

#### **AGENDA**

- Rebuild Florida: Hurricane Michael Applications are open
- Flood Hazard + Housing Practitioners Information Network for Florida's Coastal Communities



# Rebuild Florida: Hurricane Michael Applications are OPEN!

Webinar: February 24 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST RSVP here

Learn more about Rebuild Florida's Housing Repair and Replacement Program at this webinar that will:

- Walk through the application process and guidelines for the program.
- Offer an overview of applicant eligibility
- Provide an overview of the application website, mobile app, and other resources





or Florida Coastal Communities



#### Flood Hazard + Housing Practitioner Information Network for Florida Coastal Communities

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#### Presentation

- NSF Smart & Connected Communities Program + Grant Overview
- Project Team Members
- Overview of "Flood Hazard + Housing Practitioner information Network"
- Pilot Projects + Progress to Date
  - Drone test flights
  - Community conversations
  - Workshops
  - Web application
- Next Steps

FLOOD HAZARD + HOUSING INFORMATION NETWORK

for Florida Coastal Communities

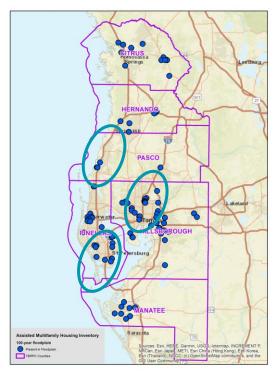




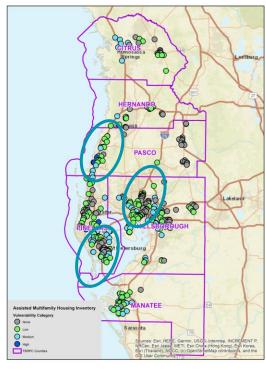
# Where is Assisted Housing Exposed to Coastal Flooding?

We could look at **assisted** multi-family housing (AHI) in the 100-year floodplain...

.....But this may not tell the whole story.



AHI in 100-Year Floodplain



AHI w/ Low, Medium, High Exposure





NSF Smart and Connected Communities
Program / Grant Overview





# Background - NSF S&CC Planning Grant

- Recent National Science Foundation (NSF) Smart and Connected Communities
   (S&CC) 1-year planning grant, enabled team of UF researchers to collaborate
   with Florida communities to better understand the type and quantity of housing
   stock at risk from coastal flooding.
- Specific project goal is to assess structures' lowest floor elevations to promote
  effective pre- and post-disaster management strategies and to equip
  communities with tools to assist the most at-risk populations.
- Workshop is the first step in the development of a larger 3-year, \$1.5 million
   NSF S&CC grant. The University of Florida invites local governments, reginal planning councils, and other partners to join this collaboration to build smarter and more connected communities.



Award Number: 1951997





# WHAT IS AN LFE (LOWEST FLOOR ELEVATION?)

The lowest floor elevation is a building's lowest floor,\* including a basement, if any.

Measuring a house's lowest floor elevation is important because it can indicate how a potential flood could impact the home. Homeowners can also better understand what steps they could take to prevent flood damage.



\* If your home is elevated, different standards may apply. Check out www.fema.gov for more information.





#### Research Questions

- 1. Can we use drone-based **thermal infrared imaging technology** (TIR), or "heat mapping" to determine buildings' lowest floor elevations (LFEs)?
- 2. What **types of information are needed** to develop better flood risk mitigation strategies?
- 3. How can we **support practitioners and information exchange** across disciplines and domains?



#### **Project Team**





#### Project Team + Partners



#### **University of Florida**

- Shimberg Center for Housing Studies
- UrbSys Lab
- M.E. Rinker School of Construction Management
- Department of Landscape Architecture
- Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic
- College of the Arts
- Florida Sea Grant
- UF IFAS Extension

#### Partner Agencies + Organizations (2 region focus)

- Pinellas County
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Apalachee Regional Planning Council
- City of Oldsmar
- Florida Housing Coalition





























## Project Team - Faculty



**(PI) Ravi Srinivasan**, PhD, Associate Professor, UF M.E. Rinker School of Construction Management Ravi Srinivasan's research focuses on advanced modeling and simulation in the fields of building energy and sustainability. He is the Director of the UrbSys Lab that explores urban building energy, sensing, controls, big data analysis, and visualization. Visit built-ecologist.com for more information.



