

**Florida Floodplain Managers Association
2019 Annual Conferences
Abstracts**

Title: HMGP: Program Overview and Lessons Learned from Irma

Length: 30 minutes

Subject: General Floodplain Management

Target Audience: Community leaders and public works employees; consultants

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Biography: Jamie began her career at the Suwannee River Water Management District in Water Use Permitting, Environmental Resource Permitting, and Project Management. She was heavily involved in the District's annual RIVER grant cost share program and assisted with the development and management of water quality, water supply, flood protection, and natural resource conservation projects. Jamie was then a Project Manager with Dewberry Engineers before joining Jones Edmunds in April 2018, where she is an Engineer in the Infrastructure Discipline, working on both water resource and water/wastewater projects. She is a registered professional engineer with a BSE in Agricultural and Biological Engineering and is currently working toward an MSE in Environmental Engineering, both from the University of Florida.

Co-Presenter: None

Biography:

Abstract: Irmageddon. A new term coined to describe the strongest storm on record to exist in the open Atlantic and one of the strongest hurricanes ever to strike the continental United States. Hurricane Irma caused significant damage to the entire state of Florida. Emergency declarations were issued nationally, statewide, and in all 67 counties, followed by a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Once a Presidential Declaration is issued, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding becomes available to each County included in the Order. This presentation will provide a general overview of the HMGP, lessons learned from the Hurricane Irma application cycle (still ongoing), and tips for communities and consultants that would like to prepare for the next "big one".