

Roundtable on Managed Retreat

DATES/TIMES:

- Wednesday, March 27 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by a happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.); and
- Thursday, March 28 (9:00 a.m. to noon followed by lunch until 1:00 p.m.)

Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days (breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day). There will also be a happy hour (with hors d'oeuvres) for participants and invited guests on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Bistro Bis, located on the first floor of the Kimpton George Hotel (15 E Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20001).

LOCATION: Hall of the States, 444 North Capitol Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20001, Room 333

The closest Metro stop is Union Station on the Red line, which is a five-minute walk from Hall of the States. Onsite parking is available at Hall of the States for a fee.

OVERVIEW: Managed retreat is one strategy that state and local policymakers are considering for addressing sea-level rise impacts to coastal communities, residents, and ecosystems. The Roundtable will offer participants an opportunity to engage with federal, state, and local policymakers and other experts on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts on questions about managed retreat (i.e., relocating away from vulnerable coastal areas) and discuss the legal and policy considerations for implementing managed retreat strategies. In addition, participants will learn about and have an opportunity to inform Georgetown Climate Center's (GCC) ongoing work to create a Managed Retreat Toolkit, which is being developed to support state and local efforts to adapt to rising sea levels, flooding, and land loss.

The Roundtable is being supported by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Georgetown Environment Initiative, and The Kresge Foundation.

In order to facilitate frank discussion, Roundtable attendance is by "invitation only" and will be closed to the media. GCC will produce a summary of the meeting proceedings and a list of Roundtable participants; however, comments from individual participants will not be attributed.

GOALS: The goals of the Roundtable are to:

- promote peer-learning among policymakers, academics, and other experts and frontline communities confronting questions about managed retreat in coastal jurisdictions; and
- capture and distill lessons from the discussion to inform the development of GCC's forthcoming Managed Retreat Toolkit.

AGENDA — DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

- 8:30 BREAKFAST/NETWORKING (Room 333)**
- 9:00 Welcome and Day One objectives and outcomes (Room 333)**
Vicki Arroyo and Jessica Grannis, Georgetown Climate Center (GCC)
- 9:15 Cross-cutting subjects impacting managed retreat: Science, finance, law, and planning (Room 333)**
Moderator: Katie Spidalieri, GCC Presenters: Douglas (Doug) Marcy, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Carolyn Kousky, Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center, University of Pennsylvania; J. Peter Byrne, Georgetown University; and Uwe Brandes, Georgetown University
- 10:45 BREAK**
- 11:00 Lessons from Louisiana and New Jersey (Room 333)**
Moderator: Vicki Arroyo, GCC Presenters: Mathew Sanders, Louisiana Office of Community Development; Liz Williams Russell, Foundation for Louisiana; Fawn McGee, New Jersey (NJ) Department of Environmental Protection; and Stacy Hofmann, Township of Woodbridge, NJ
- 12:15 LUNCH/Communications, equity, and funding considerations for implementing retreat (Room 333)**
Moderator: Jessica Grannis, GCC Presenters: Carri Hulet, Consensus Building Institute and Climigration Network; Colette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy; and Tim Trautman, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services, North Carolina
- 1:30 Introduction to afternoon breakout sessions (Room 333)**
- 1:45 Breakout groups: Round One**
- **Perspectives on urban areas (Room 233)** — *Facilitators: Uwe Brandes and Sheila Foster, Georgetown University Framing Remarks: Stacy Hofmann, Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey*
 - **Perspectives on rural areas (Room 235)** — *Facilitators: Vicki Arroyo and Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University Framing Remarks: Mathew Sanders, Louisiana Office of Community Development; and Liz Williams Russell, Foundation for Louisiana*
 - **Perspectives on state/local roles (Room 333)** — *Facilitators: J. Peter Byrne and Jessica Grannis, Georgetown University Framing Remarks: Fawn McGee, NJ Department of Environmental Services*
- 2:45 BREAK**
- 2:50 Breakout groups: Round Two**
- **Perspectives on urban areas (Room 233)** — *Facilitators: Uwe Brandes and Sheila Foster, Georgetown University Framing Remarks: James (Jim) Beever, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council*
 - **Perspectives on rural areas (Room 235)** — *Facilitators: Vicki Arroyo and Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University Framing Remarks: Brian Ambrette, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy*
 - **Perspectives on state/local roles (Room 333)** — *Facilitators: J. Peter Byrne and Jessica Grannis, Georgetown University Framing Remarks: Kirsten Howard, New Hampshire (NH) Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program; and Jay Diener, Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance, NH*
- 3:50 BREAK/RECONVENE IN ROOM 333**
- 4:00 Report outs from each breakout group (Room 333)** *Moderator: Uwe Brandes, Georgetown University*
- 4:45 Closing remarks (Room 333)** *Vicki Arroyo and Jessica Grannis, GCC*
- 5:00 ADJOURN/Happy Hour at Bistro Bis**

