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Disaster Resilient Communities 2014 Products and Progress

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Disaster Resilient Communities Team Goal

DRC seeks to help communities understand potential risks and threats, take steps to prepare for and adapt to chronic and episodic events, and deal with effectively post-disaster response.

Disaster Resilient Communities Team Members

- **STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

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Will Salters – SC Department of Health & Environmental Control
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- **FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES**

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Colton Bowles – U.S. Dept. of Defense/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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- **ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

J. Chris Crew – NC State Hazard Mitigation Office
Melissa Berry Potter – SC State Hazard Mitigation Office
Terry Lunn – GA State Hazard Mitigation Office
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DRC 2014 Team Work Plan

- **Action DRC3B**: Develop guidance to improve redevelopment considerations in state and local hazards mitigation plans and local comprehensive and growth management plans.
- **Action DRC3C**: Explore short-term economic recovery aspects of long-term redevelopment, and opportunities to create partnerships in support of local business recovery.
- **Action DRC5B**: Develop regional standards or best practices for monitoring and mapping beachfront and estuarine shoreline changes for the purpose of targeting specific areas for management responses.

DRC3B Improve redevelopment considerations

- DRC met with FEMA by conference call on December 18th, and at the Feb 2014 meeting in Savannah. Some of the implementation steps are no longer valid or are already being performed by FEMA.
- FEMA's Emergency Support Functions have been moved into the National Disaster Recovery Frameworks (NDRF); when fully implemented should satisfy all of the intentions behind DRC3B; FEMA will dictate the pace.
- NDRF training webinar coming up on September 15th; with additional training events anticipated.

DRC3C economic recovery; business partnerships

- Joseph Bauer (FL DEP, Coastal Office) just completed a document covering the opportunities for public-private partnerships for PDRP in FL.
- Covers several topics of a redevelopment plan, e.g. housing, economic recovery, infrastructure, environment, health & social services, & others.
- Includes specific examples of partnerships used by Florida in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010.

DRC5B standards/BMPs for monitoring and mapping shoreline changes for targeted mgmt action

- On hold awaiting the development of the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis tool being developed by Dr. Clark Alexander. DRC will re-assess its approach to DRC5B in light of the HVA tool.
- DRC hosted a webinar on August 20th with NC Sea Grant and the SC Sea Grant Consortium on the Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptation Planning Scenarios (VCAPS) tool. The tool is intended to help decision makers and residents learn about hazards associated with weather and climate variability and increase their resiliency by making better-informed decisions.