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OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Opening General Session

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Moderator: Andy Studt, Chair, FSBPA and Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL

1:00 pm

Call to Order

Andy Studt, Chair, FSBPA and Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL and Jessica Beach, Resiliency Florida Chair and Chief Resilience Officer & Deputy Director of Utilities & Public Works, City of St. Augustine, FL

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Hector Flores, County Administrator, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners

1:15 pm

Opening Legislative Keynote: Florida's Environmental Outlook on Policy and Funding

Ana Maria Rodríguez, Florida Senate, District 40, Monroe County and part of Miami-Dade County

1:35 pm

Statewide Resilience Initiatives

Eddy Bouza, Chief Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

1:50 pm

Engineering Florida's Future: Navigation, Restoration, and Resilience

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

2:10 pm

The Value of Open Space to Resilience

Moderator: Meredith Budd, Deputy Director, Live Wildly Foundation, FL

- Mallory Dimmitt, CEO, Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, St. Petersburg, FL
- Nick Aumen, PhD, Aquatic Ecologist, Visiting Research Professor at the University of Florida, Loxahatchee, FL

2:40 pm

Navigating the Tides of Public Opinion

Stacy Weller Ranieri, President and Chief Illuminator, The Firefly Group

3:00 pm

Professional Exchange Break – Ice Cream Social

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A1-a: SMART PLANNING

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Session A1-a: Smart Planning

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Moderator: Krista Slyter, Assistant Vice President, Coastal Restoration Specialist, WSP, Tallahassee, FL

3:30 pm

Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan: Engaging Communities to Shape Flood Resilience

- Katie Mastenbrook, Senior Wildlife Policy Specialist Gulf Program, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, VA
- Lara Milligan, Pinellas County Natural Resource Agent, UF/IFAS Extension, Tarpon Springs, FL
- Ashira Pelt, Senior Associate, Consensus Building Institute, Cambridge, MA
- Alana Todd, Principal Environmental Planner, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Pinellas Park, FL

4:00 pm

From Commissioner Chambers to Classrooms – Why Effective Climate Resilience Education, Public and Stakeholder Engagement Matters

- Hannah Hart, PMP, Florida-Gulf Department Manager, Resilience Solutions, Dewberry Engineers Inc., Orlando, FL
- Alexandria "Ali" Howerton, LEED Green Associate, Resilience Program Manager, Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL
- Troy Salisbury, MPA, AICP, Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Manager, Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL

4:30 pm

More than just a Step in the Process: Leveraging Stakeholder Engagement to Inform Planning Decisions

Kelsey Mack, AICP, Senior Planner, Applied Ecology, Inc., Melbourne Beach, FL

4:50 pm

Building Countywide Resilience: Comprehensive Multi-Hazard Vulnerability Assessment as the Foundation for Water Management in Charlotte County, Florida

Brandon Moody, Water Quality and Resiliency Manager, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, Punta Gorda, FL

5:10 pm

Development of a "Working with Nature: Flood Resilience Blueprint" for the Naples, FL Area

Carrie Schuman, PhD, Climate Resilience Advisor, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Naples, FL; Danielle Irwin MSc, CFM, PWS, WEDG, LEED AP, Associate Principal, Cummins Cederberg, Coral Gables, FL; and Thomas Ries, President, Ecosphere Restoration Institute, Largo, FL

5:30 pm **Adjourn**

5:45 – 6:45 pm

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A1-b: SMART PLANNING

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Session A1-b: Smart Planning

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Moderator: Kim Shugar, Senior Consultant, The Arrow Gropu, Tallahassee, FL

3:30 pm

Using Brownfields Remediation to Advance Smart Planning and Community Resilience: The Connor Park Redevelopment in Palmetto, Florida

- Elie G. Araj, PE, CFM, ENV SP, BC.WRE, President, Applied Sciences Consulting, LLC, Tampa, FL
- Joe Marsh, Senior Associate, Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Tampa, FL
- Matthew Pleasant, AICP, Planning Manager, Applied Sciences Consulting, Inc., Tampa, FL
- Kevin Yue, PE, CEP, Associate, Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Naples, FL

4:00 pm

Upper Barataria Terracing Project - An Affordable Approach to Combat Interior Marsh Deterioration

Kiara Horton, PE, Coastal Engineer and Matthew Salmon, PE, Senior Coastal Engineer, Freese and Nichols, Inc., New Orleans, LA

