

Florida Silver Jackets Quarterly Meeting

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Better*



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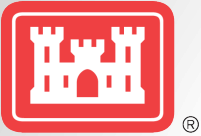


AGENDA



- Overview of the Silver Jackets Program
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Michelle Covi, Coastal Resilience DOD Liaison with the University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant
- Overview of current FY 24 SJ projects
- Overview of submitted FY 25 SJ Project Proposals





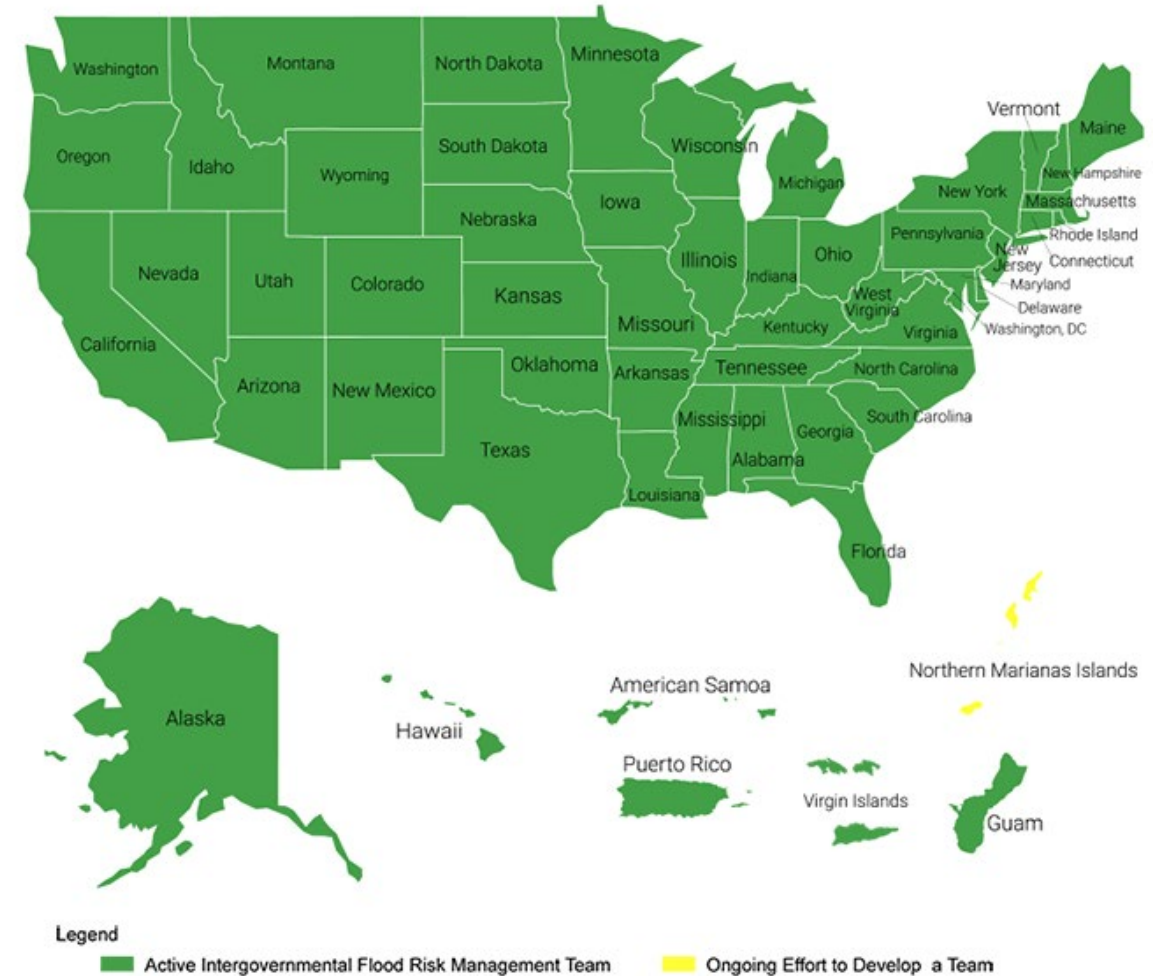
SILVER JACKETS PROGRAM



- Interagency teams facilitating collaborative solutions
- State-led with tribal, federal, and local agencies
- Natural disaster risk mitigation
- Sharing knowledge to enhance preparedness, response and recovery

