



RESILIENT FLORIDA

62S-8.003 Rulemaking Workshop

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- Created in 2021 with the “Always Ready Bill”
- Five program elements:
 - Planning grants
 - Implementation grants.
 - Regional resilience entities (RRE)
 - Statewide data set and assessment
 - Florida Flood Hub (FFH)
- Other initiatives:
 - Florida Seafloor Mapping Initiative
 - Florida Estuarine Restoration Team
 - Statewide living shorelines suitability model
 - Quarterly Resilience Forum





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STATEWIDE FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCE PLAN



- Prioritized based on criteria in statute and implemented via Rule 62S-8, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).
- Three-year rolling plan of projects:
 - Fully-fund projects to completion.
- 50% match funding is required unless community is eligible for reduced cost share.
- Must include at least \$100 million of projects each year.



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CHAPTER 62S-8.003

STATEWIDE FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCE PLAN

Project Scoring Criteria

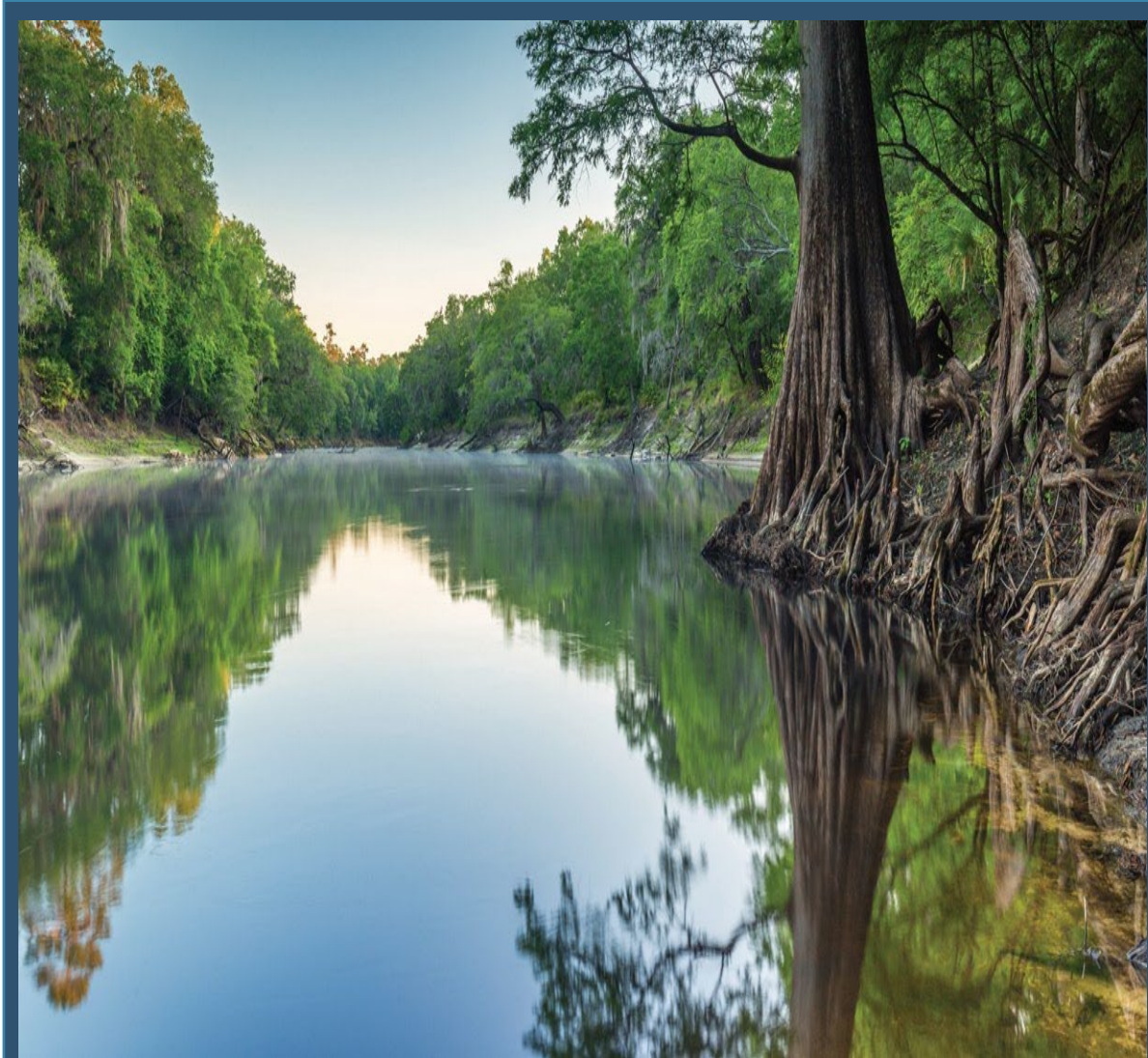
Types of Changes Discussed in this Rulemaking Workshop

- Required: Updates to the scoring system for assessing project eligibility for inclusion in the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan



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Required Changes

- Changes that align the rule with the updates from 2025 Legislature
- 380.093(5)(g)1.e., F.S.: The degree to which the project reduces the flood risk, and thereby increases the credits awarded, to a community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.