**Bill O'Dell**, Director, UF Shimberg Center for Housing Studies Mr. O'Dell has spent several years at the Shimberg Center collaborating on the development of a number of data products, among them the Affordable Housing Needs Assessments, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, and more.



**Andrea Galinski**, MLA, CFM, Assistant Scholar, UF Department of Landscape Architecture Andrea Galinski's research focuses on holistic, data-driven resilience planning. Her work brings together networks of floodplain managers, planners, and housing program managers to advance equity-centered resilience planning. Her professional background includes climate adaptation planning, analysis, policy development, and public outreach.





## Project Team - Faculty



**Rui Liu, PhD**, Assistant Professor, UF M.E. Rinker School of Construction Management Rui Liu's research focuses on data mining, geospatial database development in order to advance the construction industry with new technologies for a more sustainable and resilient world.



**Russell Watkins**, PhD, Geographer, UF Shimberg Center for Housing Studies
Russell Watkins's work focuses on geospatial analysis of housing-related data. A recent project includes the
"Housing and Coastal Flood Hazard Exposure" web application, which illustrates the Assisted (Multifamily)
Housing Inventory across the state of Florida in relation to several current and future coastal flood hazards.



**Libby Carnahan**, UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, Florida Sea Grant Agent Libby Carnahan is the Florida Sea Grant Agent for UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County. She holds her Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) credential from the Association of Climate Change Officers. She is also founder and co-facilitator of the Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel, CSAP.



Jim Martinez, MA., Senior Systems Architect, UF Shimberg Center for Housing Studies

Jim Martinez is a senior systems architect for the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies. His technical duties
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and maintenance, and on occasion vacuuming. In his free time Mr. Martinez, who has earned both a
Masters and a Bachelors degree in Mathematics, enjoys playing baseball, and salads. He is blessed with one
wife, two sons and one original ACL.





#### Project Team - Students



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## Project Team - Students





#### **Mint Design Studio**, UF School of Art + Art History

Mint Design Studio is a faculty-supervised, student graphic/communication design studio established in 2002 with the goal to provide advanced students the opportunity to apply design in real-world contexts.

Mint responds to the changing field of design through interdisciplinary collaborations, partnering with people in their communities to co-design responses to mutually important issues and challenges.

Mint covers the range of communication design activities, beginning with design research to understand context and opportunities, field research, UI/UX, data visualization, branding, workshops, strategy, and more. Since Mint is also a course, projects have a pedagogical function for students. <a href="mailto:hdesing@arts.ufl.edu">hdesing@arts.ufl.edu</a>

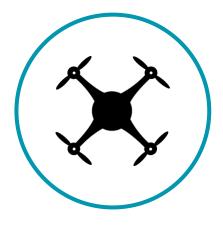


#### Project Overview

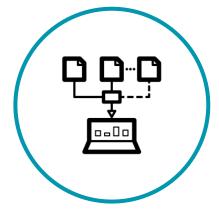




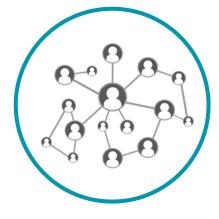
## **Project Goals**



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to estimate LFEs

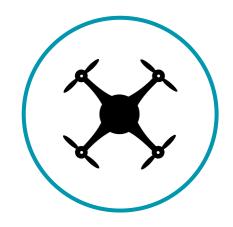


goal #2: develop integrated database to share information



goal #3: connect practitioners to reduce flood risk

## Project Goal #1: Developing Technical Tools



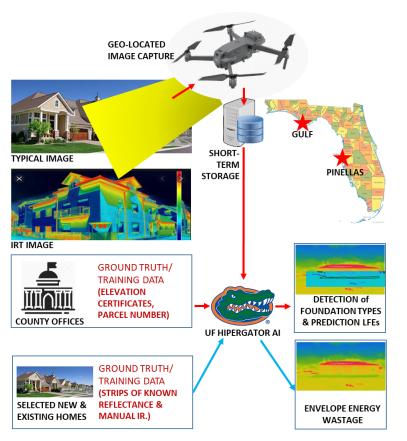
#### **Testing Technologies**

- Developing new method to estimate LFEs- Thermal Infrared Mapping (TIR)
- Piloting ideas in case study areas: Tampa Bay and Apalachee Regional Planning Council areas
- Conducting drone test pilot in Pinellas County (City of Oldsmar, FL)
- May provide a significant improvement over existing approaches to determine foundation types and predict LFEs
- Considering sustainability + resilience:
  - Also looking at estimation of building's energy efficiency at the neighbourhood scale





