Battaglin, PMP, CFM
Janna Bianculli, MPA, CURP
Melonee Brock, CFM
Scott Brookhart, CFM
Stu Brown
Shannon Capezzali, AICP
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Danon Lawson, CFM
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Carl McDonald, PE
Steve McGugan
Dave Michelson
Hope Morgan, NCPLS, GISP, CFM
Taylor Morris
William A. Drew Parker, GISP, CFM
Nathan Pennington, CFM

Jason Pleasant
Philip Prince
Carrie Robinette, CFM
Mike Robinson, CFM
Dr. Mary Roderick, PhD
Tyler Sammis
James Scanlon, GSIP, CFM
Nathan Slaughter, AICP, CFM
Virginia Spillman, PE, CFM
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