

# Florida Coastal Resilience Forum

2/13/19

Notes

## I. Welcome and Introductions

Faith Clarke, the new Program Assistant for FRCP was introduced. Faith has a background in agriculture and environmental sciences. She will be organizing future Forums and helping with the Resilience 101 Workshop that is in the planning stages. Faith can be reached at (850) 245-2009 or [Faith.Clarke@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Faith.Clarke@FloridaDEP.gov) Welcome, Faith!!

## II. DEM Watershed Management Plans

Alexandra Boswell from the Division of Emergency Management presented about their Watershed Planning Initiative. DEM is creating/updating watershed management plans for all 29 watersheds in the state working with the Water Management Districts and universities. Contact Alex at (850) 815-4514 or [Alexandra.Boswell@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Alexandra.Boswell@em.myflorida.com) for more info. A pdf of her presentation is attached.

## III. Cedar Key Shoreline Management Master Plan/Living Shoreline Suitability

Savanna Barry, of Florida Sea Grant, told us about the Shoreline Management Master Plan/Living Shoreline Suitability Model project being done in Cedar Key. This innovative tool, adapted by a similar tool developed by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, identifies appropriate shoreline treatments in vulnerable areas and indicates the potential permitting needs on a parcel level. Expansion of the model for use in other areas is a possibility. Emergency managers and Aquatic Preserve managers should be involved, especially with the drafting of the master plan. Savanna can be reached at (352) 325-6080 or [Savanna.Barry@ufl.edu](mailto:Savanna.Barry@ufl.edu)

## IV. UF FIBER Institute

Technical issues kept us from hearing about the Florida Institute for Built Environment Resilience (FIBER) from Jason von Meding, but we will have him back another time soon. If you just can't wait, Jason can be reached at (352) 294-3374 or [jason.vonmeding@ufl.edu](mailto:jason.vonmeding@ufl.edu)

## V. FRCP Updates

### A. Impact of Governor's Executive Order

Governor DeSantis' Executive Order changes the name of the Florida Coastal Office to the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection (RCP), bringing more visibility and emphasis to the resilience efforts of the agency. RCP submitted, and the Governor included in his budget proposal, an expanded budget for resilience projects with local governments. Stay tuned!

### B. Grants Update

Angel provided an update on the Resilience Planning Grants. 19 applications were received. An evaluation team will provide recommendations on those applications and an announcement will be made in May, after the 2019-2020 state budget is finalized. FYI, information about previously funded projects and how to submit reimbursement requests can be found on our website, <https://floridadep.gov/resilience>

### C. Resilience 101

Whitney provided an update on a workshop being planned. At the time of the Forum, this workshop was planned for June 4-5, but recently the team decided to push it back to the fall. Anyone who knows of other conferences or meetings

this fall that might attract our core audience is encouraged to send that info to Whitney at (850)245-2098 or [Whitney.Gray@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Whitney.Gray@FloridaDEP.gov)

#### D. FAPGs available

All cities and counties with a coastal management element in their comprehensive plan have been sent a hard copy of the Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook. Additional copies are available, please contact the FRCP team if you would like to receive one or more.

## VI. DOS Resiliency and Historic Structures

Jason Aldridge and Tim Knoepke from the Department of State gave a presentation on Disaster Mitigation and Recovery for Historic Properties. They discussed grant opportunities and other resources that DOS offers, including historic resource surveys. They also showed a flood vulnerability assessment performed for Cedar Key's historic district. Their presentation is attached as a pdf. We had technical difficulties at the time of their presentation, so they too have offered to come back for a do-over. Jason can be contacted at (850) 245-6333 or [Jason.Aldridge@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Jason.Aldridge@dos.myflorida.com) and Tim is at (850) 245-6393 or [Timothy.Knoepke@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Timothy.Knoepke@dos.myflorida.com)

## VII. Questions, comments, announcements, updates

- Jennifer Carver and Carl Spirio from FDOT announced that the Florida Transportation Plan Update would kick off with visioning in May with goals of making the state transportation system agile and resilient. There will be a resilience subcommittee. They are also doing research on risk as it relates to transportation planning. The Sea Level Scenario Sketch Planning Tool developed by FDOT and UF's GeoPlan Center is undergoing an update to include more recent sea level rise projections and new flooding information. They are looking for comments from users! Resilience guidance for Metropolitan Planning Organizations is coming, as are results from the recent Strategic Intermodal System study. The Federal Highway Authority will be hosting a transportation resilience conference in mid-November in Washington DC and will be putting sea level rise information into important engineering guidance. For more info on any of this, please contact Jennifer Carver at [Jennifer.Carver@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jennifer.Carver@dot.state.fl.us) or Carl Spirio at [Carlton.Spirio@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Carlton.Spirio@dot.state.fl.us)
- Laura Eldredge, Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve Manager, mentioned the Miami Back Bay Study underway by the US Army Corps of Engineers, looking at nature-based solutions for resilience. To get involved with this multi-agency effort, contact Laura at (305) 795-3486 or [Laura.Eldredge@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Laura.Eldredge@FloridaDEP.gov)

The next webinar for the Coastal Resilience Forum will be May 8, 2019. Please watch your email for more information about registration.

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