#### Project Goal #1: Developing Technical Tools



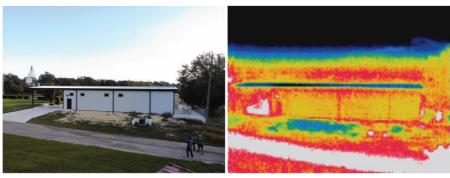
- Use GPU-accelerated image processing techniques, and dual-images of building structures to (a) detect the foundation types and (b) predict LFEs.
- UF's Hipergator AI is well-suited to detect features and predict LFEs from highresolution images.
- An extension of this work will attempt the estimation of building envelop energy wastage which is critical as well.



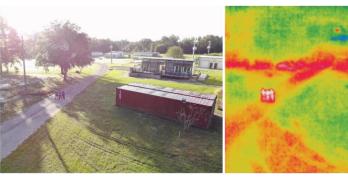


## Drones + "Heat Mapping" (IRT)



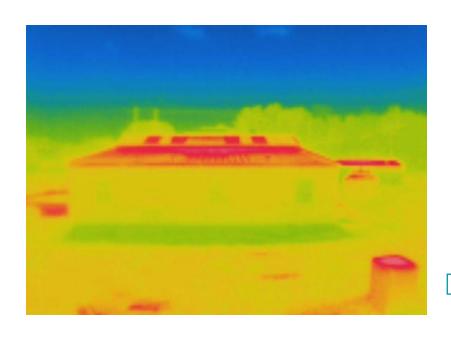


1) Drone-based photograph of structure (L) and infrared thermal image (R). Warmer colors indicate higher tempertures.



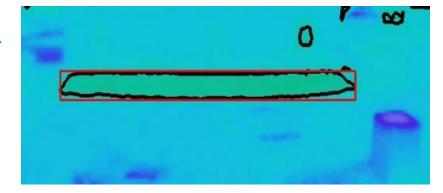
2) Drone-based photograph of students near structure (L) and infrared thermal image (R).

## Drones + "Heat Mapping" (IRT)



- Python script detects the color change between the buildings and the foundation structure mainly due to difference in temperature.
- Draws a bounding box across it as shown here.
- Pixels per feet for each building is calculated using the GIS data for the building and then LFE is calculated.

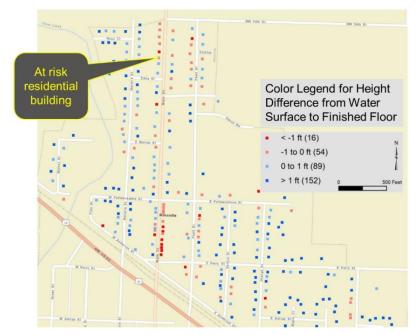




## **Project Precedents**

#### Case Study: Cross Creek in Rossville, Kansas

- Rossville is a small town of about 1,100 residents outside of Topeka, classified by FEMA as a disadvantaged community.
- The team focused analysis on the consequences of flooding, rather than the probability, which means figuring out the best measures to avoid damage within the floodplains rather than changing the floodwaters' behavior.
- The USACE team made a map of buildings colored depending on finished floor elevation compared to the base flood elevations.



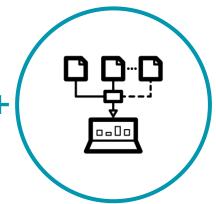
The NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service provided an interagency tool in partnership with KDA DWR, USACE, and USGS in Rossville.

The above was abstracted from: "Interagency Work, Community Efforts Mitigate Wicked Flood Risk in Rossville, Kansas" by Brian Rast, USACE Kansas City District [in the ASFPM's "The Insider," Jan 2021 Newsletter].





