



***The Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience***

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**Ms. Suzanne Specht**

**Economic Resiliency in South West Florida**

Climate Change Community Education Series 2020.



Ms. Specht will speak on efforts at Florida Gulf Coast University to combat water issues in southwest Florida. She will address specifically how the Small Business Development Center assists businesses with economic recovery in the event of natural disasters like Red Tide/Blue Algae and hurricanes.

**Where:** Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Lane, St. Petersburg, FL

**When:** January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm

**Who:** This event is free and open to the public.

Suzanne Specht is a full-time certified business consultant for the FSBDC @ Florida Gulf Coast University. She has been with the university since 1997. Suzanne has consulted over 17,000 small business owners in the past 22 yrs. She has spent 164,000+ consulting hours with clients assisting them with business plans, financial statements, and loan applications resulting in 207 business start-ups and capital formation over \$40 million. After Hurricane Irma, Suzanne facilitated the Florida Bridge Loan program for southwest Florida. She assisted 225+ small business owners with the application, processing and closing of these bridge loans totaling over \$6 million.

