

The "Community Response to Flooding Visioning Workshop" will be held at the University of Miami's Newman Alumni Center on February 28 to March 1, 2018.

You are receiving this message because you have registered to attend. This message is long, but it seeks to include everything you should need for your trip and participation. Please contact any of the planning team members listed in the "To" box of this email, and signed below, if you have questions after reviewing the below.

1. BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR THE MEETING:

a. Because we want to ensure that our limited time together at the workshop is as productive and interactive as possible, we wanted to get some feel for the diversity of work occurring throughout the Sea Grant network on flooding issues *before* our workshop together. Thus, we held a series of three webinars highlighting some activities in Sea Grant. We will be making recordings of the webinars available as soon as we are able to complete the captioning of them to comply with accessibility policies (minus the first webinar, which, due to technical issues, did not record). We hope meeting participants will take the time to learn about some of the great work shown in these webinars as background before attending the meeting. If you prefer, we also have some brief summaries of webinars 2 and 3 attached (Flooding Resilience Webinar Summaries.docx).

b. As our goal is to produce input that will guide the planning team's development of a draft vision document for "Community Response to Flooding," it behooves us to understand how the Nat'l Sea Grant Office thinks about this. The idea of NSGO to do visioning on multiple topics developed in part based on the successful use of the aquaculture vision document produced at the national level. Thus, please review the attached aquaculture vision document (Aquaculture Vision Example.pdf) as an example vision document.

c. While it is subject to change based on a final planning, attached is a draft agenda for the meeting (Community Response to Flooding Visioning Wkshp draft participant agenda_1.23.18.docx).

2. MEETING VENUE:

a. Bruce and Robbi Toll Library at the Newman Alumni Center, University of Miami, 6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

b. The venue is less than a block from the Metrorail, but almost *exactly* in between two Metrorail stations ☹. If you take the Metrorail, I suggest using University Station and walking southwest about ½ mile.

c. If you are tired of the indoors and want to appreciate the warm weather, the walk from the hotel to venue is 2.5 miles, and estimated to take about 50 minutes.

d. For driving directions and a map to the actual meeting venue, please refer to the "About" tab on their website at www.newmanalumnicenter.com.

3. HAPPY HOUR: After the meeting on the first day, we will be having happy hour at The Titanic Brewing Company (<http://www.titanicbrewery.com/titanic/>), which is less than two blocks from the venue. 5813 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Coral Gables, FL 33146 (305) 668-1742

4. MEETING LOGISTICS:

a. The meetings will include breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snacks.

b. NOTE: The draft agenda has us starting at 8:30 AM on the first day and 9:00 AM on the second day. This *does not* include the time for you to have breakfast, which will be

ready at 8:00 AM on both days, meaning that you really need to be on time for the first day as time for breakfast is short.

5. HOTEL:

a. The recommended lodging, if you booked it, is Four Points by Sheraton Coral Gables (Near Merrick Park and 2-3 blocks from Metro Rail). 3861 SW 40th Street, Coral Gables, FL 33146 Phone: [\(305\) 567-0534](tel:3055670534)

b. The hotel is a little under 1/2 mile from the Douglas Road Metrorail Station. You can take the Metrorail directly from the airport to this station.

6. TRAVEL:

a. From the airport: Follow signs in the airport to ground transportation: Metrorail (<https://www.miamidade.gov/transit/metrorail.asp>). You will need to purchase a ticket at one of the machines close to entrance. They accept credit cards, debit cards, and cash. Any ticket for the Metrorail is \$2.25. You can also purchase a ticket with more than that amount on it if you know you will be using it more than once. You cannot board an incorrect Metrorail in the airport: the only option is the orange line headed south. Stay on that train for 10 stops and get out at Douglas Road Station (the station after Coconut Grove Station). From here, you may either use the Coral Gables Trolley (info below) or walk to the hotel if you do not have too much luggage. It is about 5 blocks to the hotel.

b. You will also be able to use the free Coral Gables Trolley. The North/South Ponce de Leon Boulevard Route runs along Ponce de Leon Boulevard from the Douglas Metrorail Station to Flagler Street. This service runs every 10 to 12 minutes from Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. It passes within about 1-1.5 blocks of the Sheraton, but the stops are ½ block north or south of SW 40th St/Bird Road (the road the hotel is on) on Ponce de Leon Blvd. The trolley will take you south to the Douglas Metrorail Station or northbound to downtown Coral Gables/Miracle Mile, which is a great place to find restaurants, bars, ice cream or just go walking.

c. General trolley web page: <http://www.coralgables.com/index.aspx?page=325>

d. Trolley routes and

times: <http://www.coralgables.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=10750>

e. Real-time trolley viewer: <http://cgpublic.etaspot.net/>

f. If you can avoid it, I recommend avoiding dealing with a rental vehicle. The hotel DOES NOT include parking. The hotel only offers valet parking, and it is \$20 per night, per vehicle for overnight guests. If you do rent a vehicle, I do not necessarily suggest using it to get to our meetings due to parking. If you do want to do so, it appears we may have a limited number of parking passes. I have been promised more info on this next week, and I'll pass it along to you as available. Barring that, you will need to park in the Ponce de Leon garage

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[80.2832322,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x88d9c7fedc95543b:0xab03686cb30562fe!8m2!3d25.7126931!4d-80.2810435](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ponce+De+Leon+Parking+Garage,+5665+Ponce+De+Leon+Blvd,+Coral+Gables,+FL+33146/@25.7126931,-80.2832322,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x88d9c7fedc95543b:0xab03686cb30562fe!8m2!3d25.7126931!4d-80.2810435)). I believe you may purchase a daily parking pass there but am not completely certain.

g. If you are flying into Fort Lauderdale International Airport, you may take a shuttle bus (FLA-1 Shuttle) from the airport to the Tri-Rail Station (the shuttle bus is free) (for more info, see www.tri-rail.com). You will need to purchase a ticket for the Tri-Rail and take it south to the "Metrorail Transfer Station." There, you can purchase a ticket, board the Metrorail train headed south and take it to the Douglas Metrorail Station (as noted above).

7. UNOFFICIAL FIELD TRIP:

- a. What: While it is not part of the visioning project or the visioning project agenda, some on the planning team expressed interest in seeing a bit of the Hurricane Irma damage in the Florida Keys and learning a little more about the response. Thus, I have lined up two people that will be willing to meet with some people in the middle Keys (about 2 hrs from Miami, depending on traffic) at maybe 2-3 different locations.
- b. When: This will take place the morning of March 2. Probably departing about 7:30 am and finishing around noon for the talks. After that, people will be free, depending on their schedules, to further explore the Keys, have some food, return to Miami, etc. As we will be probably be heading to Lower Matecumbe Key, return time to Miami Int'l Airport could be around 2.5-3 hours, depending on traffic.
- c. How: As this is not an official field trip, the planning team is not formally arranging transportation for those that wish to attend. That said, it does sound like some people will have cars, and we are a friendly, communicative bunch, so if you want to go, please take advantage of the breaks and HAPPY HOUR, as noted above, to speak with others and work on transportation arrangements.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the planning team members listed in the “To” box of this email, and signed below, if you have any questions. The planning team looks forward to seeing you in Miami for an engaging and productive workshop to create the basis for a national-scope vision for Sea Grant’s “Community Response to Flooding.”

Regards from the Planning Team:

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