



March One Bay Newsletter



Refreshing One Bay to Support Regional Collaboration

Dear Colleagues,

As we move forward with Resilience Coalition activities and [One Bay Resilient Community](#) working group efforts, the One Bay Newsletter and the TBRPC website will feature more information about your local government programs, activities and achievements. This reinvigorated outreach effort was made possible thanks in part to funding from the [Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program](#).

Please send this newsletter to others in your organization and encourage them to provide updates too. If you have suggestions or new ideas, please submit them via our [new form](#).



The 28th Annual **Future of the Region Awards (FOR)** Breakfast is April 24, 2020 at the [Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park](#). To register, [click here](#). Do you have a project or program that exemplifies regionalism? To enter the competition, visit our Future of the Region page and fill out the 2020 Award Application. **The deadline for entries is March 20.** Sponsorships are also available;

for more information on how to sponsor the event, visit our FOR page and click on Sponsor Opportunities.

[Visit our FOR page](#)

Survey on Clean Energy Coming Soon

Your opinion is needed. The [Resilience Coalition Clean Energy Workgroup](#), led by Ben Siwinski at VHB, is developing a survey to collect information on current programs and projects for municipal operations, transportation and housing.

The survey will also collect input on the priorities defined at the Resilience Summit.

Watch your inbox and send in your thoughts!

Updates: Resilience and Sustainability County Meetings

Citrus County - On January 28th, the Citrus County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group voted to transmit their 2020 updated document to the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) for review and approval. The 2020 update included a new hazard identification and risk assessment. Each natural hazard analysis also included a consideration of how that hazard could be exacerbated due to a changing climate.

Hernando County - On March 4th, Hernando County hosted TBRPC staff at their regularly scheduled Emergency Management Advisory Committee meeting. TBRPC staff will provide information on the status of Resiliency Coalition initiatives, help county staff identify data needs, and assist in identifying priority actions to improve resiliency in the county.

Hillsborough County - On January 30th, the second stakeholder workshop of the Community Vulnerability Study was held and focused on projects, regulations and programs to mitigate vulnerabilities. This Hillsborough County study is the basis for updating the Comprehensive Plan as required by state law to comply with the Peril of Flood Act, and will also be used as the basis to update the Local Mitigation Strategy document, also required by law.

Manatee County - On February 8th, staff representatives from Manatee County, Bradenton, Holmes Beach, Palmetto and TBRPC staff met to discuss resilience priorities, plans, local expertise and the new REACH grant program as well as other opportunities for collaboration in 2020. The meeting was hosted by Jeff Burton, City of Palmetto. A Community Resilience workshop is being planned for the Summer and will support Manatee Post Disaster Recovery Plan update efforts.

Pasco County - In January, the Pasco team met with TBRPC staff on the REACH grant and provided a letter of commitment as a local government partner. The Local Mitigation Strategy team also met and received an overview and citizen's perspective of the Resiliency Leadership Summit from Kelly Miller, a community advocate. Key staff planned All-Hazards Disaster Expos to take place quarterly instead of annually, with greater geographic distribution. On February 18th, the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution commending Dr. Alan Bush along with students Shelly Knobel and

Charles Nyberg of USF for their work in the Resiliency Honors Practicum Program. They were honored for their findings on resilience in local government for Pasco County. Hilary Bruno (Assistant Director of Community Development) presented to the Colonial Hills Civic Association on the \$2.4M Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program entitled "Elfers Parkway Voluntary Homeowners Buyout Program". The program will acquire and demolish Repetitive Loss Area homes and relocate homeowners from an area along the Anclote River. These lands will be returned to floodplain and a passive park. On February 28th, the Pasco Food Policy Advisory Council conducted a Strategic Plan to create a resilient food system within Pasco County. A resiliency framework scope of work is being drafted for a grant.

Pinellas County - Staff from Pinellas County and several cities formed a group in 2019 to exchange information on resilience and sustainability practices. The group has been meeting every other Monday and welcomes local government staff within the County. Members are currently focused on clean energy programs, energy consumption data needs and defining opportunities for collaboration. For more information, contact Laura Thomas at the City of Largo.

Please send your updates to us via the [Resiliency Project Form](#).

Full House at the First Resiliency Leadership Summit



The [Leadership Resiliency Summit Champions of Change: Creating Resilient Communities](#) was held on January 7th-8th, 2020 at the Hilton Carillon in St. Petersburg. Over 350 attendees heard from 40 speakers on how housing, land use, economic development, and disaster recovery contribute to the vision of a more resilient Tampa Bay.

Attendees also heard from elected officials, county administrators and senior staff who are defining and supporting local resilience initiatives. At the end of the second day of the Summit, more than 170 attendees participated in breakout sessions to define priorities for local government and regional collaboration for consideration in the Regional Resiliency Action Plan.

Visit the [Summit 2020](#) page to download the speakers' presentations, see the event photos, and read the news articles.

[Visit our Summit 2020 page](#)

Grant Announcements

The U.S. [Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD) announced that \$633 million in first-of-its-kind funding would be



available to the state of Florida for disaster mitigation projects in areas impacted by presidential declared disasters in 2016 and 2017. These funds are available through HUD's newly created [Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation \(CDBG-MIT\)](#) program and will be used to fund disaster mitigation projects to better protect Florida from future disasters.

[See the press release for the Florida application to the CBDG-MIT grant here](#)



The Resilient Shorelines and Spaces (RSS) Workgroup

Since forming in October 2019, the **RSS Workgroup** meets on a monthly basis. The members include local government staff, federal and state agency experts, academic researchers, private consultants, environmental organizations, and multi-jurisdictional organizations. The **RSS Workgroup** brings together expertise in environmental ecology, shoreline engineering, permitting, policy and planning. The next meeting is **March 20th**.

[Learn More about the Resilient Shorelines Workgroup](#)



EPA Gulf of Mexico

One Bay meetings, newsletters, and additional outreach are being made possible thanks to support for the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program.

