

First Coast Tiger Bay Tracks

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“Water, water everywhere . . .”

Anne Coglianese, Jacksonville’s Chief Resilience Officer,

Explains How Resilient We Are

March 15, 2024



“Water, water, everywhere,” the memorable line from Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s epic *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, could well describe Jacksonville’s geographic environment. Situated at the confluence of the Atlantic Ocean and the St. Johns River, a major North

American waterway, our fair city is in the vortex of Global Warming challenges: rising sea-levels, more intense hurricanes, and higher temperatures. The **First Coast Tiger Bay Club** proudly presents **Anne Coglianese**, Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Jacksonville, to update us on how we are addressing those challenges.

In October 2023, the City of Jacksonville launched **Resilient Jacksonville**-- the city’s first comprehensive resilience strategy. *Resilient Jacksonville* looks to the future of our city for the next 50 years and provides a roadmap for adapting to a changing climate, accommodating a growing population, guiding new urban development, and planning for uncertain shocks and stressors. How should we proactively adapt now to make the next generation of Jacksonville’s residents less vulnerable to climate risks? What changes could foster healthier communities and environments? How do we expand opportunities for Jacksonville’s businesses and residents? How do we tailor these actions within Jacksonville’s unique landscape of neighborhoods and build for the future while preserving its open space and natural environment?

[Resilient Jacksonville](#) is the city’s webpage that addresses these questions and identifies specific and implementable actions to strengthen the city’s resilience. This strategy builds on recent efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma and leverages local expertise with science-based assessments of current and future con-

ditions to prioritize investments based on sound science and our city’s vision for the future.

Ms. Coglianese brings an enormous amount of experience to her position as Chief Resilience Officer. Before coming to Jacksonville in July of 2021 she was the Coastal Resilience Manager for the City of New Orleans where she implemented nature-based solutions to sea-level rise and coastal land loss. Anne also worked on climate resilience policies at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. She has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Richmond and a master’s degree from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. See her [TED Talk](#) on “future proofing” Jacksonville in an age of climate crisis. This involves not only restructuring our waterways but also addressing issues like population growth, energy sources, job and housing markets as well as new regulatory systems to accommodate those challenges.

We hope you can join our dialogue with Jacksonville’s Chief Resilience Officer on **March 15th**. She will not only explain the complicated issues with which her office deals but entertain your questions as well. What does she think about the growing tendency of [Florida cities to suspend their recycling programs](#)? Even the neighboring Clay County will end curbside recycling in September. We look forward to hearing your questions as well.

Despite inflationary pressures, the First Coast Tiger Bay Club membership and lunch prices remain the same as last year. **Membership is \$100** and member **lunches are \$30**; guest lunches are **\$35**.

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