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Welcome

Greetings and Talofa,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to American Samoa's first Nature-Based Solutions Workshop for Hazard Mitigation. We are glad you are here, and we are excited to share this unique opportunity for you to learn more about an important and emerging area of practice for hazard mitigation: *Nature-Based Solutions*.

Although the term has many meanings, FEMA defines nature-based solutions as “*sustainable planning, design, environmental management, and engineering practices that weave natural features or processes into the built environment to build more resilient communities.*” As mentioned in my workshop invitation message, FEMA and other federal agencies have prioritized the use of nature-based solutions when awarding grant funding for hazard mitigation. With an unprecedented amount of federal hazard mitigation funding now available for FY-2021, today's topic is both extremely relevant and very timely for American Samoa.

With the support of our Hazard Mitigation Council, American Samoa has been very successful in securing pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation funding for over twenty years. We are eager to continue leveraging this support for implementing our highest priority projects as outlined in our Territorial Hazard Mitigation Plan. As such, the use of nature-based solutions has also been integrated into our own process for identifying and prioritizing proposed mitigation projects.

Today's workshop is an important part of a larger effort to continue building and enhancing the Territory's capacity and capability to improve our resilience to natural hazards and climate change. As outlined in this handout, we have assembled a truly exemplary panel of speakers who are familiar with American Samoa and bring deep knowledge for today's agenda. We are confident the workshop will increase your understanding of how to use nature-based solutions for hazard mitigation, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas as well!

Thank you for your support and participation.

Sincerely,
Lima Fiatoa, State Hazard Mitigation Officer



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Agenda

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8:45 am – 9:00 am

[Opening Remarks and Expected Outcomes](#)

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Lima Fiatoa, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Office of Disaster and Petroleum Management and Jamie Caplan, Principal, Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC

9:00 am – 9:30 am

[Engineering with Nature Introduction](#)

Dr. Todd S. Bridges, Senior Research Scientist for Environmental Science, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

9:30 am – 9:50 am

[Pacific Islands Regional Climate Assessment \(PIRCA\) Report and NBS in American Samoa](#)

Dr. Victoria Keener, Senior Research Fellow at the East-West Center and Dr. Christopher Shuler, Researcher, Hydrology and Coastal Groundwater Research Group, University of Hawaii

9:50 am – 10:15 am

[Engineering with Nature: Opportunities and Challenges in American Samoa](#)

Jessica Podoski, Coastal Engineering Subject Matter Expert & O&M Technical Manager, US Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, Civil Works Technical Branch

10:15 am – 10:35 am

[American Samoa Living Shoreline Project](#)

Kelley Anderson Tagarino, Extension Specialist for American Samoa, Aquaculture & Marine Science, University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program, American Samoa Community College

10:35 am – 11:00 am

[Building Resilience with Mangrove and Reef Natural Coastal Defenses](#)

Dr. Michael W. Beck, Professor & AXA Chair in Coastal Resilience, & Dr. Borja G. Reguero, Associate Research Professor, Institute of Marine Sciences & Coastal and Policy Program University of California Santa Cruz, Fellow with the Natural Capital Project

11:00 am – 11:15 am

[FEMA's BRIC Program Overview and Notice of Funding Opportunities](#)

Jocelyn Madison-Kelly, Grants Management Specialist, FEMA RIX

11:15 am – 11:30 am

[Next Steps and Additional Resources](#)

Jamie Caplan and Lima Fiatoa

Engineering with Nature Introduction, Dr. Todd Bridges

What prevents your agency/department from building with nature?

JAMIE CARLAN

Experience	Funding	funding and expertise
Right of Way	right of way	Expertise
Knowledge and resource	Nothing Lack of ingenuity	No knowledge in engineering of nature based solutions



What prevents your agency/department from building with nature?

JAMIE CARLAN

Not enough land	Often costs more	Experience
Trust in the Solution	BCR/BCA/Engineers not believing in NNBF	Us - for not addressing it at all, but this information has been very helpful and has opened our minds to possibilities...
knowledge	Department leadership	lack of knowledge



What prevents your agency/department from building with nature?

JAMIE CARLAN

Maintenance	Unclear benefits according to policy to justify	Red tape
Having the support of the government and community, at the planning stages	knowledge in resource	Lack of creativity
Not funded in the past. Now funded, but access to funding is very limited - huge barriers to BRIC funding, etc	too many red tape from other agencies	right of way, expertise, funding

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What prevents your agency/department from building with nature?