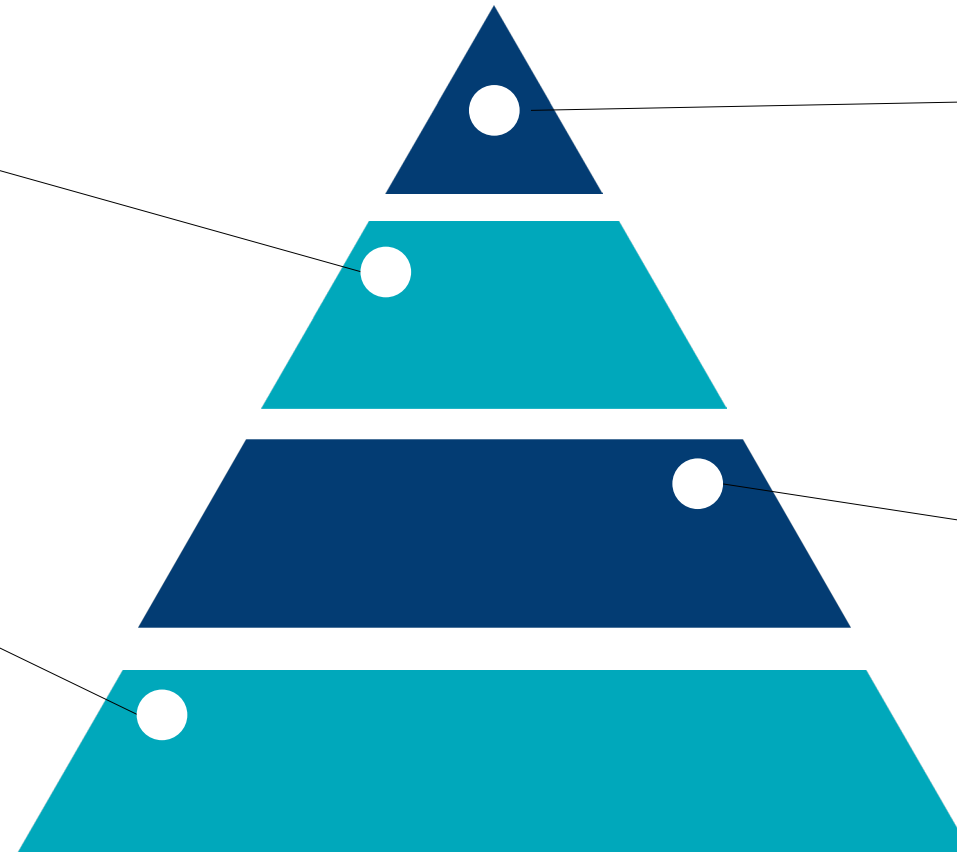
A TIERED REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE PLAN WAS CREATED IN SB 1954
AND CODIFIED IN SECTION 380.093, F.S., AND INCORPORATED IN DEP RULE 62S-8, F.A.C.

TIER 3 (20%)

Local match, previous
commitment and exceeding
minimum requirements.

TIER 1 (40%)

Addressing risks to critical
assets and regionally
significant assets, as well as
existing efforts to reduce
upland costs.



TIER 4 (10%)

Innovation to reduce costs,
regional collaboration, and
financially disadvantaged
communities.

TIER 2 (30%)

Existing flooding conditions,
readiness to proceed, and
added environmental
options



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Tier 1 Scoring Criteria

Criteria		Old Points	New Points
Addresses risk in a vulnerability assessment or comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and SLR assessment.	Risk of flooding and sea level rise to critical assets and	5	4
	Risk of compound flooding to critical assets	5	4
Reduces risk to regionally significant asset.	Reduces or avoid risk to regionally significant asset	10	8
Reducing risk in areas with a higher percentage of vulnerable critical assets.	Percentage of total critical assets within the project impact area that are vulnerable critical assets.	10	8
Contributes to existing flooding mitigation projects that reduce upland damage by incorporating new or enhanced structures or restoration and revegetation projects.	Contributes by incorporating new or enhanced structure or	6	4
	Contributes by incorporating natural system restoration and revegetation or	6	4
	Contributes by incorporating new or enhanced structure and incorporating natural system restoration and revegetation.	10	8
Degree to which the project reduces the flood risk, and thereby increases the credits awarded to a community participating in the NFIP Community Rating System.		--	8
Tier 1 Maximum Points		40	40



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Required Changes

62S-8.003 Project Scoring Criteria.

