

Managed Retreat in the U.S. Gulf Coast Region

Perspectives and Approaches to Property Acquisitions: Challenges and Lessons Learned

Agenda | 11:00am–2:30pm ET

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TUESDAY, December 13, 2022 (all times ET)

Objectives

- Hear about challenges and lessons learned from property acquisition programs (i.e. buyouts) from experts across sectors
- Discuss how acquisition programs and processes can be improved
- Inform the committee for the study, [Managed Retreat in the US Gulf Coast Region](#)

11:00–11:15	Welcome and Introductions Dr. Janice Barnes , Committee Co-chair & Founding and Managing Partner, Climate Adaptation Partners Throughout the day's discussions, the Roundtable may be joined by respondents from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Sabrina Simms, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist, FEMA Region 4 (<i>invited</i>)
11:15–12:50	Part One: Government Perspectives from the Gulf Coast Region Moderator: Dr. Gavin Smith , Committee Member & Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, North Carolina State University
11:15–12:15	Introductions and Key Challenges Ms. Laura Dhuwe , Chief of Mitigation, Florida Division of Emergency Management Ms. Kathy Hopkins , Manager, Flood Mitigation Assistance and State Flood Grant Programs, Texas Water Development Board Ms. Jana Henderson , Mitigation Office Director, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Mr. Michael Johnson , Public Assistance Officer, Alabama Emergency Management Agency Mr. Ben Wicker , Resilient Housing Manager, LA Watershed Initiative, Louisiana Office of Community Development & Mr. Jeffrey Giering , Section SHMO, Hazard Mitigation Technical Services, LA Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
12:15–12:45	Q&A and Moderated Discussion

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12:45–1:05	BREAK
1:05–2:25	Part Two: Perspectives from other Agencies and Sectors Moderator: Dr. Craig Colten , Professor Emeritus, Louisiana State University
1:05–1:40	Introductions and Perspectives Ms. Courtney Wald-Wittkop , Program Manager, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection: Office of Climate Resilience & The New Jersey's Blue Acres Program Ms. Kelly Main , Executive Director, Buy-in Community Planning Dr. Elyse Zavar , Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management and Disaster Science, University of North Texas
1:40–2:25	Q&A and Moderated Discussion
2:25–2:30	Closing and Final Remarks John Ben Soileau , Study Co-Director & Program Officer, The Board on Environmental Change and Society, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
2:30	ADJOURN