JAMIE CARLAN

Funding	Funding, and lack of knowledge and experience	Funds
limited knowledge and resources funding	More creative staff	funding
Support from other departments.	Federal Recognition	funding

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Pacific Islands Regional Climate

What prevents your agency/department from building with nature?

JAMIE CARLSON

More time and resources to consider American Samoa-specific alternatives

funding

funding

lack of funding...knowledge

More creative staff

funding and resources

funding, policies, knowledge

Enough land, engineering designs that are place based and sufficient funding to explore and implement it.

Funding

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What prevents your agency/department from building with nature?

JAMIE CARLSON

Fundings, resources, expertise, equipment

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What would enable your agency/department to build with nature?

JAMIE CARLAN

- Education
- Funding
- Funding
- Funding
- support and knowledge
- Policy
- resources
- More guidance
- Funding

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What would enable your agency/department to build with nature?

JAMIE CARLAN

- Funding
- Experience showing it can be done!
- knowledge and understanding of the benefits
- Proper training and resource
- Education and funding
- Reduced barriers to funding sources like BRIC
- funding
- An updated policy guidance to establish benefits
- Money and knowledge

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What would enable your agency/department to build with nature?

Good and supportive leadership

The presentation that just ended blew me away...we will definitely look into it.

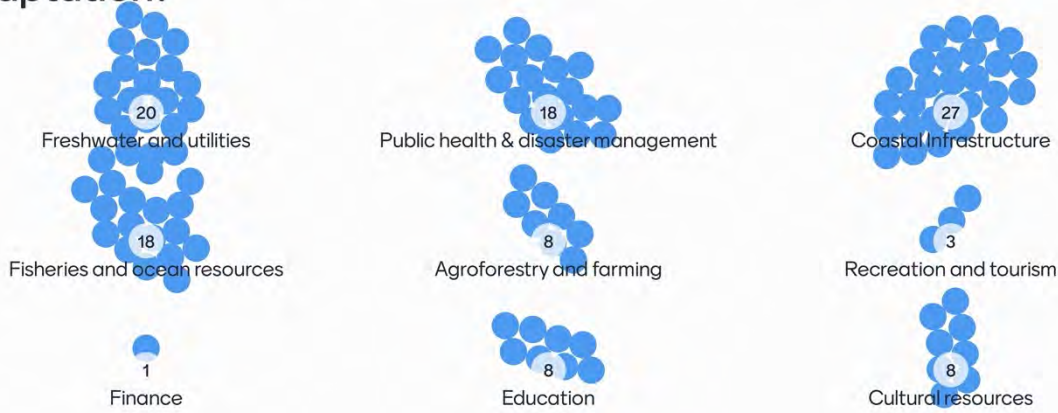
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Assessment Report and NBS in American Samoa, Dr. Victoria Keener

Does your agency/organization currently integrate planning for climate impacts into their strategy?

26 Yes 10 No

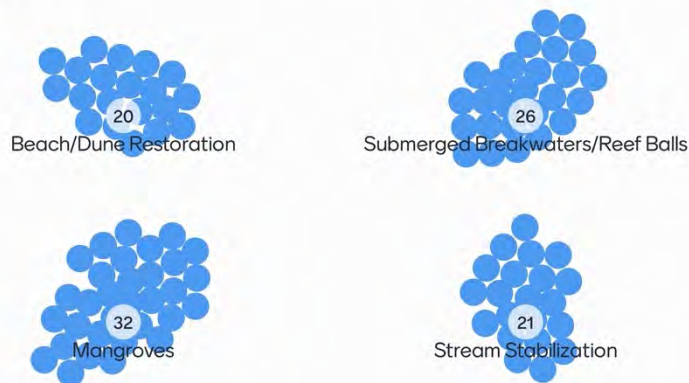
What sectors do you see as having the most the most potential for integrating climate information into adaptation?