AGENDA — DAY TWO: THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

- 8:30** **BREAKFAST/NETWORKING** (Room 333)
- 9:00** **Welcome, Day One reflections, and Day Two objectives and outcomes** (Room 333)
Jessica Grannis, Georgetown Climate Center (GCC)
- 9:15** **Introduction to Georgetown Climate Center’s Managed Retreat Toolkit** (Room 333)
Katie Spidalieri, GCC
- 9:45** **BREAK**
- 10:00** **Breakout groups: Managed Retreat Toolkit’s design and content** (Rooms 333 and 233)
Jessica Grannis, Jennifer Li, and Katie Spidalieri, GCC
- 11:00** **BREAK**
- 11:05** **Report outs** (Room 333)
- 11:15** **Communicating retreat and engaging communities** (Room 333)
Facilitator: Carri Hulet, Consensus Building Institute and Climigration Network
- 11:50** **Wrap up and identify next steps** (Room 333)
Jessica Grannis, GCC
- 12:00** **ADJOURN/LUNCH** (Room 333)

ADDENDUM: OVERVIEW OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS (March 27, 2019, 1:30-3:50 p.m.)

OVERVIEW: In interactive breakout discussions, participants will have an opportunity to share their own work on managed retreat, other “best practice” examples, and legal and policy challenges. Each session will begin with an introductory case study, which will tee up different questions to prompt group discussion.

1:30 Introduction to afternoon breakout sessions (Room 233)

1:45 Breakout groups: Round One

- **Option One: Perspectives on urban areas (Room 233)**
Facilitators: Uwe Brandes and Sheila Foster, Georgetown University
Framing Remarks: Stacy Hofmann, Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey — discussing Woodbridge’s local buyout process after Hurricane Sandy.
- **Option Two: Perspectives on rural areas (Room 235)**
Facilitators: Vicki Arroyo and Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University
Framing Remarks: Mathew Sanders, Louisiana Office of Community Development; and Liz Williams Russell, Foundation for Louisiana — discussing Louisiana’s Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments or “LA SAFE” program.
- **Option Three: Perspectives on state/local roles (Room 333)**
Facilitators: J. Peter Byrne and Jessica Grannis, Georgetown University
Framing Remarks: Fawn McGee, New Jersey Department of Environmental Services — discussing the New Jersey Blue Acres voluntary buyout program.

2:45 BREAK

2:50 Breakout groups: Round Two

- **Option One: Perspectives on urban areas (Room 233)**
Facilitators: Uwe Brandes and Sheila Foster, Georgetown University
Framing Remarks: James (Jim) Beever, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council — discussing how the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council provided support and technical assistance to create a Climate Adaptation Plan for the City of Punta Gorda that considered planned relocation.
- **Option Two: Perspectives on rural areas (Room 235)**
Facilitators: Vicki Arroyo and Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University
Framing Remarks: Brian Ambrette, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy — discussing efforts to coordinate regionally on flood resilience in the Eastern Shore of Maryland through the Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership.
- **Option Three: Perspectives on state/local roles (Room 333)**
Facilitators: J. Peter Byrne and Jessica Grannis, Georgetown University
Presenters: Kirsten Howard, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program; and Jay Diener, Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Alliance, Hampton, New Hampshire — discussing community-driven, local engagement and planning efforts in Hampton, New Hampshire to address coastal flooding and adapt to climate change impacts.

3:50 BREAK/RECONVENE IN ROOM 333