

Watershed Leaders Forum 1

November 2, 2005, 12:30 – 5:00

Younts Conference Center, Furman University

WEATHERING THE STORM: Are We Prepared for the Next Big Flood?

12:30 – 1:00

Hors D'Oeuvres and Informal Conversation with Speakers

1:00 – 2:30

How Vulnerable Are We to Floods and Flood Damage?

- **From Summer Storms to Hurricanes:**
The climatological factors that shape rainfall patterns in the Upstate
Hope Mizzell, South Carolina State Climatologist
- **As the River Rises:**
How rainfall interacts with the Upstate landscape to create floods
Joe Chapman, Watershed Concepts Inc.
- **Living Downstream:**
Identifying and evaluating flooding hazards in your community
Lisa Jones, South Carolina Flood Mitigation Program Coordinator

2:30 – 2:45

Coffee Break

2:45 – 3:45

Who Do We Call When a Flood Hits?

A panel of local, state, and federal officials discuss their respective roles in flood preparedness and response, as well as their personal experiences with floods

Moderator: Susan Cutter, USC Hazards Research Lab

*Panelists: John Feldt, Southeast River Forecast Center
Joe Farmer, Public Information Director, SC Emergency Management Division
Hope Mizzell, South Carolina State Climatologist
Joe Newton, Director of Governmental Services, Appalachian Council of Governments
Scott Wendelken, Emergency Management Director, Greenville County
Pat Smathers, Mayor, Canton, NC*

3:45 – 4:45

What Can We Do to Reduce the Impact of Floods?

- **Keeping Out of Harm's Way:**
Building an effective local program to get structures out of the floodplain
Joe Barron, The Fletcher Group
- **Putting More Years Between "Hundred-Year Floods:"**
Re-tooling development techniques to create flood-resistant landscapes
Steve Klaine and John Hayes, Clemson University