State Teams

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Events & Webinars

RAE 2024 Coastal & Estuarine Summit
October 6 - 10, 2024

78th Annual SEAFWA Conference
October 12 - 16, 2024
Augusta, GA

Navigating Military Readiness Through Responsible Project Execution
December 11, 2024
Webinar (hosted by REPI)



FY24 FLORIDA SILVER JACKETS UPDATES



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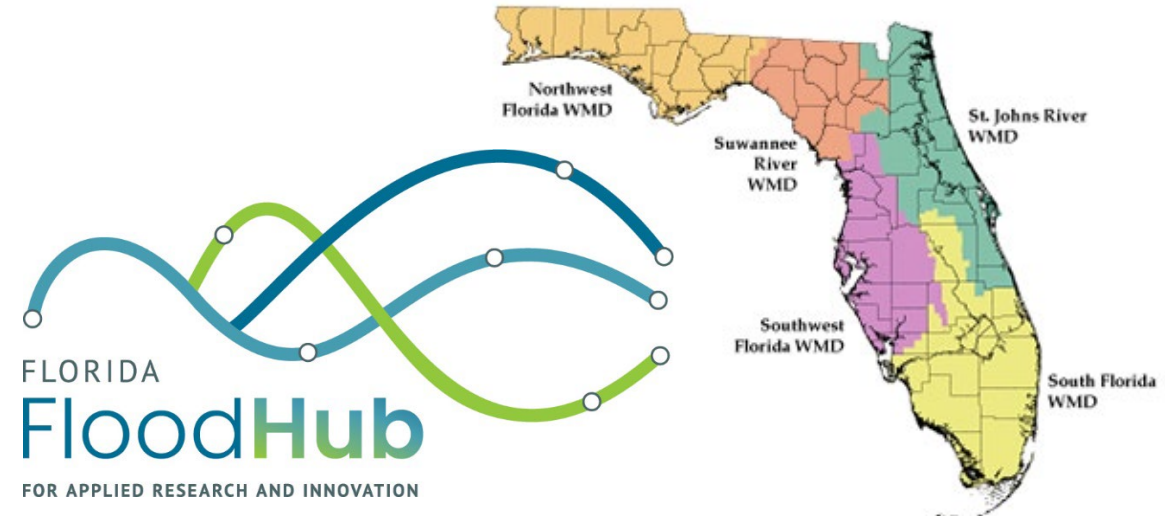




FLORIDA BASIN-LEVEL INVENTORY UPDATE



- Opportunity: Florida FloodHub development and to act as repository for all modeling and analysis across the state of Florida
- Products:
 - State-wide database- Inventory of modeling and analysis efforts in FL
 - Guidelines for aligning data methodology
 - Interactive tool for communities to access this information
- Status:
 - Collecting information & sharing data
 - Presentations by FloodHub, USACE, FAU Engineering
 - Workshop in St. Pete at Flood Hub - June 7





CRS: COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

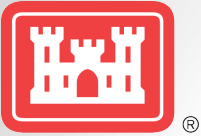


- Opportunity:
 - 468 communities in Florida with only 256 in CRS programs
 - Decrease rating level of participating communities
- Products:
 - Create a PPI for participating communities
 - Create a template for other communities
- Status:
 - Presentation by FDEM Conn Cole
 - Committee Workshop 30 May
 - Completion of Step 2 and progress on Step 3 & 4



[Community Rating System | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)





