



ICAR

THE INITIATIVE ON COASTAL ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

ICAR & Storm Squad Townhall

Saturday, July 13th Townhall Meeting

G-SAL Lab



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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.



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Engaging With The Community

- The most recent community outreach and educational program was held locally at the New Faith Free Methodist Church on Saturday July 13th, 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 10:00 A.M: Local residents of the neighboring communities gathered for pastries, signed in for the event and had the opportunity to pick up informational pamphlets provided by our presenters.



Agenda

Welcome and Introduction:

- Erica Hall, Executive Director, Community Collaborative of Florida and Executive Director of Florida Food and Policy Council
- Brief overview on Community Meeting Itinerary





Stay informed: Disaster Resource Availability

Bay Area Legal Services

- Jason Susalla, Managing Attorney, Disaster Relief Team
- John Lawless, Staff Attorney, Disaster Relief Team
- Providing further legal rights of residence in case of an emergency
- Further resources, phone numbers and contacts

Long-term Recovery: Unmet Needs from Hurricane Idalia

- TaVon Holmes, Disaster Case Management Resource Coordinator, Endeavors
- A religious-based organization working to serve vulnerable people in crisis.



Get ready for hurricanes: Help build a plan to prepare

- Storm Squad Presentation Team
- Role-played a situation where a Category 5 Hurricane is making landfall in the Tampa Bay area.
- The team showed how the resources provided by the Storm Squad could help with preparedness and recovery.



Lunch

- Attending community members enjoyed provided lunch
- Vegetables, Salads sandwiches, drinks, and snacks
- Attendees also had this opportunity to connect with other community members present and have one-on-one conversations with professionals presenting at the event
 - Ask questions and more



CRIS Survey and Flood Data Reporting App

- Dr. Barnali Dixon, initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR), University of South Florida St. Petersburg (Geospatial Analytics Laboratory)
- Shared updated data for imperative research areas via graphs and models
- Intentions of data analysis, community outreach, and further goals to better the local community



Filling out CRIS Survey

- Attendees had the opportunity to fill out the Food Security, Health and Disaster Preparation survey
- Open response questions were discussed further in small group breakout sessions.

Home



Food Security, Health, &
Disaster Preparations



Food Security Survey

We want to hear about your experiences.

Take Survey

Breakout Session

Attendees had the opportunity to speak in smaller groups about their disaster concerns, the following questions were provided:

- When you shop what are your 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 place or transportation to the nearest shelter?
- Any health-related concerns when preparing for disaster, during and after?



Testing of APP for Flood Reporting





Closing Remarks & Awards Presentation

- Raffle drawings
- Gift Basket awarded to our most involved member
- Battery powered lights given to all attendees to add to their disaster kits!



Meeting Concluded with a Group Photo

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