



THE SUNRISE CITY
FORT PIERCE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COMMISSION
Florida

January 25, 2024

Grant Coordinator, Business Operations Division
ATTN: Climate Resilience Regional Challenge
NOAA Office for Coastal Management
2234 South Hobson Avenue
Charleston, SC 29405-2413

Dear NOAA CRRC Proposal Reviewer:

The City of Fort Pierce is pleased to support SCDRP on their NOAA CRRC Track 1 proposal entitled “*Building upon seven years of dedicated regional collaboration and coordination to deepen the work and expand the reach of the Southeast & Caribbean Disaster Resilience Partnership*” (SCDRP).

The City of Fort Pierce will work with the IRLNEP, SCDRP and their regional partners to strengthen community resilience and support recovery from natural disasters. SCDRP is an essential and unique regional network for professionals in emergency management, climate adaptation and disaster recovery to work with local coastal communities throughout the U.S. Southeast and Caribbean territories. Project Corethron recognizes that special attention is needed in vulnerable communities that are underserved, underrepresented or economically challenged.

Project Corethron will benefit St. Lucie County, the City of Fort Pierce and the Moore’s Creek community in several direct ways: Convene community leaders to identify chief challenges to community resilience and develop an action plan that identifies priority projects and potential funding sources; Provide a regional framework to expand partnerships and share knowledge; Develop and maintain a Regional Resilience Repository to facilitate easy transfer of knowledge and emerging best practices; and Invest in travel costs for local community leaders to participate in SCDRP and NOAA CRRC meetings that will provide opportunities to expand regional network connections, improve leadership skills and empower local communities to take action to reduce vulnerabilities and increase resilience to flooding, storm events and other disasters that threaten community infrastructure, economic stability, health and safety and prosperity. If funded, Project Corethron will strengthen and expand on-going initiatives and collaborative partnerships associated with the “Resilient St. Lucie County” program (<https://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-and-services/oxbow-eco-center/resilient-st-lucie-county>) and the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (<https://onelagoon.org/>).

We look forward to supporting SCDRP and the IRLNEP Community Chief Challenge Working Group activities identified in this project.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson,
Mayor