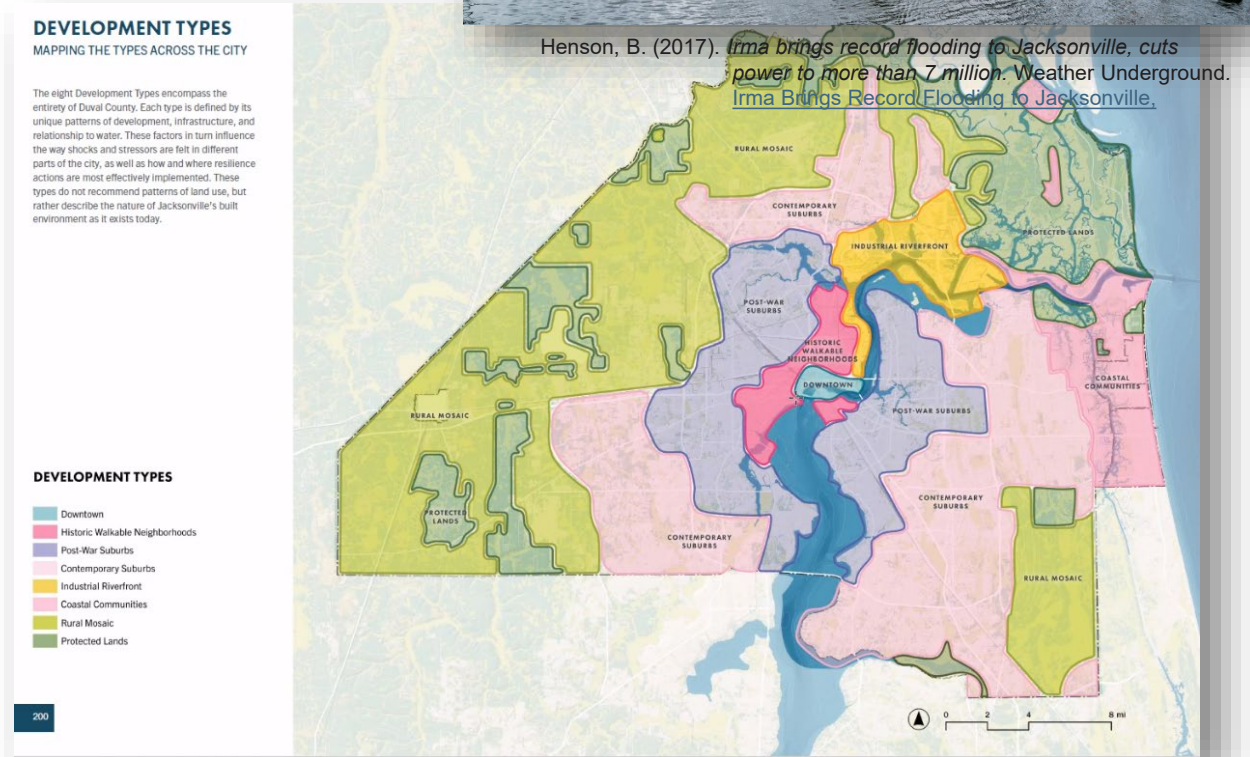
JACKSONVILLE GREEN ROADWAYS DESIGN CHARETTE



- Problem: Roadway flooding during heavy rain, tropical storms, and high tides on sunny days
- Products:
 - Identify pilot roadway projects in vulnerable communities
 - Host green roadway design charrettes that will promote the inclusion of green designs for both public and private entities
- Status:
 - Tentative Upcoming Engineering Charette 24 July



Henson, B. (2017). *Irma brings record flooding to Jacksonville, cuts power to more than 7 million.* Weather Underground. [Irma Brings Record Flooding to Jacksonville.](#)





INCORPORATING CORALS INTO THE HMGP PROCESS



- HMGP= Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Opportunity:
 - Coral and engineered reefs potentially reduce coastal flood damage by reducing wave energy
 - Recently funded State initiatives explore coral restoration and incorporating reefs into mitigation features
- Product: (1) Technical document providing information on coral as coastal protection features, current status and opportunities for funding coral as flood mitigation. (2) Community focused poster to increase awareness of coral reef functions for coastal protection
- Status:
 - April 2 workshop at University of Miami
 - Team is working on products



FY25 FLORIDA SILVER JACKETS PROPOSED PROJECTS

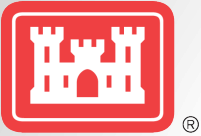


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COMMUNITY POST-FLOODING WQ HAZARD AWARENESS



- Problem: Post flooding WQ is a public health and environmental concern exacerbated by climate change impacts
- Background:
 - Gov. DeSantis reinstated a task force for FL to improve WQ using science to inform decision making process
 - Many other agencies also addressing these issues
- Opportunities:
 - Connect communities of FL to educational tools created by these agencies and the task force
 - Resiliency, preparation, response and recovery planning

EXECUTIVE ORDER

January 10, 2019

LESS THAN 48 HOURS AFTER BEING SWORN INTO OFFICE, GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OUTLINING HIS BOLD VISION FOR FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENT.

The Executive Order directs strategic action with a focus on accountability, transparency and collaboration and includes a proposed \$2.5 billion investment over four years. This funding – for Everglades restoration and protection of our water resources – is the highest level of funding for restoration in Florida's history.

Water is a key part of Florida's cultural heritage and a clean and abundant supply of water is inextricably linked to our future prosperity and economic well-being. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Health and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are working together to protect and restore our environment.

