

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)

- **Ms. Sabrina Simms**, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist, FEMA Region 4 (*invited*)

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

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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**

