

Resilient Tampa Bay

A KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WITH DUTCH EXPERTS

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2011 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA, FLORIDA USA

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Background

- **Tampa Bay region is vulnerable to flooding**
 - Storm surge
 - Extreme rainfall events
 - Sea level rise



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- **The Dutch have developed strategies for “living with water”**
 - Half of the country lies below sea level
 - 1953 storm killed 1,835 people



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Dutch Dialogues

- **New Orleans: Post-Katrina**
- **Dutch collaborate with local experts to share “lessons learned”**
- **3 events held to-date**



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Resilient Tampa Bay 2011

- Held February 21-23, 2011
- Day 1: Bus tour of selected vulnerable areas
- Day 2: Presentations and panel discussions
- Day 3: Breakout groups focus on different locations in the Tampa Bay region

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Bus Tour

- To familiarize Dutch visitors with selected Tampa Bay vulnerable areas

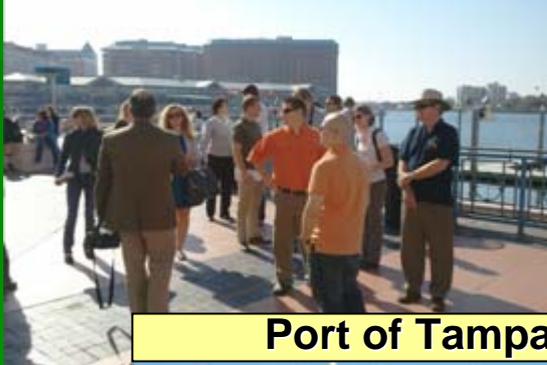


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Bus Tour

Downtown Tampa



Port of Tampa



Downtown St. Pete



Gulf Beaches



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- **Keynote address given by Steve Seibert of the Collins Center for Public Policy**

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- **Lunch speaker was Jim Beever of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**



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Presentations and Panel Discussions

- **Presentations and panels organized by topic**
 - Urban flooding
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- **Approx. 175 in attendance at USF's new Patel Center**



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Breakout Groups

- **Groups organized by geographic location**
 - Tampa
 - St. Petersburg
 - Gulf Beaches
 - Tampa Bay Region



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Breakout Groups

- **Groups of 10-15 discussed and prioritized specific vulnerabilities and identified potential ways to mitigate**



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Outcomes / Needs Identified

- **Strategic resiliency plan**
- **Leaders / Champions**
- **Stakeholder engagement**

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- **Information and capacity building**
- **Outreach and education**

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90th anniversary of 1921 hurricane

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