[Download Executive Order](#)

STATE TASK FORCE EFFORTS

RED TIDE TASK FORCE

Under Governor Ron DeSantis' leadership the Red Tide Task Force, also known as the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Task Force, was re-organized and received funding for the first time in more than 15 years.

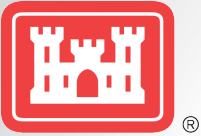
Coordination of the Red Tide Task Force and its activities will be carried out by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The task force focuses on the causes of red tide and seeks to provide mitigation solutions, identify research needs, and evaluate other actions intended to address impacts from red tide along with other saltwater based algal blooms.

These efforts will complement those of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force to improve water quality. Science will be at the forefront as they will also work with the new **Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative**, an outgrowth of a long-term partnership between FWC and Mote Marine Laboratory signed into law by Governor DeSantis. That initiative is focused specifically on the development and implementation of technologies to address impacts arising from red tide.

Three million dollars a year for six years, is provided by the state to facilitate these efforts and there will be an annual opportunity for scientists to submit competitive grant proposals from 2019-25 for scientists to partner with Mote scientists and utilize Mote facilities, infrastructure and technology.

[Learn More](#)





COMMUNITY GUIDEBOOK TO FLOOD MODELING



- Problem: Increasing flooding events across FL in communities
- Background:
 - FY24 SJ Florida Basin-Level Inventory Project
 - Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation
- Opportunities:
 - Create a guidebook for communities to highlight already present tools and provide an understanding of the flood modeling process
 - Utilization of the guidebook by the state to help communities access and understand flood modeling

Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation

USF College of Marine Science / Research / Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation
/ Scientific and Technical Workgroups

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL WORKGROUPS



RAINFALL WORKGROUP

It's sometimes said: Where it rains, it can flood. Florida's statewide **rainfall average is nearly 54 inches per year**, but changing precipitation patterns suggest that past conditions are not reliable indicators of future conditions. Extreme rainfall events, which can quickly overwhelm drainage systems, reveal an urgent need to design and implement water resource projects that reduce the likelihood of rain-induced flooding. The Flood Hub's workgroup on rainfall will estimate changes to the depth, duration, and frequency of extreme rainfall events. The goal is to improve short-term forecasts and longer-term projections, while guiding comprehensive water management efforts throughout the state.

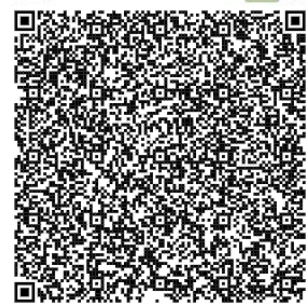
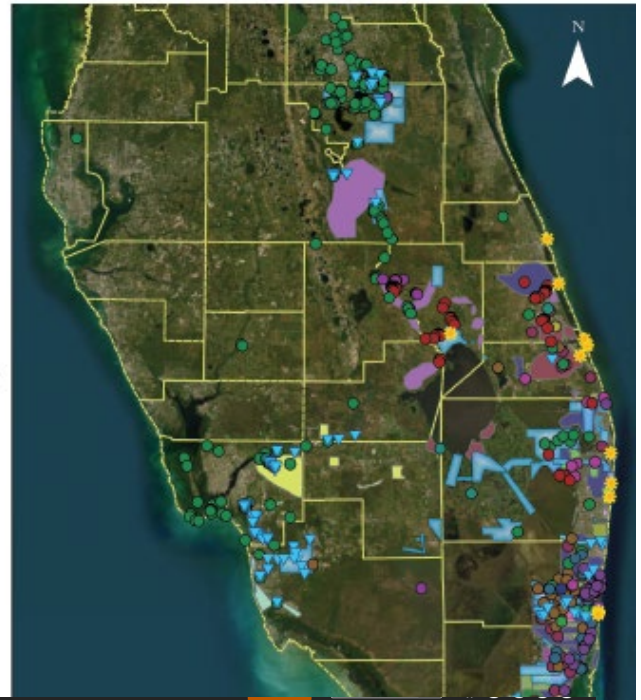


FLOOD OBSERVATIONS- REGIONAL COORDINATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



- Problem: Community flooding and a lack of understanding of all available tools
- Background:
 - SFWMD has already begun a similar effort
 - Flood Hub
- Opportunities:
 - Inventory existing tools
 - Help communities determine how to build better tools and expand their set
 - One location for all tools across the state
 - Create a recommended best practices tool list

