



DRAFT (8-27-24)

2024 Florida Resilience Conference

featuring the 67th FSBPA Annual Meeting

September 11-13 ♦ Hyatt Regency Coconut Point ♦ Bonita Springs, FL

Wednesday, September 11

Session: B1-Beach Management

3:30 pm – 6:45 pm

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Moderator: Andrew Studt, Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL

3:30 pm

[Navigating the Storm: Emergency Repair and Funding Strategies for Florida's Beaches](#)

Steve Boutelle, Marine Operations Manager, Lee County, Fort Myers, FL

- Alex Reed, Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Dana Souza, City Manager, City of Bonita Beach, FL

4:00 pm

[Sanibel Island Beach/Dune Restoration Program Post Hurricane Ian](#)

Brett Moore, PE, D.CE, President, Humiston and Moore, Naples, FL

4:20 pm

[Recent Updates on FEMA Beach Projects](#)

Bob Glassen, Beach Specialist, Public Assistance Division, FEMA Region IV, Tallahassee, FL

4:40 pm

[Managing Byproducts of Screened Sand on Beach Nourishment Projects in Florida](#)

Moderator: Lisa Armbruster, Beach Management Consultant, Bay County Tourist Development Council, Panama City Beach, FL

- Jennifer Bucatari, Oceanographer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Sterling, VA
- Gregory Garis, Program Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- William Reilly, PE, Chief, Waterways Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL
- Andrew Studt, Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL

5:30 pm

[Adjourn](#)

5:45-6:45 pm

Welcome Reception

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Thursday, September 12

Session: B2-Beach Management

8:00 am-10:10 am

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Moderator: Janet Zimmerman, Executive Director, Florida Inland Navigation District, Jupiter, FL

8:00 am

Professional Exchange Break

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8:30 am

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District Commander's Update

Colonel Brandon Bowman, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, FL

8:50 am

Perpetual Easements in Federal Beach Projects: Balancing Requirements and Local Government Concerns

- Charlie Hunsicker, Director, Natural Resources Department, Manatee County, Bradenton, FL
- Mike McGarry, Beaches Boating & Waterways Program Manager, Brevard County, Viera, FL
- Milan Mora, PE, Chief, Water Resources Branch, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, FL

9:20 am

Beach Management Trends & Updates from the State Perspective

Lainie Edwards, PhD, Deputy Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

9:40 am

Mitigation of Inlet Impacts: Strategies on Leveraging Partnerships and Meeting Bypass Objectives

- Al Browder, PhD, PE, Senior Client Manager, Coastal Engineer, Foth | Olsen, Jacksonville, FL
- Jessica Garland, Coastal Program Manager, Martin County, Stuart, FL
- William "Guy" Weeks, Planning Manager, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

10:10 am

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Session: B3-Beach Management

10:40 am-12:10 pm

Moderator: Damon Douglas, Coastal Manager, St. Johns County, St. Augustine, FL

10:40 am

[The Recreational and Economic Value of Florida Beaches](#)

James Houston, PhD, Director Emeritus, Engineer Research and Development Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ponte Vedra, FL

11:00 am

[Sea Turtle Nesting on Florida's Managed Beaches: What Have We Learned?](#)

Robbin Trindell, PhD, Biological Administrator, Imperiled Species Management, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Tallahassee, FL

11:25 am

[Conserving Florida's Underwater Treasures: Coral Reefs and Aquatic Preserves](#)

Alex Reed, Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

11:45 am

[USACE Jacksonville District's Role in Endangered Species Conservation for Coastal Projects Highlighting Current Challenges](#)

Gretchen Ehlinger, PhD, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Policy Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, FL

12:05 pm

[Annual FSBPA Membership Meeting](#)

12:10 pm

[Session Adjourns](#)

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

[Luncheon](#)



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SPECIAL WORKSHOP

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Powering Progress: Local Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy

Hosted by Elizabeth Alvi, Senior Director, Policy, Audubon Florida

The workshop will explore local government case studies of successful strategies and funding opportunities to enhance energy efficiency, expand clean energy use, and save taxpayer dollars. It will feature guest speakers, facilitated discussions, and presentations, and will give you practical tools to bring home to your community.

All registered attendees are welcome.

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Cocktail Reception

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6:30 pm

FSBPA Annual Awards Banquet

(Dinner Ticket Required)

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Session: B4-Beach Management

7:45 am-10:10 am

Moderator: Mike McGarry, Beaches Program Manager, Brevard County, Viera, FL

7:45 am

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8:30 am

Get Off of My Beach - A Customary Use Update

Diana Ferguson, Shareholder, Rutledge Ecenia, Tallahassee, FL; and David Theriaque, Esquire, Theriaque & Spain, Tallahassee, FL

9:10 am

Estero Island Beach Nourishment and Hurricane Recovery

Michael Poff, PE, President, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Bonita Springs, FL; and Chadd Chustz, Environmental Project Manager, Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL

9:30 am

Southwest Florida's Coastal Vulnerabilities Revealed by Impacts from Hurricane Ian: Lessons for Building Resilience Capacity

Michael Savarese, PhD, Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL

9:50 am

Evaluating Beach Dune Vegetation Loss and Regeneration Following Hurricane Ian

Jeannine Richards, PhD, Assistant Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL

10:10 am

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