

NEWS Emailed June 5, 2022

Re: SWFL Regional Resiliency Coalition Forthcoming Business

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At our meeting on May 27, we ran short on time and tabled two ‘time sensitive’ matters. The two items – the compilation of Critical Assets for vulnerability analysis and the use of ACUNE for vulnerability analysis – are opportunities for jurisdictions to capitalize on existing grant monies and for the submission of a proposal for future funding both through DEP’s Resilient Florida grants program.

The first matter: Compilation of Critical Assets for Vulnerability Analysis. The Coalition currently has funding from a Resilient Florida award to assist jurisdictions in the collection and mapping of their critical assets. Identifying critical assets and ultimately assessing their vulnerability to aspects of climate change are both required of jurisdictions to be in compliance with the new Resilient Florida legislation. (See these two web sites for the requirements: https://frcp.secure-platform.com/a/page/VulnerabilityAssessment_criteria & https://frcp.secure-platform.com/a/page/CrisitcalAssets_List.) Many jurisdictions, particularly those in Lee County, may already be amassing these to be included in other ongoing vulnerability analyses. With the development of ACUNE for Lee and Charlotte Counties and the already existing version of ACUNE for Collier County (ACUNE is a set of vulnerability analysis tools that consider the risks associated with flooding caused by sea-level rise [i.e., nuisance flooding] and of storm surge as storms worsen and sea level rises in the future), these same assets can be mapped and analyzed with ACUNE. Your jurisdiction’s critical assets can be mapped and studying using multiple tools. To comply with the grant’s deliverable schedule and the State’s current fiscal year, for your jurisdiction to benefit, the work would need to be completed by middle of August, 2022. The Water School’s GIS Analyst is available to work with your staff in the collection of the necessary data. **Please let me know if you’re interested in pursuing this. It would require a small amount of some staff member’s time to transfer data to our Analyst. I also ask that you let me know if you’d like to be included by June 15.**

The second matter: Conducting a Vulnerability Analysis Using ACUNE. The Resilient Florida Grant Program has extended its proposal submission deadline for next fiscal to June 22nd. The original intention was to have ACUNE’s development ready early enough to begin vulnerability analysis tool training this summer. Difficulties in finalizing the contract with DEP for this fiscal year delayed the start of the tool’s development to March; the tools won’t be ready early enough to conduct the work this summer. Consequently, I would like to submit a renewal proposal to conduct: (1) tool use training workshops and (2) vulnerability analyses for all jurisdictions that would like to participate in the next fiscal year. Keep in mind, a jurisdiction can benefit from multiple vulnerability analyses using a variety of tools at its disposal. Time is short for this request. The proposal must be submitted by June 22, 2022, just a couple of weeks away. **If your jurisdiction is interested in participating, please let me know by end of business,**

June 10. Participation, if the proposal were funded, would require some staff time, but no cash commitment.

Many thanks,

Mike Savarese