4:20 pm

From Code Change to Construction: How Regulatory Reform Enabled Living Seawalls in Miami Shores Village

Leonard Barrera Allen, Project Director, Cummins Cederberg, Coral Gables, FL; Anya Freeman, CEO, Kind Designs, Miami, FL; and Jorge Loor, Project Manager, Public Works, Village of Miami Shores, FL

4:40 pm

Miami-Dade County's Coastal Storm Risk Strategy: The Miami-Dade Back Bay CSRM Project and Beyond

Christian Kamrath, Resilience Program Manager, Miami-Dade County Office of Environmental Risk and Resilience, Miami, FL and Julie Grissett, EI, Coastal Associate, Moffatt & Nichol, Fort Lauderdale, FL

5:00 pm

Florida's Ports on the Frontlines: Advancing Resilience and Readiness in 2026

Moderator: Jenna N. Phillips, Associate Principal, Cummins Cederberg, Inc., Sarasota, FL

- Jose De Jesus, PE, Director of Engineering, Port Tampa
- John D. Glass Jr., PE, Director of Engineering and Construction, SeaPort Manatee
- Helga Sommer, PE, PPM, Chief of Engineering, Port Miami

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A2: SMART PLANNING

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Session A2: Smart Planning

8:00 am – 10:10 am

Moderator: Lynette Cardoch, Director, Resilience & Adaptation, Moffatt & Nichol, Miami, FL

8:00 am

Professional Exchange Break – Morning Sunshine Break *sponsored by* EARTH TECH ENTERPRISES

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8:30 am

One Water, One Message: Making One Water Make Sense Through Policy, Funding, and People

Kelly Flowers Hass, Marketing & Strategic Engagement Leader, Jones Edmunds, Alachua, FL

8:50 am

Low Impact Development Incentives: A Practical Solution to the Resiliency Preemption Feedback Loop

Lily Galleo, Sustainability Planner, City of Titusville, FL

9:10 am

Scaling the Private Property Adaptation Tool: A Replicable Framework for Local Governments

Alec Bogdanoff, PhD, CEO, Brizaga, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Alan Dodd, PE, Director of Emergency Management/Utilities Department, City of Wilton Manors, Wilton Manors, FL; and Molly Ferch, Environmental Sustainability Manager, City of Oakland Park, Oakland Park, FL

9:30 am

From Regional Planning to Street-Level Insights: Integrating Science-Based Flood Visualizations and Data into Northeast Florida's Smart Planning Framework

Andrew Prokopiak, Sr., Regional Resiliency Planner, Northeast Florida Regional Council, Jacksonville, FL and Dan Rizza, Director, Program on Sea Level Rise, Climate Central, Princeton, NJ

9:50 am

Resilient SRQ: Sarasota County's Plan for Recovery and Resiliency

Steve Hyatt, MBA, CPM, Division Manager, Resilient SRQ, Sarasota, FL

10:10 am

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Session A3: Smart Planning

10:40 am – 12:20 pm

Moderator: Danille Irwin, Associate Principle, Cummins Cederberg, Tallahassee, FL

10:40 am

Legal and Planning Challenges for Resiliency and Watershed Management

Erin Deady, Erin L. Deady, PA, Delray Beach, FL

11:00 am

From Watershed Science to Statewide Policy—Advancing Resilience Through SB 302

Kim Shugar, Senior Consultant, Arrow Group Consulting, Tallahassee, FL and Lynette Cardoch, PhD, Director, Resilience & Adaptation, Moffatt & Nichol, Miami, FL

11:20 am

Statewide Resilience Grant Programs Presentation 2 Presentation 3

- Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary, Ecosystem Restoration, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- John Irving, Environmental Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Hanna Tillotson, Program Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

11:50 am

Building Florida's Resilient Future Presentation 2

Moderator: Gustavo Fusaro, PMP, PMO-CP, PMO, Growth Leader, AtkinsRéalis

- Eddy Bouza, Florida's Chief Resilience Officer, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Kristin Lentz, Deputy Chief of Mitigation, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tallahassee, FL

12:20 pm

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Session A4 – Smart Planning

7:45 am – 10:30 am

7:45 am

Professional Exchange Break – Friday Morning Breakfast *sponsored by* GREAT LAKES DREDGE & DOCK COMPANY RIVERS & HARBORS IMPROVEMENTS

Moderator: Kelly Flower Haws, Marketing Director, Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Alachua, FL

