



iCAR

THE INITIATIVE ON COASTAL ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

ICAR & Storm Squad Townhall

Saturday, April 6th Townhall Meeting

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

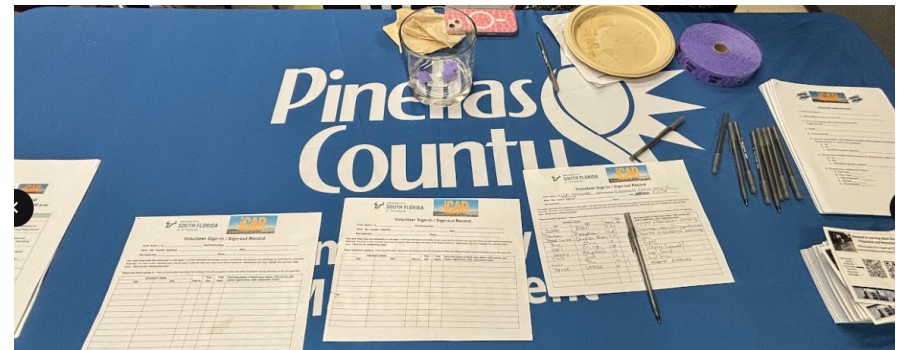
- The most recent community outreach and educational program was held locally at the Enoch Davis Center on Saturday April 6th, 2024.
- With our sponsors and partners such but not limited to FEMA, SCEN, FLPC... This provided a safe space for individuals who wanted to share personal experiences and major community concerns.



Welcome & Registration



- At 10:00 A.M: Local residents of the neighboring communities gathered for provided coffee and pastries after signing in for the event



Itinerary

Welcome and Introduction:

- Erica Hall, Executive Director, Community Collaborative of Florida and Executive Director of Florida Food and Policy Council
- Brief overview on Community Meeting Itinerary



Update on Storm Squad

- Dr. Barnali Dixon, initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR), University of South Florida St. Petersburg (Geospatial Analytics Laboratory)
- Reviews and updates research data for local area and the importance of community participation



