

Rising to the Challenge
 LFMA's 40th Technical and Business Conference
 Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday April 14, 2026

5:30pm – 8:30pm Board Meeting

Wednesday April 15, 2026

7:00am – 12:00pm Rodney Smith Memorial Open Space Technical Tour – *Beaver Creek Pre-Registration Required*

9:00am – 11:00am State Capitol Legislative Session Tour *Pre-Registration Required*

9:00am – 11:00am LaHouse Tour *Pre-Registration Required*

8:00am - 4:00pm **Registration Open Lobby**

12:00pm – 1:00pm Exhibits Open

1:00pm - 1:30pm **Conference Opening**

Welcome Address –

Plenary Session 1

Riverview Ballroom

Moderator: Melonie Ellzey, Chairperson

1:30pm - 1:45pm LFMA Committees Updates, Committee Participation

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1:45pm - 2:30pm Brittany Robert From Parcel to Permit

2:30pm - 3:15pm Md Adilur Rahim Agentic AI for Floodplain Management

3:15pm – 3:30pm Afternoon Break & Exhibits Open

Exhibit Hall

Plenary Session 2

3:30pm - 4:00pm Andrew Roubion Gretna Stormwater Master Plan

Riverview Ballroom

Moderator: Lauren Brinkman Leblanc,
Region 2 Representative

4:00pm - 4:30pm Bryan Piazza Nature Based Solutions Explorer

4:30pm - 5:00pm Gary O'Neal BRIC NOFO Release

5:15pm - 6:30pm Wine and Cheese Reception

Exhibit Hall

Dinner on your own

Thursday April 16, 2026

8:00am – 11:30pm **Registration Open Lobby**

7:30am – 8:30am Coffee & Pastries

Exhibit Hall

Plenary Session 3

Riverview Ballroom

8:30am - 9:00am Pam Lightfoot & Seth Bradley LaDOTD Floodplain Briefing

Moderator: Michelle Gonzales,
Vice Chairperson

9:00am - 9:30am Jerri Daniels LWI Model Consequence Assessment

9:30am - 10:00am Max Agnew Interior Floodplain Issues for CSRM Systems

10:00am –10:15am Morning Break & Exhibits Open

10:15am –11:45am **Breakout Session 1** – see page 2 for description

12:00pm – 1:45pm Keynote Speaker & Awards Luncheon

Chris Cerniauskas, Chief of Staff/Undersecretary, La. Dept. of Insurance

Riverview Ballroom

Moderator – Colin Sternhell, Awards
Committee
Michael Hunnicutt, Executive Director

2:00pm – 3:15pm **Breakout Session 2** – see page 2 for description

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6:00pm – 9:00pm LMFA Annual Party

Old State Capital

Friday April 17, 2026

7:30am – 8:30am Coffee & Pastries

Exhibit Hall

Plenary Session 4

8:30am - 9:15am Dov Block Open Space Preservation Credit

Riverview Ballroom

Moderator: Kara Moree, Secretary

9:15am - 10:00am Tanveer Ahmed St. Tammany - Drainage Plan/Modeling

10:00am – 10:15am Morning Break & Exhibits Open

Exhibit Hall

Plenary Session 5

10:15am – 10:45am Henry McCall Central - Communication in Modeling

Riverview Ballroom

Moderator: Melissa Becker, Treasurer

10:45am - 11:30am Tara Lambeth St. Tammany - Coastal Resilience Land Use

11:30pm – 12:00pm Annual Business Meeting & Election Results Announcement

Riverview Ballroom

Michael Hunnicutt, Executive Director



Break Out Sessions Presentations			
THURSDAY, APRIL 16 TH , 2026			Moderator
Track A Local/State Floodplain Mgt <i>Louisiana Room</i>	Track B Local/State Hazard Mitigation <i>Capitol Room</i>	Track C Project Design <i>Governor Room</i>	
Break Out Session 1			
A	10:15 Shandy Heil & Jinny Schober <i>Half</i>	Implementing change through education: advancing higher floodplain standards in Livingston Parish	
	11:00 Tara Lambeth <i>Desire Line</i>	CRS Reminder Tool	
B	10:15 Matt Salmon <i>Freese and Nichols</i>	Bunny Friend Neighborhood - Infrastructure Grants	
	11:00 Dottie Reid <i>Louisiana Sea Grant</i>	Outreach for Federal Disaster Aid	
C	10:15 Achutam Baral <i>M Baker</i>	Validation of Frequency Storms in Coastal Louisiana	
	11:00 Alex Englande <i>CSRS</i>	Richland – Existing and Proposed Site Modeling, Mississippi River Levee Failure Analysis, and Offsite Roadway Work	
Break Out Session 2			
A	2:00 Andrew Woodroof <i>Digital Engineering</i>	Gray and green infrastructure strategies in stormwater management	
	2:45 Elizabeth Foster <i>Dewberry</i>	Substantial Damage Management Plans	
B	2:00 Jeffrey Giering, Brian Lezina, Danny McKearan, and Billy Guste	Non-Structural Mitigation Professional Panel, Moderated by Michelle Gonzales & Randi Ezell, Jefferson Parish	
C	2:00 Lani Orgeron Oubre <i>Dewberry</i>	2D Modeling & Hydraulic Flood Studies	
	2:45 Jerri Daniels <i>Dewberry</i>	Developing a State-of-the-Art, Open-Source Flood Warning and Forecasting System for North Central Texas	
Break Out Session 3			
A	3:45 Spencer Johnson & Stokka Brown	City of Central Stormwater Management Transformation	
	4:15 LeeAnn Fitch <i>Moffatt & Nichol</i>	Advancing Regional Floodplain Management & Planning through Modeling	
B	3:45 Michael Morgan-Dodson & Paloma Alaniz, IEM Melvin Ukaegbu, GOHSEP & Jie Gu, DOTD	Transformative Mitigation: Connecting Planning, Modeling, and Defensible Outcomes	
C	3:45 Afaq Ahmad Durrani <i>M Baker</i>	Comparison of Damage Analysis Tools for Large Watershed Scale Flood Consequence Assessment	
	4:15 Jack Hubble <i>CSRS</i>	Channel Report Cards	
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