8:30 am

Embedding Resilience Within an Agency Program – Lessons from a USACE/DOW Multi-Hazard Risk Analysis in Puerto Rico

Michael Flood, Resilience Lead – State and Local Government Sector, WSP, Washington, DC

8:50 am

The Coastal Resilience Scorecard: an UN Disaster Risk Reduction Tool to Evaluate City-level Resilience and Readiness

Cheryl Hapke, PhD, Owner, Hapke Coastal, St Petersburg, FL

9:10 am

Sensors to Strategy: Scaling Hyperlocal Flood Monitoring into Florida's Resilience Planning Framework

Brian Glazer, CEO, Hohonu, Inc., Honolulu, HI

9:30 am

A Practical Look at Cultural Resources and Risk in Coastal Projects

Francis Stankiewicz, Director-Underwater Program, Chronicle Heritage, Pensacola, FL and Bas Coolen, Commercial Director Europe, Chronicle Heritage, Netherlands, Europe

9:50 am

Applying an Innovative Compound Flood Model to Inform Resilience Planning and Projects in Jacksonville, FL

Anne Coglianese, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

10:10 am

Recovery to Resiliency: Lessons from Three Storms Shaping Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning in Tampa Bay

Diane Quigley AICP, CFM, Risk and Resilience Senior Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Tallahassee, FL and Katie Shannon, AICP, CNU, LEED GA, Senior Community Planner, VHB, Orlando, FL

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End of Smart Planning Tracks

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Moderator: Charlie Hunsicker, Director, Natural Resources Department, Manatee County, FL

3:30 pm

To Fill or Not to Fill, "When" is the Question?

Matthew Logan, Project Manager, Charlotte County Public Works, Punta Gorda, FL and Michael Poff, PE, President, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc., Bonita Springs, FL

3:50 pm

Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

- Greg Garis, Program Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Patrick Snyder, PE, CFM, Chief, Shore Protection Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL
- Andy Studt, Program Supervisor, Coastal Resources Management, Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management, West Palm Beach, FL

4:20 pm

Estero Island Beach Nourishment and Hurricane Recovery

Chadd Chustz, Marine Operations Project Manager, Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL

4:40 pm

Lovers Key and Bonita Beach Nourishment and Hurricane Recovery

- Chuck Broussard, Vice President, Weeks Marine, Covington, LA
- Mike Campbell, Project Manager, Lee County Natural Resources Division, Fort Myers, FL
- Michael Poff, President, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Bonita Springs, FL

5:10 pm

Coastal Resiliency Design and Implementation Following Multiple Major Storm Impacts in Naples Florida

Brett Moore, PE, President, Mohamed Dabees, PhD, PE, Vice President, and Sophia Gutierrez, Coastal Geologist, Humiston & Moore Engineers, Naples, FL

5:30 pm

Adjourn

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B2: BEACHES

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Session B2: Beaches

8:00 am – 10:10 am

8:00 am
Professional Exchange Break – Morning Sunshine Break *sponsored by* EARTH TECH ENTERPRISES
Location: Exhibit Hall, Great Egret B

Moderator: Mike McGarry, Assistant Director, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department, Viera, FL

8:30 am
Sand, Ships, and Solutions
Jason Harrah, Chief, Water Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL

8:50 am
Florida Statewide Beach Management Funding Program Updates
John Irving, Environmental Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

9:10 am
Stakeholders Shaping Shorelines: How Indian River County Makes Coastal Management Work
Quintin Bergman, Coastal Resource Manager, Indian River County, Vero Beach, FL and Nicole Filipow, PE, Coastal Engineer, Taylor Engineering, Jacksonville, FL

9:30 am
408 without the Heartbreak
Will Reilly, PE, Chief, Waterways Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL

9:50 am
The FEMA Public Assistance Roadmap: Key Steps and Compliance Requirements
Collin Kenline, FCCM, Public Assistance – Grant Manager Team Lead, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tallahassee, FL and Hamza Sattar, FCCM, Programmatic Reviewer & EHP Specialist, Bureau of Recovery, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tallahassee, FL

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B3: BEACHES

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10:40 am – 12:20 pm

Moderator: James Gray, Executive Director, Sebastian Inlet District, Indialantic, FL

10:40 am

Resilient Reef Initiatives Presentation 2

- Alex Reed, Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Curt Storlazzi, PhD, Research Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Coastal & Marine Hazards & Resources Program, Santa Cruz, CA

