

## ***Jasmine Smith***

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I was born and raised in a small waterfront, Gullah Geechee community, named Pin Point. My ancestors built this community on strong foundations such as faith, family, and perseverance. After over 12 years of working in sales and marketing I was encouraged to finally step up to the plate and join other community members tackling important issues like climate change and coastal resiliency. As the President of the Pin Point Betterment Association, I have spearheaded several activities aimed at promoting community resilience and sustainability. Through our collaboration with the Coastal Equity and Resilience (CEAR) Hub Institute for People and Technology at Georgia Institute of Technology, we successfully secured grant funding to address critical issues within our community. In November 2023, I presented our restorative efforts at the U.S. Forest Service International Seminar on Community Resilience, sharing insights with international participants. Over the past two years, I have actively organized and facilitated more than a dozen community meetings, ensuring that residents are informed and engaged in our ongoing development efforts. In May of 2024 we successfully executed a tree-trimming project that involved assessing, pruning, and removing weakened trees across 27.18 acres in Pin Point. This initiative not only improved the safety and aesthetics of our neighborhood but also raised awareness about the importance of tree health in promoting community resilience. Additionally, I've partnered with our local county officers to implement traffic calming measures in our neighborhood, resulting in the installation of eight speed humps and increasing visibility in our community as it relates to street lighting. With a passion for helping others and a deep love for my community, I've chosen to devote my time to further advancing our communities initiatives for mitigating local challenges.