

Instructors

Susan Fox, of The Baldwin Group, joined the NOAA Coastal Services Center in January 2005. Her current role as a coastal management specialist includes leading the Coastal Community Planning and Development (CCPD) training, coordinating smart growth and sustainability projects with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and serving as the liaison to the National States Geographic Information Council. Before coming to NOAA, Susan worked on planning and development reviews, as well as the design and creation of a public access website for the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Susan obtained a bachelor's degree in biology from the College of Charleston and a master's degree in environmental science from the University of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina. Susan was an educator in environmental and biological sciences and a plant geneticist before beginning her work in coastal remote sensing and land use planning at the Coastal Services Center.

Margaret Allen, of The Baldwin Group, joined the NOAA Coastal Services Center in December 2001. In her current role as smart growth training specialist, Margaret teaches the Coastal Community Planning and Development course and coordinates other smart growth efforts at the Center. She also manages the Coastal Management Fellowship Program, where recent graduates are placed in state coastal zone management agencies for two years to work on high-priority coastal issues, such as climate change, coastal development, and ocean planning. Margaret has also worked to develop tools that help coastal managers use remotely sensed data and imagery to look at the link between development patterns and the environment.

Margaret obtained her bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Virginia and her master's degree in business administration from the Citadel. Before coming to the Center, Margaret worked as an air quality specialist for a private consulting firm, where she modeled the dispersion of pollutants and guided manufacturing facilities through the environmental permitting process.