

Coastal Resilience Community of Practice Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – 10:00am - 12:00pm

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Purpose of the COP: Bring together diverse coastal stakeholders to focus on how ecosystem resilience can build local community resilience. We don't necessarily have to have a "thing" to work on but will take on projects as appropriate and mutually agreed on. Website: <https://deq.nc.gov/coastal-resilience-cop>

This quarter's meeting is focused on equitable community engagement.

Agenda

- 10:00am Welcome & Introductions
- 10:10am The Institute for Engagement & Negotiation at the University of Virginia, [Equitable Collaboration website](#) – Frank Dukes
- 10:25pm Q&A with Frank
- 10:35am Equitable Community Engagement: Recommendations for the North Carolina Flood Resiliency Blueprint
- Carol Caldwell, Community Advocate and Former Executive Director for Columbus County DREAM Center
 - Reverend Keith Graham, Director of Operations of Workforce for Men & Women United for Youth and Families
 - Michelle Lovejoy, Manager of Climate Resilient Coasts & Watersheds North Carolina for Environmental Defense Fund
 - Kathryn Gaasch, Program Director for MDC Rural Forward
- 10:50am Q&A with Carol, Keith, Michelle & Kathryn
- 11:00am 5-Minute Break
- 11:05am Reflections on engaging an under-represented population through the [Eastern Carteret Collaborative](#) Paula Gillikin, N.C. Coastal Reserve
- 11:15am Q&A with Paula
- 11:25am Round robin – members share what they are working on related to resilience
- 11:55am Next meeting:
- Next meeting in June. Whitney will send a meeting poll
 - Next meeting topics –
 - Dan Rizza - Climate Central - Cayla will get up with him
 - NC Flood Coalition (American Flood Coalition) – Eryn suggestion
 - Town of Nags Head's estuarine shoreline management plan – Lora suggestion
 - NC Land and Water Fund – funding recipients related to flooding/resilience – Stacey can ask Steve Bevington
 - Other agenda item ideas?
- 12:00pm Adjourn