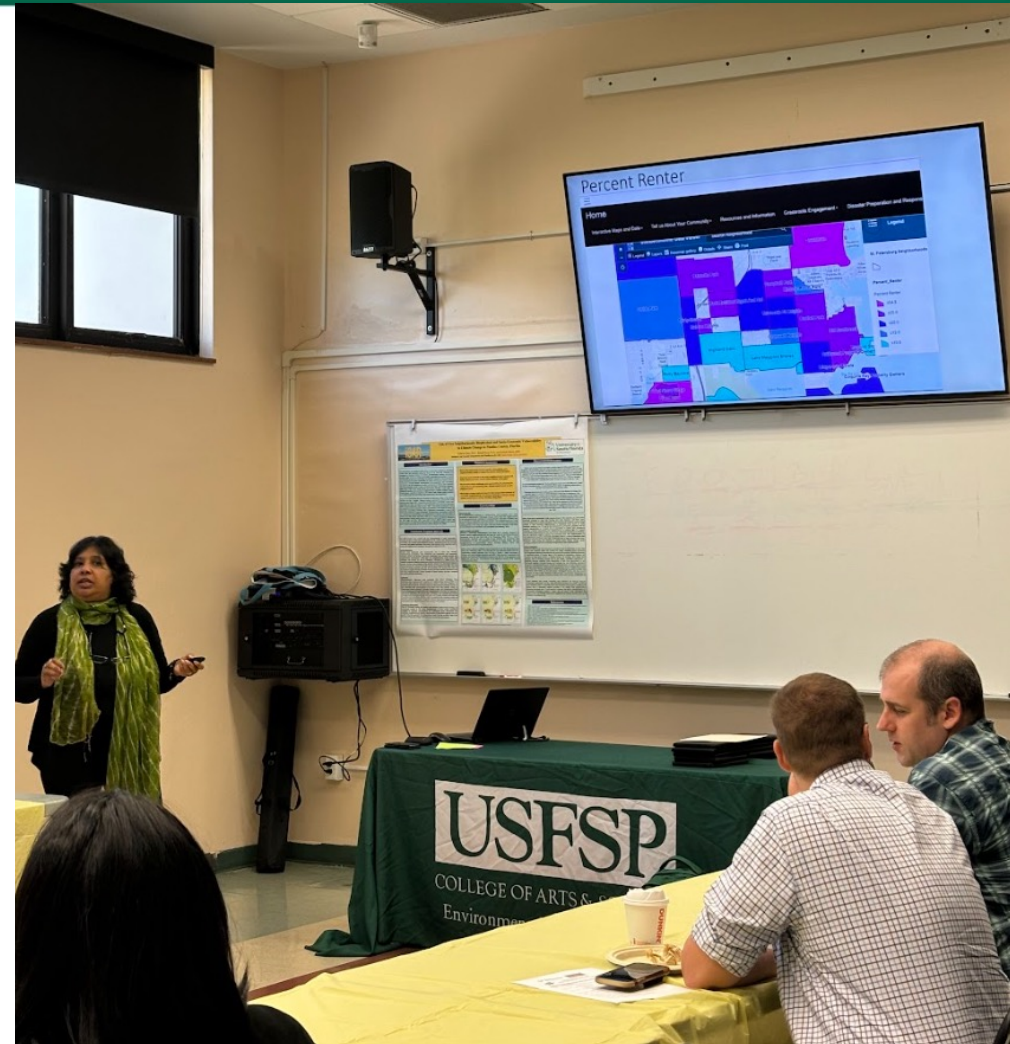
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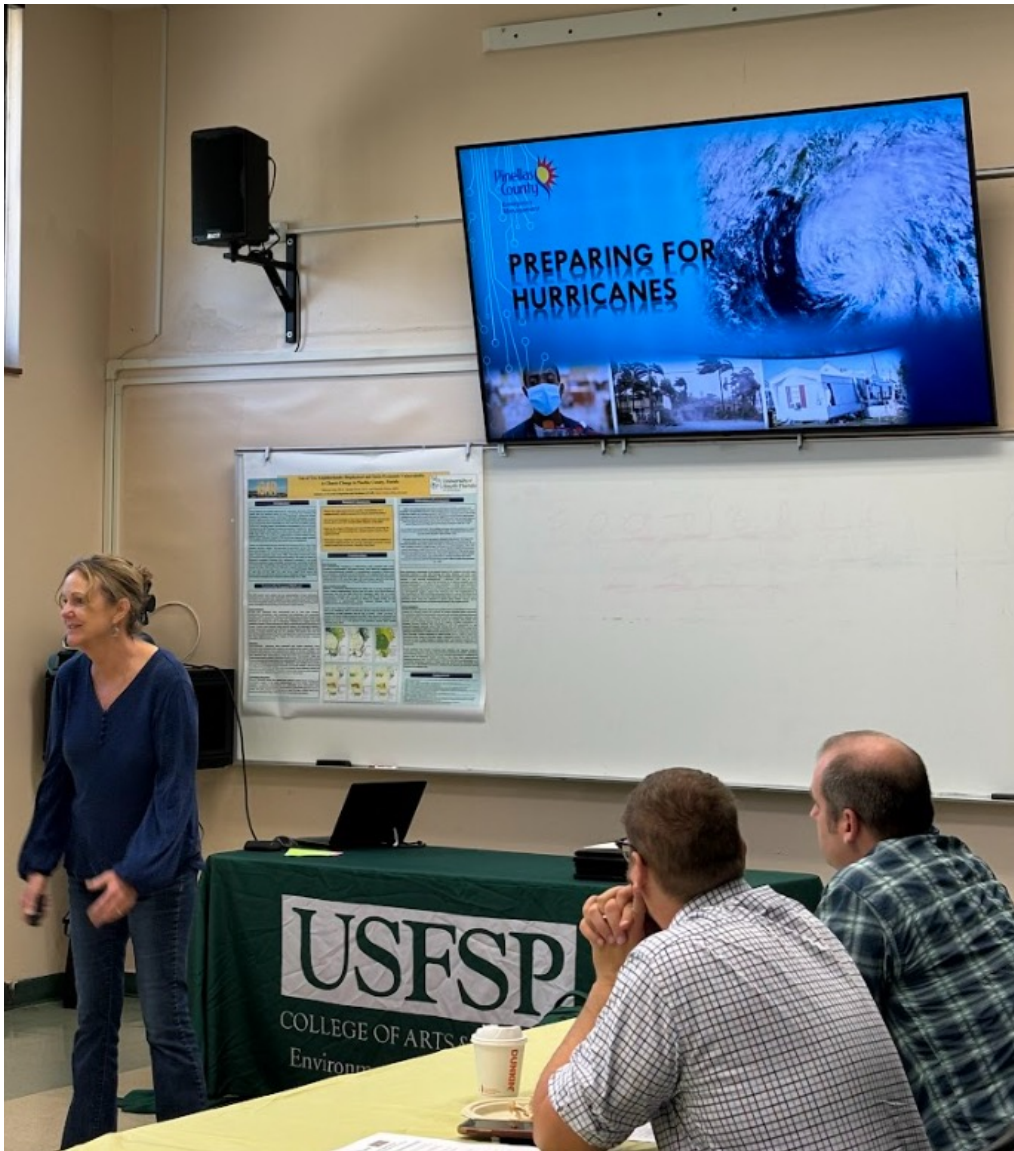
- Fresh PACE Healthy Neighborhood Store Program- Shaina Bent Chief Executive Officer
- Residential Programs- Dr. La'Toya Worlds, Bells, Director



CRIS Survey Overview and Feedback

- Dr. Barnali Dixon shares updated data for imperative research areas via graphs and models
- Intentions of data analysis, community outreach, and further goals to better the local community



