



Community-Collaborative: Steering Committee Meeting for Storm Team Pilot Program

Meet Virtually 6:00 – 7:00 pm

The goal of this collaborative is to develop a storm squad, a neighborhood-level storm leadership, to use [CRIS \(Community Resiliency Information System\)](#) to communicate the hidden needs of the community to decision-makers and also serve as a conduit for information flow between the community and the emergency officials, before during, and after a disaster. Members of the collaborative include citizens, HOA representatives, VOAD, representatives of the County's Whole Community Engagement Program, academic institutions, businesses, and NGOs.

The collaborative is comprised of a steering committee and advisory panel and various subcommittees. Bylaws developed by the Bylaws subcommittee will delegate authority to other subcommittees to set their missions, goals, tasks, and timelines. Subcommittees include **Bylaws, Blue Sky Training Committee, Government Relations/Liaisons, Budgeting and Funding,** and **Outreach and Recruitment.** One of the key emphases of this collaboration is to include community members from pilot communities in the steering committee to make this effort – community-driven. Additionally, the storm squad members (street team of storm leaders) will be selected from the community members - two leaders per neighborhood. The pilot project will be implemented in four at-risk communities with diverse socioeconomic and biophysical needs, which include flood, storm surge, and wind. These storm leaders will be trained in various aspects of disaster preparation and response to help equitable resilience and recovery in these neighborhoods. The collaborative will look for funding to provide stipends to these storm team leaders to recognize their time and efforts.

The Steering Committee meetings are focused on the development and implementation of strategic objectives, to provide momentum for targeted goals, support the work of subcommittees, and coordinate internal communication and collaboration to convene alliance members on equity and resilience issues. We host guest speakers routinely at our events to learn about other ongoing efforts and to find collaboration opportunities to strengthen our efforts and impact.

The four pilot communities include: Harbordale, Bartlett Park, Jordon Park, and Palmetto Park located in the south Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). Current expansion efforts include Lake Maggiore Shores and Lealman communities.