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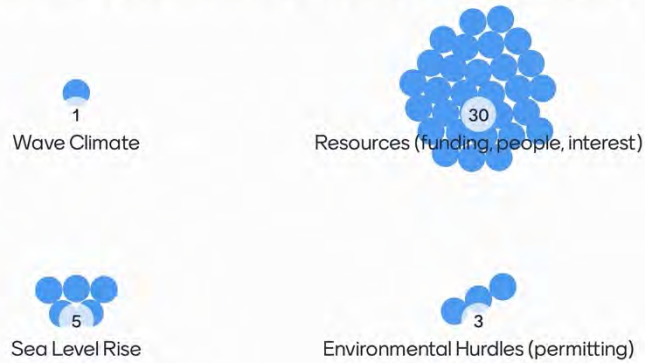
Engineering with Nature: Opportunities and Challenges in American Samoa, Jessica Podoski

Based on what you learned in this presentation, what kind of nature-based solution do you think is most applicable in American Samoa?



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What do you see as the biggest challenge or impediment to using nature-based solutions in American Samoa?



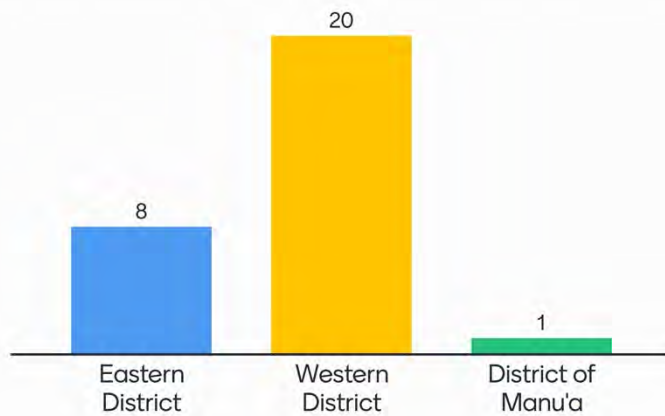
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American Samoa Living Shoreline Project, Kelley Anderson Tagarino

Is there a location in American Samoa that you think would benefit from a living shoreline?

92% Yes 0% No 8% I'm not really sure.

Which District would benefit from a living shoreline?

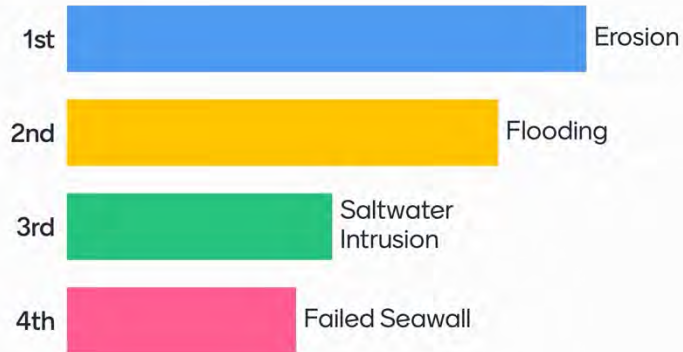


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Does your village have erosion or flooding issues?

26 Yes 2 No 1 I'm not sure

How would you rank the specific impacts your village experiences?



Building Resilience with Mangrove and Reef Natural Coastal Defenses, Dr. Michael Beck, Dr. Borja Reguero

Would you be interested in finding support (\$) for Reef Restoration for Risk Reduction (R4)?

31 Yes 1 No 2 I'm not sure

What support (capacity) would you most need to help support applications for such R4 funding?

JAMIE CARLAN

ODAPM	Expertise and Education	Expertise
Resources	technical guidance and support	BRIC is currently NOT an option for AS, so please share some other possible funding opportunities. We are mainly human resource limited
Resources	Technical Support	Time, people

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What support (capacity) would you most need to help support applications for such R4 funding?

JAMIE CARLAN

Technical	Detailed knowledge	Templates
providing data	Ulima	Training
Educate the public	More project managers	Resources

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What support (capacity) would you most need to help support applications for such R4 funding?

JAMIE CARLAN

proposals guidance funding	Education	technical
Resources	Data and research findings	Coastal engineers
FEMA and other agencies that can provide funding assistance	resources	proposals funding guidance training

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What support (capacity) would you most need to help support applications for such R4 funding?

JAMIE CARLAN

Hands on	Resources	education
Training, data, place based engineering design based on needs of specific areas and the diversity of reefs along American Samoa's coastal waters	education	Resources
any support thats available for us		

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Is Reef Insurance something you have or would consider?

19 Yes 4 No 8 I'm not sure

FEMA's BRIC Program Overview and Notice of Funding Opportunities

Are you planning to apply for BRIC funding to support your project?

