

Applied Action Towards Climate Change

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Applied Action

Network

Establishment

Achieving
collective
impact

Protocol & Systemic Changes

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Network to Impact

- ▶ **Assessment of current Climate Change Network**
- ▶ **Elements of a success Climate Change Network**
 - ▶ 1. Cross sector; Environmental, Health, Transportation, Energy, Agriculture, Water/Drainage, etc.
 - ▶ 2. Economic Welfare
 - ▶ 3. Policy
 - ▶ 4. Grassroots & Executives



Network to Impact

- ▶ **Establish structured process that leads to a shared mission**
 - ▶ i.e. Help inform South Floridians of choices about mitigation and adaptation.

- ▶ **5 Conditions to collective success**
 1. Common Agenda
 2. Shared Measurement Systems
 3. Mutually Reinforcing Activities
 4. Continuous Communication
 5. Backbone Support Organizations



Protocols & Systemic Changes

- ▶ Balance out vulnerabilities
- ▶ Reinforce infrastructure & critical systems
 - ▶ Physical
 - ▶ Biological
 - ▶ Ecological



Cultural Ownership

- ▶ Defining context
- ▶ Identifying catalyst
- ▶ Shifting focus
- ▶ Shifting norms



Government

- ▶ Network representatives on County and City boards
- ▶ Support research and vulnerability mapping
- ▶ Develop emergency preparedness and advisory warnings for all scenarios
- ▶ State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) → Community HIP (CHIP)
 - ▶ Section 2: Health and Protection
 - ▶ Section 3: Community Redevelopment
- ▶ Incorporate HiAP as CCAP
- ▶ Use HIA tool to assess current CC protocol and polices



Advocacy or Grassroots

- ▶ Incorporate into Network
- ▶ Identify messages & vehicles
 - ▶ Pitch message to distinct outlets
 - ▶ Non-profit
 - ▶ Private sector
 - ▶ Online journaling
 - ▶ Pitch in various forms
 - ▶ Virtual and in-person mass events
 - ▶ Targeted outreach
 - ▶ Community forums



Personal Actions

- ▶ Emergency preparedness
- ▶ Individual choices/responsibility
- ▶ Awareness of local emergency relief
- ▶ Provide education
- ▶ Civic participation