(2) The maximum number of points that may be awarded for Tier 1 criteria is 40 points.

(a) Up to **8**~~40~~ points will be awarded for the degree to which the project addresses the risks posed by flooding and sea level rise. These points will be allocated in the following manner:

1. **Four** ~~Five~~ points will be awarded if the project addresses risks posed by flooding or sea level rise either specifically identified in an existing comprehensive vulnerability assessment that shall be submitted to the Department with the proposal, or in the comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise assessment, once available. Prior to December 1, 2023, applicants without a comprehensive vulnerability assessment shall receive points based on risks posed by flooding or sea level rise identified in an assessment, report, evaluation, or other documentation of risk that analyzes the impacts of existing or future flooding or sea level rise; and

2. **Four** ~~five~~ points will be awarded if the project addresses risks posed by compound flooding either specifically identified in an existing comprehensive vulnerability assessment that shall be submitted to the Department with the proposal, or in the comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise assessment, once available. Prior to December 1, 2023, applicants without a comprehensive vulnerability assessment shall receive points based on risks posed by flooding or sea level rise identified in an assessment, report, evaluation, or other documentation of risk that analyzes the impacts of existing or future flooding or sea level rise.



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(b) **Eight** ~~Ten~~ points will be awarded if the project reduces one or more risks to a regionally significant asset, as defined in Section 380.093(2)(e), F.S., or if the project adapts a regionally significant asset to help avoid such risk. For the purpose of this paragraph, adaptation of a regionally significant asset to avoid risk may include relocation of the asset outside the area(s) of flooding risk.



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(2) The maximum number of points that may be awarded for Tier 1 criteria is 40 points.

(c) Up to **8**~~40~~ points will be awarded for reducing risk located in areas with a higher percentage of vulnerable critical assets. For the purpose of this paragraph, a vulnerable critical asset is a critical asset identified in a comprehensive vulnerability assessment as having one or more risks due to flooding or sea level rise. Higher frequency storm events analyzed that are beyond the requirements of Section 380.093(3)(d), F.S., shall not be used to establish the percentages in these criteria. Prior to December 1, 2023, for applicants without a comprehensive vulnerability assessment, a vulnerable critical asset is a critical asset identified as having one or more risks due to flooding or sea level rise in an assessment, report, evaluation, or other documentation of risk that analyzes the impacts of existing or future flooding or sea level rise. The proposal must include the percentage of vulnerable critical assets in the project impact area.



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(c) Up to **8**~~40~~ points will be awarded for reducing risk located in areas with a higher percentage of vulnerable critical assets. ... Points will be allocated in the following manner:

1. Zero points will be awarded if no vulnerable critical assets are within the project impact area;
2. **One** ~~Two~~ points will be awarded if at least one critical asset but less than twenty percent (20%) of total critical assets within the project impact area are vulnerable critical assets;
3. **Two** ~~Four~~ points will be awarded if twenty percent (20%) or more, but less than forty percent (40%), of total critical assets within the project impact area are vulnerable critical assets;
4. **Four** ~~Six~~ points will be awarded if forty percent (40%) or more, but less than sixty percent (60%), of total critical assets within the project impact area are vulnerable critical assets;
5. **Six** ~~Eight~~ points will be awarded if sixty percent (60%) or more, but less than eighty percent (80%), of total critical assets within the project impact area are vulnerable critical assets; or
6. **Eight** ~~Ten~~ points will be awarded if more than eighty percent (80%) of total critical assets within the project impact area are vulnerable critical assets.



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(2) The maximum number of points that may be awarded for Tier 1 criteria is 40 points.

(d) Up to **8**~~40~~ points will be awarded for contributing to existing flooding mitigation projects that reduce upland flood damage costs in one of the ways identified below. Points will be allocated in the following manner:

1. **Four** ~~Six~~ points will be awarded if the project contributes by incorporating new or enhanced structures that are necessary for the critical asset to perform its intended function;
2. **Four** ~~Six~~ points will be awarded if the project contributes by incorporating natural system restoration and revegetation; or
3. **Eight** ~~40~~ points will be awarded if the project contributes by incorporating both new or enhanced structures that are necessary for the critical asset to perform its intended function and natural system restoration and revegetation.



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(e) Up to 8 points will be awarded for the degree to which the project reduces the flood risk, and thereby increases the credits awarded, to a community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

1. One point will be awarded for each individual element that receives more points in the Community Rating System.



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Next Steps

- Public workshop – Today
 - Comment period through September 26th at 11:59 p.m. (please email Resilience@FloridaDEP.gov).
 - **Note:** public comments are public records under Florida's Sunshine Law
 - Workshop presentation will be posted online
- RF will compile and incorporate public input as needed
- Notice proposed rule in Florida Administrative Register on July 31, 2025

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