

Chapter 3

Evolution of Policies and Approaches to Address Flooding

Chapter Overview

Download the document “The Nation’s Responses to Flood Disasters: A Historical Account,” from the Association of State Floodplain Managers’ homepage www.floods.org, click on “Publications” and the dropdown to “Download these pubs FREE.” The 98-page text (6”x 8” printed size) is a PDF document.

After reading the document, prepare a summary of the evolution to our present-day policies and approaches in dealing with flood disasters. At the end of your summary respond to the following question: What, in your opinion, is the most significant event (flood or Congressional Act or other) that has shaped how we deal with floods in the United States today?