



Florida Resilient Coastlines Program Quarterly Florida Coastal Resilience Forum

August 14, 2019
9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

The forum was chaired by Faith Clarke in Whitney's absence.

2. The Importance of the Language Used in Climate Change Adaptation Planning: Managed Relocation not "Retreat"

James (Jim) Beever, Principle Planner IV– Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council discussed the importance of appropriate words in describing climate-related events and the findings of the Southwest Florida/Charlotte Harbor's climate change vulnerability assessment. Contact James at jbeever@swfrpc.org.

3. Designing for Flood: The Hillsborough County Community Vulnerability Study

Brian Cook, PLA, ASLA, Assistant Research Professor at the University of South Florida described the process and activities involved in the vulnerability study. Goals were to provide comprehensive understanding of the county's vulnerability to sea level rise and flooding; assess where and how vulnerable is the county; and develop mitigation strategies and plans. Contact Brian at brianraycook@usf.edu.

4. Federal Resources for Resiliency: Using Disaster Recovery Funding to Implement Sea Level Rise Adaptation Projects

Julie Dennis (Ovid Solutions) partnered with Stacy Bonnaffons (CSRS) and Mark Goodson (CSRS) and discussed the HUD Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding for resiliency projects in the state of Florida and shared examples of projects completed in Louisiana. Contact Julie at julie@ovidsolutions.net.

5. Florida Resilient Coastlines Program Updates

- Faith thanked participants from the forum who attended the Resilient Florida Workshop on August 8-9 and said that FRCP will research offering continuing education credits for future forums.

6. Questions, Comments and Announcements

- Silver Jackets Kickoff - Laura Waterman-Florida Division of Emergency Management
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Emergency Coastal Resilience Grants RFP now open until grant cycle and proposals are due on November 12, 2019.

7. Closing Remarks

- The next Coastal Resilience Forum is November 13, from 9-11 a.m.