

ICAR

THE INITIATIVE ON COASTAL ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

ICAR & Storm Squad Community Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, December 3rd Townhall Meeting

G-SAL Lab



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SOUTH FLORIDA
ST. PETERSBURG

Our Mission

- Use research and education to provide the understanding and ideas needed to make critical decisions regarding our changing and vulnerable coasts
- Engaging stakeholders to facilitate adoption of policies and practices focused on coastal adaptation and resilience
- This transdisciplinary initiative includes the science, engineering, policy and social sciences and will examine the interactions between climate change, water systems, land use, the built environment and ecosystem functions.

Engaging With The Community

- The most recent community outreach and educational program was held locally at the Enoch Davis Recreation Center on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024.
- With our sponsors and partners such but not limited to NSF, Duke, and FLFPC... This provided a safe space for individuals who wanted to share personal experiences and major community concerns.



Welcome & Registration



At 6:00 P.M: Local residents of the neighboring communities gathered for a shared dinner, signed in for the event and had the opportunity to pick up informational pamphlets and Storm Squad flyers.

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction:

- Erica Hall, Executive Director, Community Collaborative of Florida and Executive Director of Florida Food and Policy Council

Moment of Gratitude & Breaking Bread



Hurricane Helene & Hurricane Milton Community Data

- Dr. Barnali Dixon, Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR), University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus
- Reviewing images and flood data collected during Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.
- Discussed the importance of the Storm Squad and community in the event of disaster.



Flood-Related Activity

- Pictures of flooding were shown to the group and participants were given the opportunity to answer whether the flooding intensity was minor, moderate or major.



Hurricane Successes & Challenges:

Breakout session questions:

- When you shop, what are you prioritizing for purchase and why?
- What are the major concerns that impact your ability to prepare?
- During hurricane season, what concerns do you have about a power outage?
- Any concerns about sheltering in place or transportation to the nearest shelter?
- Any health-related concerns when preparing for disaster, during and after?



Filling out CRIS Survey

- Attendees had the opportunity to fill out the Food Security, Health and Disaster Preparation survey

Home



Food Security, Health, &
Disaster Preparations



Food Security Survey

We want to hear about your experiences.

Take Survey



Drawings & Closing Remarks

- Raffle drawings for disaster preparedness materials
- Special recognition awards were presented
- Giftcards were provided to those who completed the survey

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