

Michael P. Dodson, CFM

STOCKHOLDER / PLANNER

BACKGROUND

Michael attended both Virginia Tech and VCU, and has an extensive background in community development and disaster recovery from 7 years of service with the City of Richmond. His work includes assistance in FEMA Hazard Mitigation and CDBG Urgent Needs grants. He also works on CDBG and FEMA grant applications and grant management for several localities, primarily in the coastal sections of Virginia. He is an ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), has been certified by the Department of Homeland Security and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in Mitigation Project Development, and is a member of the American Planning Association.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Project Manager / Acquisition & Relocation Specialist – Kirby Street Neighborhood Redevelopment Project Town of West Point, VA.

This CDBG-funded project focused on the rehabilitation of twenty-one (21) households located throughout the neighborhood. Acquisition and relocation activities were also completed on three (3) homes. Various capital improvements to the neighborhood include the installation of new water and storm drainage lines, new sidewalks, street lights, and street trees. The activities were executed in order to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing in a suitable living environment for the residents of the neighborhood.

Project Manager – Hazard Mitigation Grant Storm Recover Projects County of Gloucester, VA.

This FEMA-funded project consisted of five different grants related to three different tropical events. The first two grants are related to Hurricane Isabel and totaled over \$4.5 million in funding. The Isabel grants helped to elevate over forty-five (45) homes and create, through the acquisition of fifteen (15) properties, over seventy (70) acres of new green space in the County. The third grant is related to Tropical Storm Gaston and allowed for the elevation of three homes. The final two grants related to Tropical Storm Ernesto have allowed the County to continue its commitment to remove people and properties out of harm's way with over \$1,050,000 in new funds related to Tropical Storm Ernesto. The Ernesto funds will help elevate an additional twelve (12) homes affected by the storms of late 2006. The cost benefit in future flood insurance claims and storm related public assistance funds is estimated to save the federal government more than ten million dollars over the next thirty years.

EDUCATION

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2002

Bachelor of Arts in Public and Urban Affairs, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, 1998

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association, Virginia Chapter

Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), Association of State Floodplain Managers

FEMA ICS Compliant for Post Mitigation Disaster Management, Benefit Cost Analysis, and Flood Plain Construction

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Certified in Mitigation Project Development & Management

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods – Board Member

Recreation and Park Advisory Board, City of Richmond – Board Member

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Friends of the Arts – Past Board Member