11:10 am

Franklin 98 Living Shoreline

Brian Branciforte, Environmental Planning Manager, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Tallahassee, FL

11:30 am

Reconstructing Ben T. Davis Beach: Engineering, Ecology, and Public Life at an Urban Shoreline

Brian Cook, PLA, Director of Urban Design and Resilience, Applied Sciences Consulting, Tampa, FL and
Ping Wang, PhD, Professor and Director of the Coastal Research Laboratory, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

11:50 am

Protecting Tampa's History: Philippe Park Living Shoreline Project

Bryan Flynn, PE, Program Manager, Environmental Science Associates, Tampa, FL

12:10 pm

Annual FSBPA Membership Meeting

12:20 pm

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7:45 am

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Location: Exhibit Hall, Great Egret B

Moderator: John Bishop, Coastal Management Coordinator, Pinellas County Environmental Management, Clearwater, FL

8:30 am

Multi-Benefit Resiliency in West Galveston Bay

Rhett Blackmon, Vice President – Federal Programs and Chris Frabotta, Vice President – Federal Programs, Callan Marine, Galveston, TX

8:50 am

How Human Infrastructure Threatens Biodiversity by Squeezing Sandy Coasts

Christine Angelini, Vice President, Environmental Advisory Services, AECOM, Orlando, FL

9:10 am

When Seaweed Meets the Shore: Bacteria, Arsenic, and Beach Decisions in South Florida

Afeefa Abdool-Ghany, PhD, Senior Water Resource Engineer, WSP, Sunrise, FL

9:30 am

Coastal Resilience through WeRestore a Co-working model of Collaborative and Community-Driven Marine Restoration

Dr. Shelby Thomas, CEO and Founder, and Dr. David Weinstein, Board Member and Director of Science, Ocean Rescue Alliance International and Coastal Resilience Solutions, Apollo Beach, FL

9:50 am

Shaping the Shoal: Lake Worth Inlet Flood Shoal Dredging

Ian Eyeington, Operations Director, Florida Inland Navigation District, Jupiter FL and Gina Chiello, Associate Principle, Cummins Cederberg, Inc., Jupiter, FL

10:10 am

Cedar Key Marina Revitalization and Coastal Protection: Building Resilience for an Exposed Historic Working Waterfront

Margaret Boshek, PE, Senior Coastal Engineer, Kimley-Horn, Raleigh, NC and Jackie Brower, PhD, PE, Senior Coastal Engineer, Kimley-Horn, Jacksonville, FL

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C1 ENERGY

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Session C1: Energy

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Moderator: Tori Deal, Public Affairs Advisor, Holland & Knight, Tallahassee, FL

3:30 pm

SB 484 - Data Centers: What does it do and how will it be implemented?

Imran Siddiqui, Executive Director, Florida Digital Infrastructure and Security Alliance, Hollywood, FL

3:50 pm

Planning Before Crisis - Energy & Water Resilience and Building Public Confidence for Data Centers in Florida

Sandy Walters, President, Eco Legacy Solutions, Fort Myers, FL

4:10 pm

Resilient Infrastructure Options for Data Centers

- Ron Brise, Vice President & Senior Advisor, Arrow Group, Orlando, FL
- West Gregory, Of Counsel, Gunster, Tallahassee, FL
- Imran Siddiqui, Executive Director, Florida Digital Infrastructure and Security Alliance, Hollywood, FL

4:40 pm

Data Centers: A Local Government Perspective

Peter Abello, Associate Director of Public Policy, Florida Association of Counties, Okeechobee County, Tallahassee, FL and Terry W. Burroughs, Commissioner, Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, FL

5:10 pm

Powering the AI Era: Florida's Path to Energy Abundance

Daniela Delpino, Environmental Engineer, Florida Municipal Power Agency, Orlando, FL

5:30 pm

Adjourn

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C2 Energy

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Session C2: Energy

8:00 am – 10:10 am

8:00 am

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Location: Exhibit Hall, Great Egret B

Moderator: Fred Aschauer, Shareholder, Lewis, Longman, & Walker, PA, Tallahassee, FL

8:30 am

Stronger Together: How FPL, Governments and Community Partners are Redefining Storm Resilience

- Michael Fetto, Emergency Preparedness Manager, FPL
- Patrick Fuller, Emergency Management Director, Charlotte County, Port Charlotte, FL
- Stefanie Ink, CEO, Community Cooperative, Fort Myers, FL

