PROJECT: **Martin County Resilient Coastlines Program**
RECIPIENT: **Martin County Board of County Commissioners**
FRCP FUNDS: $34,000

SUMMARY: This scope of work builds upon efforts already initiated by Martin County but will help catalyze a climate and resiliency program for the County by harmonizing efforts under a single program initiative. This includes coordinating technical data and policy response among planning, floodplain management and coastal projects. Primarily, this work will develop and utilize best practices to understand and develop mitigation practices for erosion and reduce flood risk in coastal areas resulting from high-tide events, storm surge, flash floods, stormwater runoff, and the related impacts of sea-level rise. The scope of work advances (4) key tasks that include identifying coastal risk from sea level rise, linking coastal risk to FEMA's Community Rating System ("CRS") program, developing a technical basis to plan for future sea level rise (mitigation and adaptation) and communicating future sea level rise risks to the public. Deliverables and budget amounts have already been submitted in the Letter of Interest and are linked to specific tasks in this response. In summary, the scope of work provides a starting point to link future sea level risk with the opportunity to improve the County's score in CRS. The County has already exhibited a commitment in creating a broad policy framework within its Comprehensive Plan to begin identifying coastal risk. The time is now to take that framework and put it to action by developing a strong data driven foundation to plan for future risk, link that to direct opportunities that will benefit constituents through advanced planning (CRS) and communicate those efforts to the community to gain support. By tailoring the sea level rise identification of risks to CRS, the outcomes will have direct positive impacts to the community. The County will fulfill the tasks through a combination of in kind services provided by County staff and contracted services.