GULF COAST RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
BOLSTERING RESILIENCE AT THE COMMUNITY-SCALE
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 15-17, 2013

AGENDA

OPENING DAY | MONDAY, APRIL 15

Framing the Challenge

2:00 – 2:30 PM  Registration, Refreshments & Networking

2:30 – 3:00  Welcoming Remarks
Michael Crowley, Master of Ceremonies, Senior Program Officer, Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC)
Tracie Sempier, Coastal Storms Outreach Coordinator, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (MASGC)

3:00 – 4:30  Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Holistic Resilience Planning
Moderator: Michael Crowley, ISC

Panelists:
Jeff Carney, Director, Louisiana State University Coastal Sustainability Studio
Pam Jenkins, Professor, University of New Orleans
Angela Lawson, Comprehensive Resiliency Pilot Program, Office of Community Development, State of Louisiana
Tracie Sempier, Coastal Storms Outreach Coordinator, MASGC

4:30 – 5:30  Team Huddle #1: Getting to Work
Teams meet privately to discuss the status of their efforts, identifying accomplishments, challenges and goals for this workshop and beyond.

5:30 – 6:30  Reception Panel: Elected Officials Take on Resilience
Moderator: Chris Forinash, Program Director, U.S. Sustainable Communities Learning Network, ISC

Panelists:
Mayor Patsy Parker, Town of Perdido Beach, AL
Mayor Carol Ponthieux, Town of Iowa, LA
Shannon Spell, President, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, LA
**Explore and Inspire**

**7:30 – 8:30 AM**  
**Breakfast with Champions**  
Resource Team members host breakfast tables, providing an opportunity for in-depth, small group discussion on various dimensions of community resilience.

**8:30 – 8:45**  
**Opening Remarks**  
Michael Crowley, *Senior Program Officer, ISC*

**8:45 – 10:00**  
**Understanding and Communicating Climate Vulnerabilities in the Gulf Coast**  
**Moderator:** Nathaly Agosto Filion, *Program Officer, ISC*

**Panelists:**  
Grace Aaron, *Consultant, Coastal Storms Program, City of Biloxi*  
Lynne Carter, *Program Manager, Southern Impacts Planning Program*  
Tracie Sempier, *Coastal Storms Outreach Coordinator, MASGC*  
Rick Stickler, *Floodplain Administrator, City of Biloxi*

**10:00 – 10:15**  
**Networking Break**

**10:15 – 11:15**  
**Concurrent Sessions, Round 1**

**SESSION TOPICS:**

1. **Reaching out to the Community through Social Marketing**, with Larissa Graham, *Coastal Training Program Coordinator, Mississippi Department of Natural Resources.*

2. **Exploring Effective Collaboration between Staff and Elected Officials on Resilience**, with Milton Houseman, *Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator, City of Biloxi, MS.*

3. **Advancing the Coastal Resilience Index**, with Jody Thompson, *Regional Outreach Coordinator, MASGC*

4. **Bridging Sustainability, Resilience and Hazards Planning**, with Daphne Viverette, *Community Development Director, City of Moss Point, MS.*

**11:15 – 11:30**  
**Networking Break**

**11:30 – 12:30**  
**Concurrent Sessions, Round 2**

**SESSION TOPICS:**

1. **Accessing Tools and Programs from the Coastal Services Center and Coastal Sustainability Studio**, with Becky Allee, *Senior Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Gulf Coast Services Center,* and Jeff Carney, *Director, Louisiana State University Coastal Sustainability Studio.*

3. **Collaborating Across Sectors to Lower Insurance Premiums for Low-Income Residents** with Jim Oleksak, Executive Director, *Community Enterprise Investments, Inc.*

4. **Understanding Community Needs during Evacuations** with Mayor Carol Ponthieux, *Town Iowa, LA.*

12:30 – 1:45 PM  
**Lunch Presentation**  
*“Working Together to Protect and Restore Coastal Lands”*  
Doug Meffert, Executive Director, *Louisiana Audubon Society*

1:45 – 2:00  
**Networking Break**

2:00 – 3:15  
**Community Mapping Clinic**  
*Facilitator:*  
Dr. Pam Jenkins, Professor, University of New Orleans

3:15 – 3:30  
**Networking Break**

3:30 – 4:30  
**Team Huddle #2: Sharing Insights**  
Teams meet privately to discuss insights from the day and how these may be applicable to their respective communities.

4:30 – 5:00  
**Highlights from Days 1 & 2**  
Participants share new ideas and insights from the first two days.
Strategize and Commit

7:30 – 8:30 AM Coffee with Counterparts
A networking session over breakfast – tables will be loosely organized by the types of organizations and functions represented on the teams, providing an opportunity for participants to meet and speak with their counterparts in other communities.

8:30 – 8:45 Opening Remarks
Recap of Days 1 & 2 and Overview of Day 3 Agenda
Michael Crowley, Senior Program Officer, ISC

8:45 – 9:45 Keynote Presentation –
“People are Key to the Solutions: Cultural Hind-Cast Must Precede Restoration Forecasts”
Don Davis, Director Emeritus of Oral Histories, Louisiana Sea Grant College Program,

9:45 – 10:00 Networking Break

10:00 – 11:00 Concurrent Sessions 3
SESSION TOPICS:
1. Master Planning for Resilience with Camille Manning Broome, Planning Director, Center for Planning Excellence.
2. Using Technology and Social Media for Resilience, with Emily Powell, Climate Scientist, Louisiana State University Coastal Sustainability Studio.
3. Designing Zoning and Land Use Ordinances with Mayor Patsy Parker, Perdido Beach, AL.
4. Planning for Resilience on the State-wide Scale with Angela Lawson, Comprehensive Resiliency Pilot Program, Office of Community Development, State of Louisiana and Ryan Bourriaque, Associate Parish Administrator, Cameron Parish Police Jury, LA.

11:00 – 12:00 Team Huddle 3: Strategizing & Committing to Action
Teams meet privately to discuss insights that they’ve acquired at the workshop and how their new knowledge may advance their work. Team leaders prepare short briefs (2-3 min.) on the one specific action that the team will take and on one need that the team will seek to address upon returning home.

12:00 – 12:30 PM Closing Plenary: Pulling it All Together
Round-the-horn report-outs and closing remarks
Each team reports on the outcomes of their Team Huddle process and next steps for their team upon returning home. (2-3 min. per team)