**Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation’s**

**Flood Hazard Management Program**

is hosting a virtual course titled

**Use of a Floodplain Development Permit**

*Presented by Andrew Stewart, CFM*

**Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm ET**



The permitting of all floodplain development is required for NFIP communities.

Development is defined *“as any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.”*

Many Massachusetts NFIP communities rely on building and conservation permits to permit/ document floodplain development, but these processes don’t generally cover development activities unrelated to construction or conservation, nor do they account for state or federal permits. Join us as we hear how the Town of Marshfield has developed an online Floodplain Permitting system that utilizes the OpenGov permitting platform, designed with the specific intent of ensuring compliance with the NFIP and the Marshfield Floodplain Bylaw, as well as potentially improving the Town’s CRS rating.

**Andrew Stewart**

is a CFM and serves as the Building Commissioner and Floodplain Administrator for the Town of Marshfield. He’s a licensed MA Building Commissioner and Unrestricted Construction Supervisor with more than 15 years of experience in Coastal Construction. His passion for Floodplain Management stems from his love of the outdoors and the experiences he had when performing volunteer relief work following Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy.

**This course will count as 1 Continuing Education Credit**

**for those who are Certified Floodplain Managers.**

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