88% Yes 3% No 9% Not Sure

Have you considered applying for direct technical assistance?

23 Yes 3 No 6 What's that?

Are you considering the technical and qualitative criteria while planning your project?

23 Yes 0 No 8 We haven't started planning.

Closing Presentation

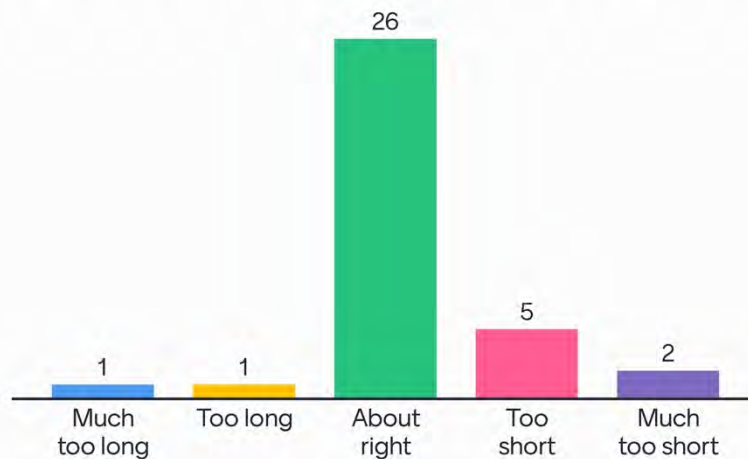
Did this workshop expand your knowledge of nature-based solutions?

31 Yes 0 No

Will you consider nature-based solutions in the future?

100% Yes 0% No

Was the workshop too long or too short?



Overall, how would you rate this workshop?



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What topics would you like to see in future workshops?



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Speaker Biographies

Kelley Anderson Tagarino

Extension Specialist for American Samoa, Aquaculture & Marine Science, University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program, American Samoa Community College

Kelley Anderson Tagarino is an extension agent for the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (UH Sea Grant) and is based in American Samoa (AS) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC). As the only Sea Grant Extension agent in AS, Kelley works in a number of different areas, focusing on supporting sustainable seafood in AS, supporting the Marine Science Program at the ASCC, and maintaining the PacIOOS instrument package that includes sensors for measuring the conductivity, temperature and depth of seawater located in Pago Pago Harbor. Kelley has lived in AS since 2009 and began working with UH Sea Grant in 2013.

Previously Kelley was the Marine Science Coordinator for the ASCC where she directed the Marine Science Program as well as the Marine Option (MOP) program and taught Introduction to Oceanography and the associated lab, Introduction to Marine Biology and the associated lab, Natural Marine Resources, the three MOP courses, and Marine Science Special Projects.



Dr. Michael W. Beck

Professor & AXA Chair in Coastal Resilience, University of California Santa Cruz



Dr. Michael W. Beck is the AXA Chair in Coastal Resilience, Research Professor in the Institute of Marine Sciences, and Adjunct Professor in Ocean Sciences at the University of California Santa Cruz. Mike aims to reduce risks to people, property, and nature in his work across science, policy and practice. Mike works with governments, businesses, and conservation groups to bring clear tools and results to decision-makers. Mike served for 20 years as Lead Marine Scientist at The Nature Conservancy. Mike has advised government agencies in the US, Germany, UK, EU, Philippines, Jamaica, and Grenada among others. He has collaborated with many global agencies and companies including the World Bank, AXA XL, Munich Re, Swiss Re,

Lloyd's of London, Risk Management Solutions, and Jacobs. Mike has authored more than 80 peer-reviewed scientific papers and numerous Op-eds in the NY Times, The Hill, The

Conversation, and the Miami Herald. He has been a Fulbright Fellow and Pew Marine Conservation Fellow. You can find more on his work at <https://coastalresilience.ucsc.edu/>.

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Senior Research Scientist for Environmental Science, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

Dr. Todd S. Bridges is the U.S. Army's Senior Research Scientist (ST) for Environmental Science. He leads a number of research, development and environmental initiatives for the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the areas of sustainable infrastructure, risk and decision analysis methods, and sediment assessment and management. Dr. Bridges is the National Lead for the USACE Engineering with Nature® initiative, which includes a network of research projects, field demonstrations, and communication activities to promote sustainable, resilient infrastructure systems. He leads efforts for USACE on the use of Natural and Nature-Based Features (NNBF) to support flood risk management, including an international collaboration to develop guidelines on the use of NNBF for coastal and fluvial systems.