# Project Goal #2: Sharing Information + Database Integration



#### **Testing Technologies**

- Testing digitizing Elevation Certificates (ECs) to 1) validate results and 2) integrate into database
- Testing data mining/scraping of housing-related websites (Zillow, etc.) and creating database structure
- Integrating LFEs, digitized ECs, and other housing data into comprehensive, userfriendly database



#### Optical Character Recognition (OCR) **Data Extraction**

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#### **ELEVATION CERTIFICATE**

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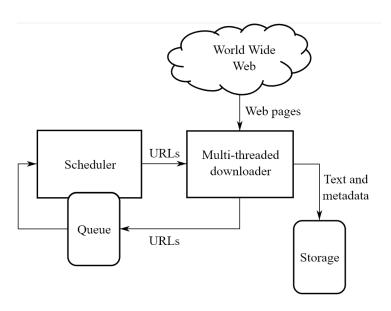
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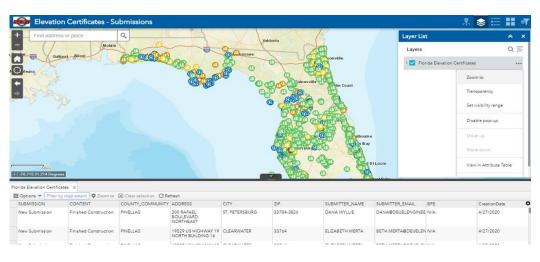
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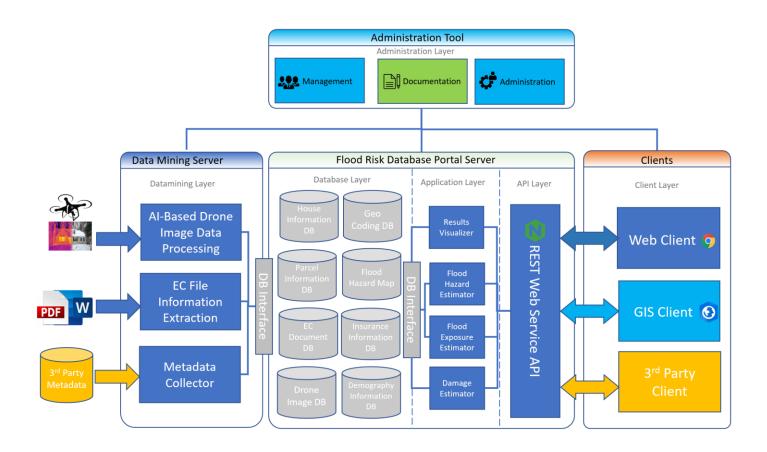


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# Project Goal #2: Sharing Information + Database Integration







## Project Goal #3: Connecting to Practitioners to Reduce Flood Risk



- "Community Conversations" with local stakeholders
  - Pinellas County, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC), and Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)
- Workshop #1: Communities' Data + Information Needs
  - 75-80 participants
  - Many disciplines- housing planners, floodplain managers, academics, etc.
- Public outreach + information communication during field testing





## "Community Conversations"

- Smita Ambadi, AICP, LEED AP, SCPM, Principal Planner, Pinellas County Department of Housing and Community Development
- · Libby Carnahan, Sea Grant, Pinellas County Extension Agent
- Ben Chandler, AICP, Disaster Resilience Coordinator, Apalachee Regional Planning Council
- · Gladys Cook, Director of Resilience and Disaster Recovery, Florida Housing Coalition
- Felicia Donnelly, Assistant City Manager, City of Oldsmar Florida
- Lisa Foster, Pinellas County Floodplain Coordinator
- Chelsea Hardy, Assistant County Attorney for Pinellas County
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- Rebecca Stonefield, CPM, Principal Planner, Pinellas County Department of Housing and Community Development
- Noah Taylor, Floodplain Coordinator and CRS Coordinator, City of St. Petersburg
- Mike Twitty, CFA, MIA, Pinellas County Property Appraiser
- Jana Williams, Economic Recovery Coordinator/RLF Manager, Apalachee Regional Planning Council







## Workshop: Data + Information Needs



Gladys Cook Director of Resilience and Disaster Recovery, Florida **Housing Coalition** 



Hank Hodde Sustainability and Resilience Coordinator, Pinellas County



**Donald Morgan** Housing Program Manager, Apalachee **Regional Planning Council** 



Noah Taylor Floodplain Coordinator and CRS Coordinator, City of St. Petersburg



Josh Adams Environmental Planning Manager, Apalachee Regional Planning Council



Rodney Chatman AICP, Planning Division Manager, **Forward Pinellas** 



Lisa Foster Floodplain Manger, Pinellas County



CJ Reynolds Director of Resilience and Engagement, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council





## Workshop: Data + Information Needs

#### We want your feedback!

- On critical issues in mitigating housing, needs, ideas, etc.
- Suggestions to improve our work
- Share your thoughts in the chat or on Jamboard!
  - Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2YMZw59">https://bit.ly/2YMZw59</a>

Suggestions will assist in the development of the 3-year, \$1.5 million NSF implementation research grant.

