Planning for Sea Level Rise in the Matanzas Basin
November 2011 - October 2014

Participants

The GTM Research Reserve and the University of Florida’s College of Design, Construction and Planning received a three-year grant from the National Estuarine Research Reserve System Science Collaborative. The project’s Steering Committee is composed of diverse local government and private stakeholder representatives in the area. The project team is working with planners, property owners, and the general public to develop planning scenarios and adaptation strategies.

Project Purpose

Plan for sea level rise in a way that protects communities and the environments they depend on for quality of life and commerce.

We use a structured collaborative process to work with planners, property owners, and scientists. Together we identify areas of conflict and agreement related to sea level rise, develop land use scenarios to illustrate the results of different planning decisions, and communicate these scenarios to the general public.

Our Timeline

This project runs from November 2011 to October 2014. Your input is critical to ensure it remains focused on relevant sea level adaptation planning questions and that the resulting information and tools are useful in your work.

Fall 2012
Project members will present sea level rise vulnerability assessments to stakeholder representatives and receive input at focus group meetings.

Fall 2013:
Chesapeake Bay Trust representatives will jointly identify sea and rise adaptation scenarios during facilitated meetings.

Summer 2014:
The project and other interested parties will participate in a regional sea level rise adaptation planning workshop that will showcase the project’s accomplishments and set the stage for future planning.