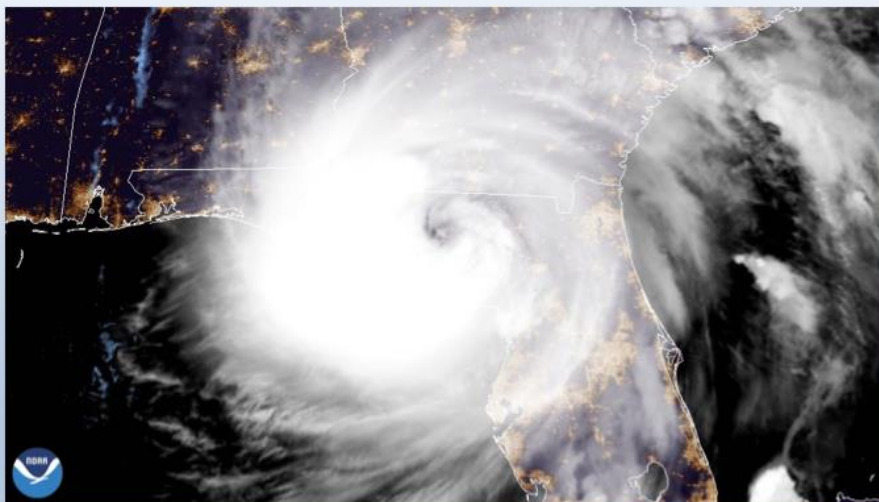


Adapting the Nature Coast to a Wet Future

A free community forum hosted by
The Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists Fellowship
7633 North Florida Avenue Citrus Springs, FL 34434
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Saturday January 25, 2025, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

The vulnerability of the Nature Coast to storm surge flooding has been highlighted by the recent impacts of Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton. The US Global Change Research Program concludes that the severity and risks of coastal hazards are rapidly increasing. In this free community forum, we will begin with a review of some of the short-term and long-term strategies that can help promote resilience. Professor Gary Zarillo of Florida Institute of Technology (<https://www.fit.edu/faculty-profiles/z/zarillo-gary/>) will outline some of the mitigating approaches that can help residents stay safe and be resilient now and, in the decades, ahead. The key themes of this event will be *Short Term Resilience and Post-storm Recovery* and *Long-term Adaptation to a Wet Future*. Professor Zarillo's overview presentation will be directly followed by an open-forum discussion and Q&A session. During the discussion hour, Nature Coast residents, particularly those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, will have opportunities to briefly share their experiences and lessons learned. Professor Zarillo will orchestrate the discussion and take questions.



NOAA- NESDIS satellite image of category 4 Hurricane Helene at landfall in Florida's "Big Bend" region September 26, 2024