9:00 am

Ready Before the Storm: Protecting Reliability Across FMPA's Fleet

Jay Butters, Vice President of General Operations, Florida Municipal Power Agency, Orlando, FL

9:20 am

Undergrounding Power and Telecommunications as Part of a Comprehensive Resilience Program

Michael Houda, Program Manager, Resilient Infrastructure and Adaptation Program, Black & Veatch, Coral Gables, FL and Steve Williamson, Village Manager, Village of Key Biscayne, Key Biscayne, FL

9:40 am

Turning Green Waste into Value-Added Products in Disaster Debris Management

- Randall Russell, Senior Environmental Consultant, WSP, Sunrise, FL
- Harold Gubnitsky, CEO, Clean Earth Innovations, Miami, FL
- Nicholas Ciancio, Resilience Division Director, MIami-Dade County Department of Solid Wate Management, Miami, FL

10:10 am

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C3 Energy

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TECO TAMPA ELECTRIC AN EMERA COMPANY

C3 Session Sponsor

Moderator: West Gregory, Of Counsel, Gunster, Tallahassee, FL

10:40 am

Public-Private Partnerships: Strengthening TECO's Resilience through Living Shorelines, Seagrass Replenishment, and Other Restoration Projects in Apollo Beach, Florida

- Byron Burrows, PE, BCEE, Senior Director - Environmental, TECO, Tampa, FL
- Stanley Kroh, MPH, REM, CESCO, CWMP, Senior Manager - Land and Stewardship, TECO, Tampa, FL
- Tom Ries, President, Ecosphere Restoration Institute, Tampa, FL

11:10 am

From Funding to Field: Making Energy Resiliency Projects "Permit Ready" Without Surprises

- Angela Ryan, Senior Environmental Scientist, Vice President, WSP, Tampa, FL
- Matt Newton, Shumaker, Tallahassee, FL
- Tim Rach, Program Administrator, Division of Water Resources, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

11:40 am

Resilience Under Load: Translating Energy Risk from AI-Driven Demand into Fundable Infrastructure Projects

Samantha Danchuk, PhD, PE, Risk Analytics and Mitigation Lead, APTIM, Boca Raton, FL

12:00 pm

From Planning to Action: How Charlotte County Utilities Modernized Decision-Making Through Integrated Master Planning

Sharon Wright, AICP, LEED AP, ENV SP, Florida Resilience Practice Lead, HDR, Inc., Tampa, FL and Olivia Bergmann, EI, Water/Wastewater Designer, HDR, Inc., Tampa, FL

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C4 Energy

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7:45 am

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Moderator: Virginia Dailey, Partner, Shumaker, Tallahassee, FL

8:30 am

Powering Port Resilience: LNG as a Reliable Energy Solution for Florida's Maritime and Coastal Communities

Douglas Shanda, CEO, Seaside LNG, Spring, TX

8:50 am

Infrastructure First: Aligning Utiltiies, Cities, and Developers for Sustainable Growth and Resiliency

Julie McMahon, Builder/Developer Account Manager, Cheasapeake Utilities Corporation Serving Florida Public Utilties and Florida City Gas, West Palm Beach, FL

9:10 am

Innovative Wastewater Reuse – The Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department Innovative Approach to Implement Wastewater Reuse

Natalia Garcia, PE, Engineer Manager, Black and Veatch, Coral Springs, FL; Austin Oxley, E.I., Associate Engineer, Black and Veatch, Fort Myers, FL; and David Garcia, Senior Staff Engineer, Black and Veatch, Coral Springs, FL

9:30 am

Bridging the Temperature Gap: Integrating Heat and Cold into Infrastructure Resilience Planning in Jacksonville, Florida

Grace Rau, Climate Resiliency Planner, Weston & Sampson, Portsmouth NH

9:50 am

Watts Next? Building Modernized, Diversified, and Low-Cost Energy in Florida

Dawn Shirreffs, MPA, Florida Director, Environmental Defense Fund, St. Petersburg FL

10:10 am

Insights on Energy Policy for Next Generation Reliability, Affordabilitya, and Security

David Gattie, Associate Professor, College of Engineering; Senior Fellow, Center for International Trade & Security, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

10:30 am

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D1: INFRASTRUCTURE

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Session D1: Infrastructure

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Moderator: Alec Bogdanoff, CEO, Brizaga, Fort Lauderdale, FL

