

# Successes and Best Practices from the Gulf of Mexico Climate Outreach Community of Practice



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# What Is a Community of Practice?

A group of professionals  
who aim to achieve common outcomes



# What Is the Gulf of Mexico Climate Community of Practice?

A network of outreach, extension, and education professionals and local community officials from Gulf states working together to

Explore the state of climate science in the Gulf region

Learn how coastal communities can adapt to climate change impacts

Share lessons learned related to climate communication





# How Do We Work Together?

Annual meetings

Webinar series

Website

StormSmart Connect

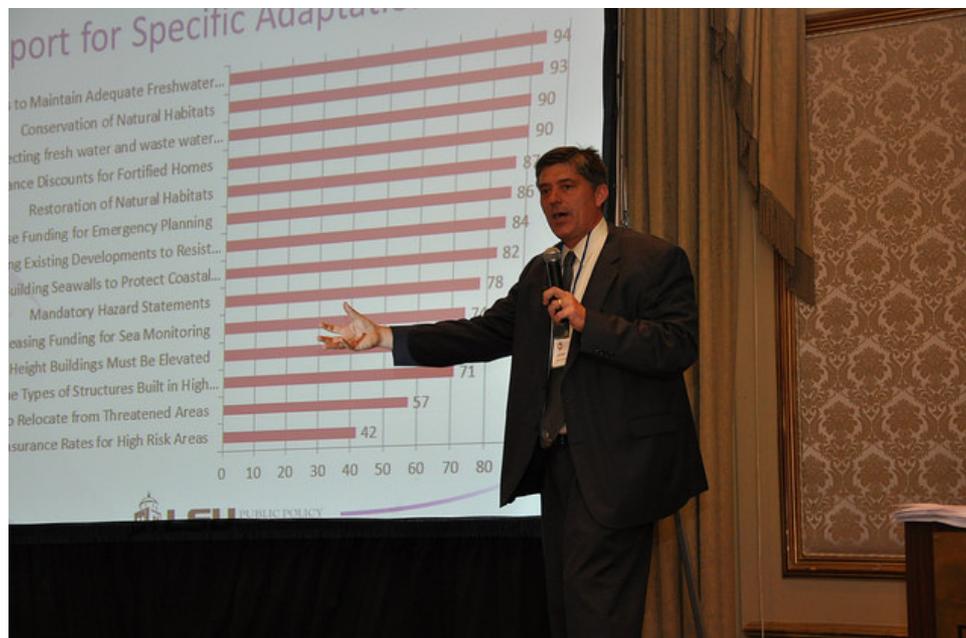
Working groups

Monthly *Tools Bulletin*

Small grants



# Annual Meetings





# Spirit of Community Award



# Leveraging Opportunities: Orange Beach, Alabama, and the Mississippi Coast



# Community Action: Delcambre, Louisiana



# Summary

## Best Practices

- Logic model framework
- Small grant opportunities
- Spirit of Community Award
- Survey needs
- Partner with communities
- Make meetings accessible to local government staff members
- Provide opportunities for professional sharing

## Successes

- Six annual meetings
- Monthly tools bulletin
- Webinar series
- 9 communities have included sea level rise in hazard mitigation and comprehensive plans
- Participation in Federal Emergency Management Agency's High Water Mark Initiative
- Integration with Southeast and Caribbean CoP



# Join Us!

**Gulf of Mexico Climate Community of Practice Annual Meeting  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
April 19 to 21, 2016**



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