



Spotlight on the Environment: Tackling Climate Change in Palm Beach County

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Join us to learn about the results of a climate change vulnerability assessment recently completed by the Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County (CRP), a group consisting of the County and seven jurisdictions along the coast. The CRP studied 12 specific climate change threats in order to provide a baseline understanding of the potential risks to these communities and to identify possible adaptation strategies.

We'll discuss why and how the group formed, summarize the methodology and regional study results, and discuss how these municipalities and the County might move forward based on the findings of this important initiative.

Panel Presenters



Katelyn Cucinotta is an analyst for Palm Beach County's Office of Resilience with a background in coastal conservation, wildlife policy, renewable energy, and environmental science. Katelyn holds a B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy with a minor in Geospatial Science from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and an M.A. in Marine and Coastal Studies from Nova Southeastern University. Throughout her studies, Katelyn focused on anthropogenic impacts on the marine environment, climate change, and how to effectively communicate science to inspire others.

After working for the federal government, a non-profit organization, academia, and the corporate sector, Katelyn is thrilled to be putting her knowledge and passion to work in the County she calls home. For the Office of Resilience, Katelyn focuses her efforts on coastal adaptation, developing a countywide Resilience Action Plan, and geospatial studies. She is the County lead on the Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County.



Rebecca became the City of Boynton Beach's first Sustainability Coordinator in 2017. In this role, she leads the City's environmental sustainability and resilience efforts, which include reducing carbon emissions and helping the City and its diverse residents and business owners adapt to the impacts of climate change. Rebecca has 20 years of experience as an environmental researcher and communicator and has published peer-reviewed articles on environmental attitudes, invasive species management, carnivore conservation, and Everglades ecology. She is a California native and holds two Master's degrees in Sociology and Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is also a trained Climate Reality Leader.

Rebecca has recently updated the City of Boynton Beach's Climate Action Plan with aggressive targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2035 and achieve net zero by 2050. She has also been a driving force in the Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County, a coalition of municipalities working together on climate change adaptation.



Lindsey started with the City of Boca Raton in 2018 as the Sustainability Manager of the newly created Office of Sustainability. Prior to joining the City, Lindsey served on Boca Raton's Green Living Advisory Board and as the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Hollywood, FL. As the Sustainability Manager for Boca Raton, Lindsey wrote the first Sustainability Action Plan and also conducted the first greenhouse gas inventory. She develops policies and programs for the City and its residents and businesses as they adapt to climate change and become better stewards of their environment.

Originally from Illinois, Lindsey moved to South Florida in 2003 where her career has included field biology, environmental education, and sustainability. Lindsey currently lives in Boca Raton with her family.