3:30 pm

Seaworthy Collective - Building Florida's Ecosystem for Ocean-based Resilience Innovation

Daniel Kleinman, Founder & CEO, Seaworthy Collective, Miami, FL

3:50 pm

Building a Community-Driven Coastal Watershed Resilience Plan to Maximize Flood and Wildlife Benefits in Miami Dade County

- Robert Colón, MLA, WEDG, Resilience Coordinator, Miami-Dade County, Miami, FL
- Tarana Solaiman, PhD, PE, Unit Lead, Resiliency & Flood Control Implementation, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL
- Roberto Rovira, RLA, Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL
- Tiffany Troxler, PhD, CFM, Associate Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL

4:20 pm

Bayshore Drive 17 AC Boardwalk: Ecological Restoration, Performative Infrastructure and Public Open Space

- Kevin Mangan, PLA, Senior Principal, Landscape Architect, Stantec, Naples, FL
- Brian Galligan, Vice President of Horticulture, Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, FL
- Michael McNees, Executive Director - Facilities & Redevelopment, Community Redevelopment Area, Collier County Florida, Naples, FL
- Christopher Stephens, PWS, Owner, Senior Ecologist, Natives of Corkscrew, LLC/Native Plant Nursery + Environmental Services, Buckingham, FL

4:50 pm

Trees as Infrastructure: Leveraging Mitigation Funds to Build Community Resilience

Tanner Haid, Senior Director, Urban Forestry Field Delivery, American Forests, Washington, DC and Brian Knox, Senior Forester Examiner, Development and Economic Opportunity, City of Tampa, Tampa, FL

5:10 pm

Managed Retreat to Address Extreme Weather, Natural Hazards, and Climate Impacts

Chris Dorney, PhD, Vice President, WSP, Ephrata, PA and Arthriya Subgranon, PhD, Consultant, WSP, Gainesville, FL

5:30 pm **Adjourn**

5:45 – 6:45 pm

Welcome Reception

Specialty Cocktails sponsored by *Hors d'oeuvres sponsored by*

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D2: INFRASTRUCTURE

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Thursday, September 24, 2026

Session D2: Infrastructure

8:00 am – 10:10 am

8:00 am

Professional Exchange Break – Morning Sunshine Break *sponsored by*

Location: Exhibit Hall, Great Egret B

Moderator: Hank Hodde, Florida Resilience & Recovery Lead, Black & Veatch, Tampa, FL

8:30 am

Surviving the November Tax Vote – How to Fund Projects in the Aftermath Presentation 2

- Rhonda Haag, Assistant Vice President, WSP USA, Key Largo, FL
- Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resiliency Officer and Deputy Director, Broward County Public Works and Environmental Service Department, Fort Lauderdale, FL

9:00 am

A Blueprint for Florida's Waters – Building a Resilient Crystal River Community Presentation 2

- Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary, Ecosystem Restoration, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner, District 4, Citrus County, Inverness, FL
- Ryan Brushwood, Chief Solutions Officer, Sea & Shoreline LLC, Ruskin, FL
- Lisa Moore, President, Save Crystal River, Crystal River, FL

9:30 am

Reclaiming the Coast: Nature Based Infrastructure at Kracker Avenue

Steven Collins, PhD, PE, CERP, Ecological Engineer, Black & Veatch, Orlando, FL

9:50 am

Building Nature-Based Solutions for Seagrass

Rebecca Prado, Coastal Resilience Lead, Moffatt & Nichol, Tallahassee, FL and Dr. Dominique Gallery, Mote Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL

10:10 am

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D3: INFRASTRUCTURE

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Session D3: Infrastructure

10:40 am – 12:20 pm

Moderator: Sandy Walters, President & Lead Facilitator, Eco Legacy Solutions, LLC, Fort Myers, FL

10:40 am
City of Jacksonville Beach Integrated Water
Kayle Moore, PE, City Engineer, City of Jacksonville Beach, Jacksonville Beach, FL and Amy Tracy, Associate Vice President, Dewberry, Jacksonville, FL

11:00 am
Adapting Wastewater Infrastructure to Sea-Level Rise and Storm Events
Garrett Wilhelm, EI, ENV SP, Project Engineer, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Tampa, FL

11:20 am
Permitting Should Be Easier! Golden Gate Adaptation Story
Amy Eason, PE, Environmental Resource Engineer, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, Stuart, FL

