

Building Resilience through the Community Rating System: Using Sea Grant Resources to Assist Local Communities

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Coastal Resilience, hazard mitigation and natural disaster recovery are urgent concerns in Southeast coastal communities. In order to adapt to rising costs of flooding, insurance rates are increasing rapidly. Offsetting this, discounted policy rates are offered dependent on local government participation in the Community Rating System Program. Georgia Sea Grant has helped several coastal communities enter the Community Rating System Program and improve their scores within the program. I will give a lively demonstration of the framework of the program, discuss the various ways we have been able to work with communities, and our expectations for both the near future and long term goals.