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THE INITIATIVE ON COASTAL ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

ICAR & Storm Squad Townhall

Tuesday, December 2nd Townhall Meeting @ Enoch Davis Recreation Center

G-SAL Lab



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 2nd, 2025.
- With our sponsors and partners such but not limited to NSF, Duke, and FLFP. This provided a safe space for individuals who wanted to share personal experiences and major community concerns.

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Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Welcome & Registration



- At 6:00 PM: Local residents of the neighboring communities gathered and signed in for the event. Attendees had the opportunity to pick up informational pamphlets and surveys were distributed at sign in.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions:

- Erica Hall, Florida Food Policy Council
- Reviewed the schedule for the day and attendees had the opportunity to grab dinner!



Dinner

- Attending community members enjoyed a provided lunch consisting of salad, sandwiches, popcorn chicken, drinks, and snacks.
- Attendees also had this opportunity to connect with other community members at the event.



Promoting Resilience with Storm Squad using CRIS and Flood App

Dr. Barnali Dixon, Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR), University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus

- Reviewed maps and data collected from the community.
- Shared the Flood App and helped community members to download the app.
- Conducted a flood related activity!



Listening Session:

- The meeting ended with a listening session, where the following questions were asked:
- 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?



Closing Raffle & Awards

- The event concluded with a closing raffle of holiday gifts and storm preparedness supplies!
- Awards were presented to our most active Storm Squad Members for the 2025 year!



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