

Coastal Inundation Community of Practice: Regional Resilience Networks Webinar Agenda

Tuesday, June 24, 2025
2:00-3:15 EST / 11:00-12:15 PST

Time (ET)	Activity
2:00	Welcome
2:10	Panel Discussion Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracie Sempier, Coastal Resilience Engagement Specialist, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Gulf Resilience Community of Practice • Lydia Salus, Program Coordinator, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Collaborative Action for Lake Michigan Coastal Resilience (CALM) • Danielle Swallow, Coastal Hazards Specialist, Delaware Sea Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Delaware Resilient And Sustainable Communities League (RASCL)
2:45	Interactive Q & A This is an opportunity for participants to ask questions of the panelists about regional resilience strategies and lessons learned for building coastal resilience.
3:15	Adjourn

Speaker Bios:

Dr. Tracie Sempier is the Coastal Resilience Engagement Specialist for the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium. She works with local communities, state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, coastal managers, residents, and K-12 audiences to try to decrease the negative impacts of disasters (natural, technological, and biological) on families, communities, and the environment. Tracie is also the VORTEX-SE Engagement Coordinator. She is creating a model for regional extension programming focused on severe weather, synthesizing research findings to inform application at the local level, and working to create safe sheltering options for vulnerable populations. Dr. Sempier leads the Gulf Resilience Community of Practice, where she utilizes existing networks to build connections with target audiences. Tracie has over twenty-five years of professional experience in education/outreach with various

audiences in formal/informal learning environments. She is a recipient of the prestigious Gulf Guardian Award and the Spirit of Community Award for her work on resilience issues in the Gulf of Mexico. She earned a B.S. in Marine Science and Biology from the University of Alabama, an M.S. in Science and Mathematics Education at Oregon State University, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Mississippi State University.

Lydia Salus is a Program Coordinator for the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP), where she helps coastal communities bridge-the-gap between science and decision-making. She provides outreach and manages projects focusing on coastal hazards, habitat, and resilience. Lydia's past work has included field work on ecological restoration in Wisconsin and Illinois and science outreach about coastal hazards and resilience on the Wisconsin Great Lakes. She received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences, Policy, and Management from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities as well as a Master of Science in Water Resources Management with a focus in Hydrology and Watershed Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Danielle Swallow is a Coastal Hazards Specialist with Delaware Sea Grant, where she provides technical assistance and outreach to Delaware communities on building resilience to weather and climate hazards. She is a certified climate change professional and co-founder of the Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL), a professional network of organizations dedicated to helping communities thrive in the face of a changing climate. She is also active in advising communities about land use practices and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Danielle is the 2022 recipient of both the Mid-Atlantic Sea Grant Award for Outstanding Outreach and the University of Delaware College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment's Community Engagement Award. She has 25 years of climate and coastal policy and planning experience.