



# ICAR

THE INITIATIVE ON COASTAL ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

## ICAR & Storm Squad Townhall

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Townhall Meeting @ Enoch Davis Recreation Center

G-SAL Lab



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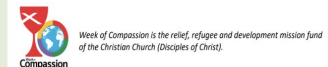
# Our Mission

- 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.

# 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.

## Thank You Sponsors & Partners



# 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

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- 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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