



Landon Smith CBO, CFM, receives the Association of State Floodplain Managers 2013 Larry R. Johnston Memorial Local Floodplain Manager of the Year Award.

The LRJ Local Floodplain Manager of the Year award recognizes outstanding individual efforts and contributions at the local level and honors an individual responsible for the development of a distinguished local program.

The City of Orange Beach Certified Floodplain Manager, Chief Building Official Landon Smith, serves as the City Floodplain Coordinator. In this role, he is responsible for all permits issued and has procedures in place that ensure that all floodplain development projects are properly designed and constructed as required by the building code and National Flood Insurance Program floodplain management requirements.

Landon Smith, a 14-year employee of Orange Beach, has the honor of being the first Alabama recipient of this prestigious award. He started his career as the Director of Building & Planning in Greenville, Alabama. He joined the City of Orange Beach in 1999 and oversaw damage assessment and hazard mitigation following Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Much of Orange Beach's success in responding and recovering from the impacts of Ivan are attributed to Landon's guidance and accomplishments following the event.

Landon obtained a National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS) rating of seven for the City of Orange Beach, a rating that has been held for seven years. The City's rating results in an overall \$2 million in savings (a 15% reduction) on flood insurance premiums for citizens who live in the municipal corporate limits.

Landon's commitment to flood mitigation, and his long-standing partnership with the State of Alabama and Alabama communities have earned him this award. Mayor Tony Kennon praises Landon's hard work. "Landon Smith goes over and above what he is expected to do every single day and is a blessing to this community. We are so grateful to have him as an employee of the City of Orange Beach."