



## December ONE BAY Newsletter



### A Message to Our Resiliency Colleagues

Dear Resiliency Colleagues,

Happy Holidays! We are excited to send this year-end summary of the many resilience activities in the past quarter and share some key dates for next steps. We look forward to working with you in our ongoing efforts to make our communities more resilient and sustainable.

Sincerely,

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#### **Regional Resilience Action Plan (RRAP)**

Between September-December, TBRPC staff held several workshops using Zoom to review the proposed table of contents and Chapters, polling to prioritize topics and breakout groups to support discussion and develop goals and suggested changes.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

##### **Resilience Coalition Management Planning Committee (MPC) January 15**

The Resilience Coalition Management & Planning Committee is comprised of senior staff working in planning, resilience and public works of the local governments who have signed the Coalition Memorandum of Understanding. The MPC meets periodically to share updates and provide input to TBRPC staff on resilience initiatives. In 2021, the MPC will be primarily focused on developing the Regional Resilience Action Plan.

[Click here](#) to register your designated MPC representative(s) for the Zoom meeting. The next MPC meeting is on **Friday, January 15, 2021 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**. The January MPC meeting will include the following agenda items:

- RRAP update
- Community Stakeholder Input Process
- Local Decision Makers Buy-in
- All Project Update/Future Workshops
- Policy Brief Updates
- 2021 Summit

### **The RRAP Chapter 4 Workshop February TBD.**

Coalition Members, Partners, interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend the next virtual workshop to develop Chapter 4 of the RRAP. The “Place” chapter will define impacts and develop goals for local governments and regional collaboration to support an integrated, whole community approach to resilience – from habitats to housing.

### **Resilience Coalition Steering Committee – Virtual Meeting, February 8**

The Steering Committee is comprised of elected officials who serve on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and are members of the Coalition, and is chaired by Pinellas County Commissioner Janet C. Long. Check the TBRPC website in January for more information.

[View RRAP Project Website](#)

## **Resiliency Resources**



## **Resiliency Coalition**

### **RRAP: Project Update**

In January of 2020 at the 1st Resilience Leadership Summit held in the region, summit participants engaged in breakout group discussions to prioritize the local and regional actions they felt should be in the regional action plan. In January the MPC also met to further refine the regional actions and discuss their initial thoughts on the RAP’s structure, timeline and outcomes. TBRPC

staff have been working closely with Resiliency Coalition members and partners to begin the process of creating a regional resiliency action plan.

RRAP planning meetings have moved to an online format. In September the MPC met to provide feedback on a project timeline and draft format of the RRAP. In October MPC members and TBRRC partners were invited to review a draft outline of the document which included some initial goals for the document. In November TBRPC staff hosted the first two chapter-focused workshops focusing on Chapter 1 (Risks and Future Conditions) and Chapter 2 (Community Vulnerability) [Read More...](#)

## Clear Sky Tampa Bay

### **Developing a Resilience-Based Siting and Valuation Toolkit for Solar + Storage**

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is leading the Clear Sky Tampa Bay project, which is creating a technical and economic toolkit for integrating disaster risk reduction and other resilience factors into solar + storage siting and cost-benefit analyses for energy investments.

The toolkit is designed for critical facility managers and energy governments to identify and prioritize facilities for solar + storage in a way that maximizes the benefit to community resilience by ensuring continuation of emergency services during an extended power outage.

The project includes Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas Counties and the City of Largo as local government partners who are providing input on the toolkit and resilience valuation process for key buildings. The project is also developing building case studies in collaboration with the University of South Florida Patel College of Global Sustainability. The ClearSky toolkit will be completed in early 2021 and a virtual training workshop will be offered for local governments and others in April. [Read More...](#)

## REACH Update

### **Resilience and Energy Assessment of Communities and Housing**

In the Fall, the REACH Project subcontractors worked on the new tools and resources which will be rolled out and will bring together the region's housing, resilience, and recovery planning experts and community leaders to assess potential risks that local communities face from extreme weather and sea level rise, and define new strategies and policies to increase affordable, resilient housing development and redevelopment.

### **Equity Resources**

[Click here](#) to view a list of 30+ frameworks, white papers, reports and more that provide recommendations and models for how to best integrate health, equity, affordable housing and climate justice into community development and resilience planning.

### **Equity Workshop**

On December 11, 2020, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council hosted a workshop on integrating equity in resilience planning. The workshop hosted a small group of local experts in fields ranging from health and equity, housing and resiliency, and overall regional knowledge of resilience planning. Based on their knowledge, the group reviewed and discussed key metrics for integrating equity into REACH tools and the Regional Resilience Action Plan. [Read More...](#)

## FEMA National Risk Index Tool

### Mapping Natural Hazard Risk in the United States

FEMA recently launched the National Risk Index Tool a "new, online mapping application from FEMA that identifies communities most at risk to 18 natural hazards. This application visualizes natural hazard risk metrics and includes data about expected annual losses, social vulnerabilities and community resilience. The National Risk Index's interactive web maps are at the county and census tract level and made available via geographic information system (GIS) feature services for custom analyses. [Read More...](#)



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