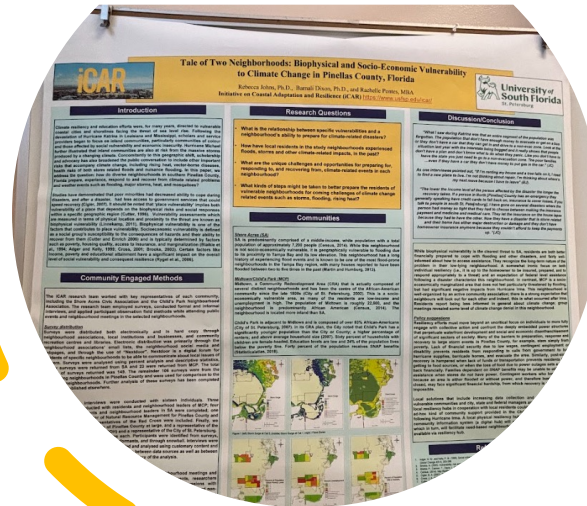


Preparing for Hurricane Season

- Mary Burrell, Whole Community Engagement Program Lead, Pinellas County Emergency Management
- Sharing resources, preparation tactics, and timelines to better ensure safety for future possibilities of natural disasters (hurricanes)

Discussion

- Opened discussion and conversation between community members and professions to express questions, concerns, challenges, and possible solutions to preparing for Hurricane Season
- Shared recent Research Posters



Lunch

- Attending community members enjoyed provided lunch
- Fruit, Jimmy Johns sandwiches, drinks, snacks and more
- Attendees also had this opportunity to connect with other community members present and have one-on-one conversations with professionals presenting at the event
 - Ask questions and more

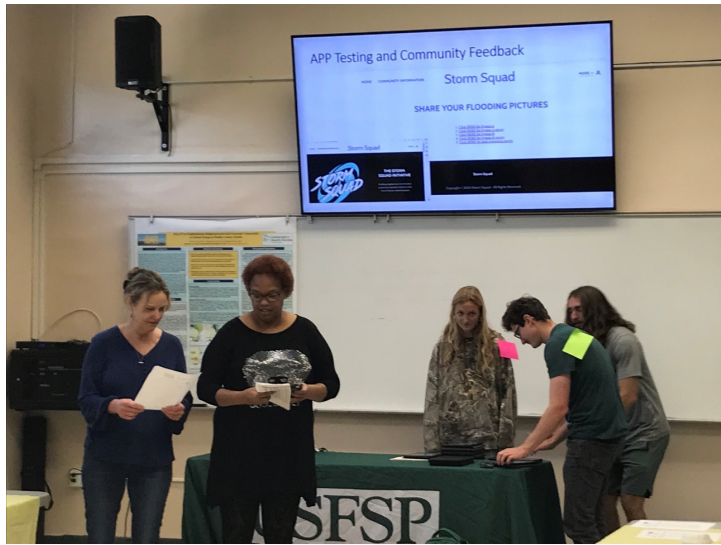


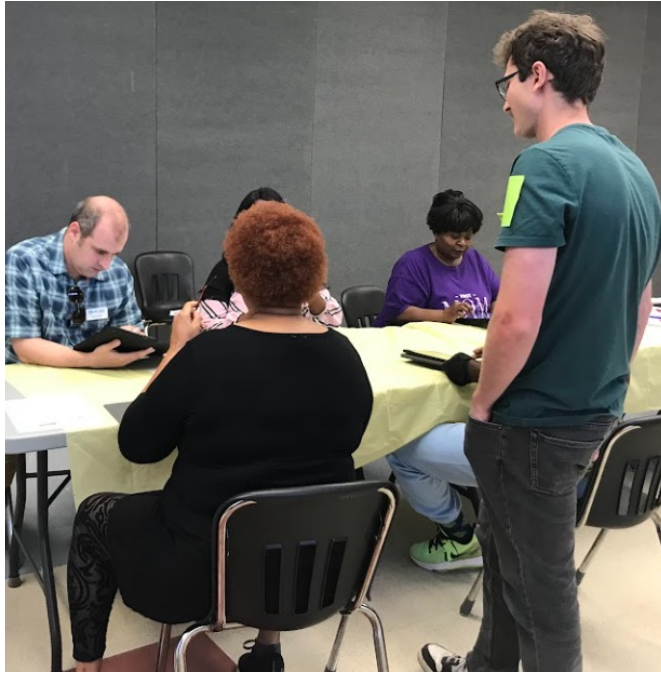


Community Resource After Disaster

- FEMA Volunteer Agency Liaison
- Bay Area Legal Services
 - Jason Susalla, Managing Attorney, Disaster Relief Team
 - Providing further legal rights of residence in case of an emergency
 - Further resources, phone numbers and contacts

Testing of APP for Flood Reporting





Closing & Recognition of Ambassadors and CERT Members

- Raffle drawings
- Gift Certificates for our two ambassadors
- Survey feedback on new CRIS applications
 - Problem Reporting Needs Evacuation Program

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