- Social Media Crowd Sourced Reports
- High Water Mark
- February 2008 Rain Event
- July 2008 Rain Event
- Tropical Storm Fay 2008
- April 2009 Rain Event
- September 2010 Rain Event
- Spring 2020 Rain Event
- Tropical Storm Eta 2020
- King Tide Season 2021
- January 2022 Rain Event
- Summer 2022 Rain Event
- May 2022 Tidal Event
- Tropical Storm Alex 2022
- Hurricane Ian 2022
- Hurricane Nicole 2022
- September Tidal Event 2022
- King Tide Season 2022
- County
- Frequently Flooded Area (circa 2016)
- Severe rain 1991
- Severe rain 1995
- Hurricane Georges 1998
- Hurricane Mitch 1998
- Hurricane Floyd 1999
- Hurricane Irene 1999
- Oct 2000 Rain Event
- Hurricane Charley 2004
- Hurricane Frances 2004
- Hurricane Jeanne 2004
- Hurricane Dennis 2005
- Hurricane Katrina 2005
- Hurricane Wilma 2005
- Hurricane Ernesto 2006
- June 2008 Rain Event
- Tropical Storm Fay 2008
- Hurricane Michelle 2011
- Severe Storm 2012
- Tropical Storm Isaac 2012
- Tropical Storm Andrea 2013
- Severe Storm 2014
- King Tide in 2016
- Severe Rainfall 2017
- Hurricane Irma 2017
- May 2018 Rain Event
- Memorial day rainfall 2020
- Tropical Storm Arthur 2020
- Tropical Storm Eta 2020
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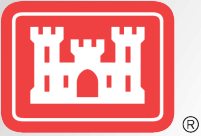
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Home >> Science Data >> GIS

Geospatial/Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

The South Florida Water Management District utilizes the following tools and websites to administer our mapping and spatial data library, which allows you to explore our data, develop your own custom maps, conduct analysis and download spatial data.

- Featured Map Gallery**
The Featured Map Gallery displays our most widely used cartographic maps that are available as PDFs. Bookmark or print the maps for your own use. Please note, the maps are only as current as the dates shown on each map. >>>mapgallery.sfwmd.gov
- Geospatial Open Data Portal**
Our Open Data site is where our publicly available spatial datasets can be viewed and downloaded. Additional Web Apps and Story Maps are featured to explore and learn more about the data. >>>geodata.sfwmd.gov
- Quick Maps App**
The Quick Maps application provides access to many SFWMD spatial datasets where you can also perform searches and analysis, create custom maps, and more. Click the INFO button in the app to learn more about the available features. >>>maps.sfwmd.gov



ST. MARYS CLIMATE RESILIENCE EDUCATIONAL SERIES



- Problem: Climate change impacts to the cross-state zone of the St. Marys River and its surrounding areas
- Background:
 - Many ongoing and developing nature-based environmental resiliency projects in St. Marys Watershed
- Opportunities:
 - Greater connectivity between relevant agencies
 - Educating the public via workshops on the ongoing efforts and nature-based solutions
 - Examination of areas currently underserved and determine NBS opportunities for interagency improvement



St. Marys Riverkeeper is the chief advocate and public's voice for the St. Marys River.

Explore Your Watershed

Check the water levels

[SMR at Moniac](#)

[SMR near Macclenny \(US-121\)](#)

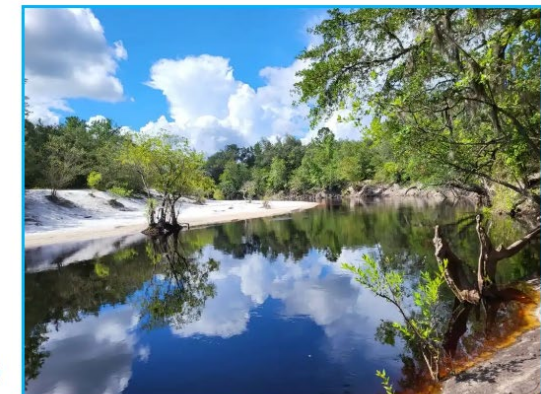
[SMR at Traders Hill](#)

[SMR at I-95 Bridge](#)

[Front Street in Fernandina](#)

[Water Quality Data in Georgia Adopt-a-Stream Database](#)

[Link to The St. Marys River Paddling Guide \(FloridaDEP.gov\)](#)



Picture is from St. Marys Shoals Park in Baker County, FL



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