

UU Justice Florida Climate Resilience Ministry



ReACT Tool Kit
Resilience Adaptation Community Tool Kit



Building Climate Resilience by Building Community

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**Outreach Team
Training**



**Neighborhood
Outreach &
Surveying**



**Flood
Measurements
& Mapping**

Building Resilience 1 Community at a Time

Understanding and Responding to the Effects of Climate Change on Community Health and Wellbeing

UUJF's Climate Resilience Ministry is training residents of coastal communities to work together to improve flood and storm safety, and to protect health when confronted with contaminated water, algae blooms, heat waves and poor air quality, indoor mold, and vector borne disease.

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PARTNER

Multiple stakeholder groups in the community design an outreach plan.

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EDUCATE & SURVEY

A Resident Outreach Team is trained to educate & survey their neighbors.

3

PROMOTE DIALOGUE

Resilience concerns are presented at a community meeting with public officials.

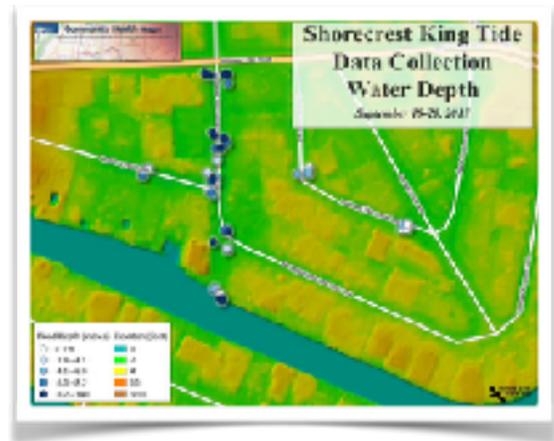
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Partnering with Others is Central to Building Community Resilience

All *Rising Together* projects support specific recommendations of local risk reduction and resilience plans

Florida's coastal municipalities and counties are challenged to protect the health and property of residents as the climate changes. Low-income residents are among the most vulnerable due to the lack of resources in the community to recover from disasters. UUJF's Climate Resilience Ministry works with existing leadership in low-income communities of color to educate and to build community capacity, by partnering with faith groups, community groups, government, business and academia. Educating about public health concerns and how to prepare for or react to them, connecting residents to government departments and officials responsible for the health and safety of the community, and providing survey and field testing results that identify resilience challenges are essential to informing public dialogue.

Janice T. Booher, Director of the UUJF Climate Resilience Ministry received Honorable Mention from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the 2017 National Community Preparedness Champion category for the tri-lingual *Rising Together* projects that provided preparedness information to low-income, limited English proficiency households in Naples and West Palm Beach.



The National Institute of Health National Library of Medicine's Community Health Mapping Workflow Provides Detailed Local Flood Maps for *Rising Together* Projects

The EPA and CDC compliant outreach materials in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole were created under EPA Environmental Justice Small Project Grant EQ-00D35415-0 awarded to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton. Field Test Kits and protocols for crowd-sourcing salinity and depth measurements, as well as bacteria testing of floodwaters, were developed in cooperation with FIU's Sea Level Solutions Center during the 2017 King Tides in Shorecrest, Miami.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST VALUES

UUs respect the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. UUs also heed the guidance of reason and the results of science.

Rising Together projects use empirical observation, measurement, surveying and data mapping to identify community resilience concerns. We promote civic engagement and public dialogue about resilience concerns that are challenging Florida's coastal communities, and responsible government initiatives that reduce risk and protect human health life and health.