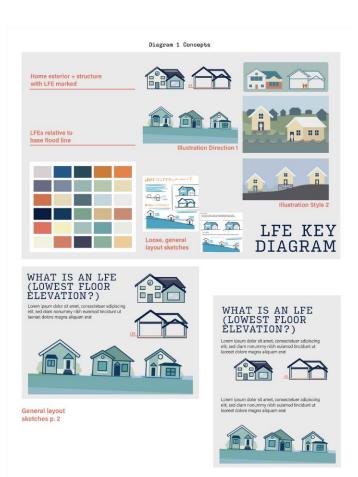




## Public Outreach + Information Communication

#### **Developing Visual Graphics + Outreach Tools**

- Aware of need for community engagement + responsible research + concerns about privacy issues
- Working with UF Mint Studio (College of Art) to communicate importance of LFEs, project goals, drone operations, etc.
  - Developing a series of outreach materialspostcards, flyers, etc.
- Want to ensure positive community/neighborhood sentiment during research process as well as share information about flood risk more broadly



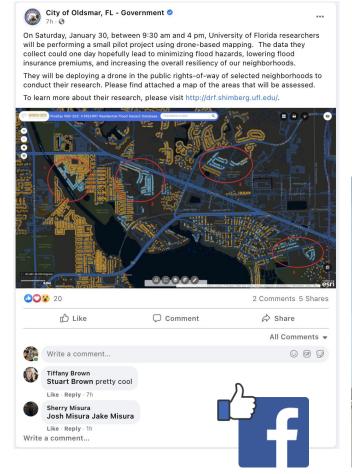




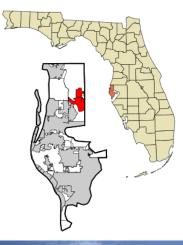
Pilot Project + Progress to Date



## Fieldwork - City of Oldsmar

















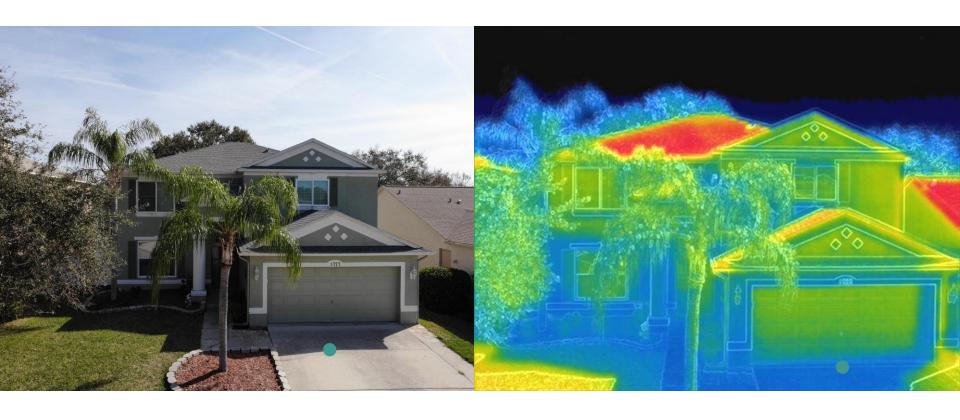






















### Preliminary Project Products - Drones + Sensing



- Srinivasan, R.S., Nalawala, Q., Kakade, S. Drone-based Lowest Floor Elevation. [Provisional Patent], US Patent & Trademark Office, 2020.
- Kakade, S., Nalawala, Q., Srinivasan, R.S. (2020). "Preliminary Research in UAV-based Estimation of Lowest Floor Elevation for Flood Hazard Pre-Disaster Management," 20th International Conference on Sustainable Environment & Architecture.
- Kakade, S., Nalawala, Q., Srinivasan, R.S. "Drone-based Building Envelope Energy Performance." Whitepaper (2021).