11:40 am
From Maps to Money: Turning Vulnerability Assessments into Fundable, Permittable, and Buildable Projects
Lara Wakefield, ENV SP, Resilience Specialist, APTIM, Tampa, FL and Ashley Bernal, Assistant Town Manager, Town of Bellair, FL

12:00 pm
Whiteboard to Waterfront: Lessons from Shoreline Protection in Hollywood
Chris Roschek, Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Hollywood, Hollywood, FL and Penny Cutt, Senior Director, Cummins Cederberg, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL

12:20 pm
Adjourn for Lunch
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D4: INFRASTRUCTURE

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Friday, September 25, 2026

Session D4: Infrastructure

7:45 am – 10:30 am

7:45 am

Professional Exchange Break – Friday Morning Breakfast *sponsored by*

Location: Exhibit Hall, Great Egret B

Moderator: Justin Freedman, General Manager, RES, Orlando, FL

8:30 am

Treasure Island Living Shoreline & Seawall Enhancement Project

Carlos Andres Rivera, Coastal Engineer, Environmental Science Associates, Clearwater, FL

8:50 am

Power BI Dashboards Inform and enhance SFWMD's Flood Protection Level of Service Assessment of Eastern Palm Beach County

Charlotte Haberstroh, PhD, PE, Water Resources Engineer, Black & Veatch, Tampa, FL

9:10 am

When the Water Recedes: Turning Disaster into Dollars

Alycia Ciresi, PE, ENV SP, Civil Engineer, Kimley-Horn, St. Petersburg, FL

9:30 am

Funding the Green - Providing Resilience

Emily Ayers, Funding Support Project Assistant, Mead & Hunt, Tampa, FL and Sheryl Parsons, Regional Funding Leader, Mead & Hunt, Port Orange, FL

9:50 am

Measuring the Economic Value of Coastal Ecosystem Services and Restoration in the Indian River Lagoon System

Cortney Cortez, Senior Economist, The Balmoral Group, Winter Park, FL

10:10 am

Building Lagoon Resilience Through Innovative Muck Capping: Design and Permitting for the Cocoa Beach Muck Project

Walker Dawson, PE, Sr. Project Manager, Applied Ecology, Inc., Melbourne, FL and Jim Langenbach, PE, BCEE, Principal Engineer, Geosyntec Consultants, Titusville, FL

10:30 am

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Afternoon Workshops – Thursday, September 24, 2026

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Cyber Security Table-top Exercise
Location: Royal Tern B

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Coffee Break
Location: Royal Tern B Foyer

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm
Florida Resilience Roundtable Discussion
Location: Royal Tern B

Thursday evening, September 24, 2026

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Cocktail Reception
Location: Great Egret Foyer

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6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
69th Annual FSBPA Awards Banquet
Location: Great Egret A (Dinner Ticket required)

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CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

Location: Great Egret A

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Closing General Session

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Moderator: Jessica Beach, Resiliency Florida Chair and Chief Resilience Officer & Deputy Director of Utilities & Public Works, City of St. Augustine, FL

11:00 am

Building Resilient Infrastructure Faster: How the Corps of Engineers is Modernizing with RAPID Planning and Streamlined Environmental Compliance

Gretchen Ehlinger, PhD, Coastal and Navigation Environmental Branch Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville FL

Navigating Endangered Species Act Compliance for Coastal Projects: Updates to Key Programmatic Biological Opinions

Kristen Donofrio, Chief, Coastal and Navigation NEPA Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, FL

11:30 am

Statewide Resilience and Regulatory Updates

- Lainie Edwards, PE, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Tim Rach, Program Administrator, Division of Water Resources, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL
- Devin Resko, Environmental Administrator, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

12:00 pm

Water Management Districts: The Importance of Resilience Planning for Florida's Water Future

Moderator: Ann Shortelle, PhD, Senior Scientist, Bio-Tech Consulting

- John Crowe, Jr, Chief, Bureau of Hydrologic Assessment, Resilience, and Response, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Havana, FL
- Thomas Frick, Chief Resilience Officer, St Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL
- Mary-Margaret Hull, PMP, APR, Senior Planner/Resilience Coordinator, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville, FL
- Carolina Maran, PhD, PE, Division Director, Flood Control and Water Supply Planning, Chief of District Resiliency, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL
- Leroy Marshal, PE, PMP, CRM, Director, Resource Management & Projects Division, Suwannee River Water Management District, Live Oak, FL

12:30 pm

Conference Adjourns