

Regional Resiliency Action Plan
Steering Committee Web-Meeting
February 16, 2018 | 10 am

Welcome and Roll Call was taken by Tara McCue

Committee went over the logo options for the plan.

Discussion about SLR curves and which to adopt to the plan. The sub-committee recommends the USACE 2013 High curve as the minimum and the upper as the NOAA 2017 curves to develop a range of sea level rise for planning purposes. While there was approval on the call, there was consensus to send follow up email to the steering committee to ask for objections or issues.

ECFRPC will develop a draft definition for “human manipulation” for the Committee to review on the next call. This will be an important term to define under the Infrastructure and Environment section.

There was committee discussed the next section “Economy and Society” and how we can accomplish resiliency. There was a suggestion to add “natural infrastructure” as an option and/or add an “etc” for utilities/infrastructure development in the future. SCTPO discussed how evacuations are difficult and that the transit system needs to be more robust and be able to assist vulnerable populations. The question of where do we take people resulted from this thought. The committee discussed the need for a shelter/housing of some sort for these situations. For recovery there is need for food, general health, etc. DOH Volusia noted that social services division is located in the storm surge area and is still struggling with recovery from Irma. There was no notice of increase in disease rates related to Irma, but there was an increase in mold and mildew calls. There is a need to find more, less vulnerable areas to house these important county/city services and provide transportation to them after a disaster. There was loss of jobs in low-income communities so how do we get them back on their feet?

For the discussion about the economic workshop, Brevard Achievement Center, United Way, Career Source Brevard and Volusia-Flagler are invited. For the tourism aspect of this area, facilities get destroyed and hurt the industry and its employees. Duane commented on the need for connection between the plan, increased speed of recovery, financial and infrastructure support that will last in that transition. Those timelines need to be in line and have a support system for a reasonable transition.

There was discussion on what needs to be done in order to meet the next goals. There needs to be a deeper causeway analysis (for the barrier islands), disaster preparedness plans for small business (by jurisdiction), tourism resiliency/ marketing program, low impact development workshops to focus on stormwater management and green infrastructure, and identify critical post storm service points.

From the open discussion there were many ideas to consider. Heidi noted that in places like Louisiana there are opportunities for job training for resiliency, restoration, and green energy. There was a note about how the San Juan Islands and their Vulnerability and Adaptation Plan could be a useful addition to this project and how we can protect historical sites/ archeological sites in planning.

Next Meeting – March 16, 2018 10:00-11:00