# Preliminary Project Products - Database Development



- Fu, M, Liu, R., and Watkins, R. Flood Hazard Management & Practitioner Information Network for Florida Coastal Communities: Literature Review of Flood Risk Report. Whitepaper (2021).
- Fu, M, Liu, R. Flood Hazards Data Analysis Report. Whitepaper (2021)
- Watkins, R. Housing Flood Hazard Spatial Database and Mapping Application Summary. Whitepaper (2021)
- Zhou, X. Data Collection, Extraction, and Cleaning Report.
   Whitepaper (2021)





### Preliminary Project Website

Home About Our Team Pilot Project Our Progress Products Get Involved!



#### Welcome to the "Flood Hazard + Housing Practitioner Information Network" for Florida Coastal Communities

Through a recent National Science Foundation (NSF) Smart and Connected Communities (S&CC) grant, a team of UF researchers aims to collaborate with Florida communities to better understand housing stock at risk of coastal flooding. The goal of the project is to create a community of practice that focuses on strengthening the technology and social/planning systems of communities in order to create a more resilient affordable housing system including predisaster mitigation and post-disaster recovery planning.

The focus of the initiative is initially on communities within the Tampa Bay Rec



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#### **Drone Test Flights**

The need for flood hazard classification of building structures is critical for pre-disaster management and post-disaster mitigation. The importance cannot be understated especially with the rising sea levels and the threat of global warming. Among others, one of the important attributes is the Lowest Floor Elevation (LFE). We developed innovative drone-based LFE research including the development of novel methods to seamlessly gather, store, and extract relevant physical attributes for flood hazard management. Using the drone's digital and infrared thermal (IRT) cameras, a set of pictures were captured at predefined positions in front of the building structures. These pictures were, then, processed by algorithms for estimating the LFE per FEMA. More information is available in Products page.

#### **Practitioner Workshops**

Workshop #1. Through an initial workshop in early 2021, we will explore the broader scope of data needs and potential desired technology to better assist tial housing and affordable housing stock faces. The workshop will focus on

, as well as useful data sharing platforms/technologies.

-create a "Flood Hazard and Housing" community of practice, and how to esults of the workshop will provide insight into effective methods of sharing

http://drf.shimberg.ufl.edu/



















#### Community Consultations

The purpose of the community consultations is to introduce the NSF S&CC project to potential stakeholders and engage collaborators prior to the larger workshops. The meetings are intended to be conversation-based and revolve around a few key questions between the participants and UF team

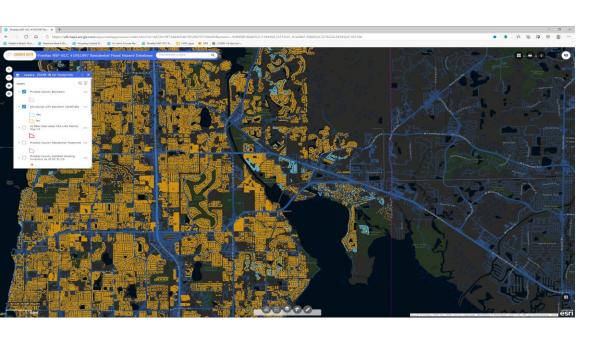
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# Preliminary Project Products – Web-based Mapping Application



### Pilot Website: drf.shimberg.ufl.edu

- ArcGIS Web App is used to provide web services for visualizing the data through the GIS maps.
- Powerful web interface is also designed to serve as a data viewer.





### **Project Benefits**

#### Potential Benefits

- Potential increase in accuracy from other LFE detecting technologies (such as Google Streetview images)
- Technology can be scaled up to be more cost-effective than surveying
- Potential for neighborhood-scale "energy audits"
  - Thermal imaging could also have benefits for larger scale thermal-envelope analysis

#### • Practical applications to:

- Floodplain management
- Mitigation project development and prioritization
- Housing planning and retrofit projects
- Weatherization programs





### Conclusion - How Can We Help You?



- Welcome new partners to join project
- Welcome more feedback on NSF implementation grant
- Suggestions for:
  - Drone case study areas
  - Schools to partner with for STEM activities/lessons
- Please add ideas to Jamboard! https://bit.ly/2YMZw59
- Sign up for project updates at! http://drf.shimberg.ufl.edu/get-involved



#### **THANK YOU!!**

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## **Upcoming Training**

#### February 19, 2021 1:30 pm Keep Safe Miami

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/ 4138240017238938894





#### Technical Assistance is Available

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Options for Further Assistance Include:
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## Thank you!



Hawaiian Twin Hurricanes Iselle and Julio, 2014

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