Dr. Victoria Keener

Senior Research Fellow, East-West Center

Dr. Victoria Keener is a Senior Research Fellow at the East-West Center, the Co-Lead Principal Investigator of the NOAA Pacific Regional Integrated Sciences & Assessments (www.PacificRISA.org) program, and is the Lead Author of the Hawaii and Pacific Islands chapter of the 4th US National Climate Assessment. Dr. Keener also serves as the Chair of the City & County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission, which provides science-based recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. She earned a PhD in Agricultural & Biological Engineering from the University of Florida, specializing in regional and applied hydro-climatology. Dr. Keener leads an interdisciplinary research team of social and physical scientists that aims to reduce Pacific Islands' vulnerability to climate change by translating research into

actionable knowledge and working with a variety of stakeholders at the local, state, and regional level. Projects include producing downscaled climate and hydrological projections to estimate

future water availability; assessing stakeholders' decision-support needs; impacts of climate and health on migration; and ecosystem service valuation and modeling.

Jocelyn Madison-Kelly

Grants Management Specialist, FEMA Region IX

Hazard Mitigation Grants Specialist for FEMA Region IX, and also serves as the Tribal Liaison, and regional BRIC co-lead. I have been in this position for about 2 years now, joining from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services where I also worked as a Hazard Mitigation Grants Manager. I live in Roseville, CA a little suburb outside of Sacramento, and spend my free time drawing, reading, and playing with my 12-year-old daughter, Juliahna, and 9-month-old Husky puppy, David Bowie.



Jessica Podosky

Coastal Engineering Subject Matter Expert & O&M Technical Manager, US Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, Civil Works Technical Branch



Jessica received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida in Civil Engineering. While completing her degree she worked for the government of Martin County, Florida focusing on coastal projects and inlet management. She received a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Florida in Coastal Engineering, researching crenulate bay formation and prediction. Employed by the US Army Corps of Engineers since 2001, she has worked in both the Portland District (2.5 years) and the Honolulu District (16 years) as a coastal engineer. In 2019, she took on the position of Coastal Engineering Subject Matter Expert and O&M Technical Manager for the Honolulu District.

Dr. Borja G. Reguero

Associate Research Professor, Institute of Marine Sciences & Coastal and Policy Program University of California Santa Cruz, Fellow with the Natural Capital Project

Dr. Borja G. Reguero is a researcher at the University of California-Santa Cruz, and a Fellow with The Nature Conservancy's Global Oceans Team. He is a civil engineer with a PhD in coastal and marine engineering from the University of Cantabria's Environmental Institute of Hydraulics. His research focuses on climate risks in coastal areas, with a special focus on the impacts of climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation. He has consulted for several international organizations, including the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, where his work has informed policy through science and applied knowledge. His current areas of interest are disaster risk reduction and risk management in coastal areas; re-engineering of ecosystems for coastal protection, particularly coral reefs; and the economics associated with climate adaptation and the economy of nature.

**Dr. Christopher Shuler**

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Christopher Shuler is currently an affiliate researcher at the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He holds a PhD in Geology and Geophysics specializing in hydrology from University of Hawaii at Manoa, a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Oregon as well as a post-baccalaureate certification in Environmental Education from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Christopher's current research is focused on ground and surface water resources in Hawaii and the American Samoa. His interests include numerical groundwater modeling, geo-chemical and isotopic aqueous chemistry, environmental water quality, and water sustainability studies. Christopher is an avid naturalist, outdoors person, and enjoys working in the field in both

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- Jessica Podosky, USACE Honolulu District
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HAZARD MITIGATION 3-DAY WORKSHOP

Sign-In Sheet

~~DAY 3: Benefit Cost Analysis~~

DAY 2: NATURE BASE SOLUTION TRAINING

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Nature-Based Solutions Resources

American Samoa Specific Resources

A Resilient Future for Coastal Communities, Federal Policy Recommendations from Solutions in Practice, October 2020

<https://www.eesi.org/papers/view/a-resilient-future-for-coastal-communities>

American Samoa's Coral Reef Advisory Group (CRAG)

CRAG is a collaboration of seven local agencies: the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (DMWR), the Department of Commerce (DOC)'s Coastal Zone Management Program (AS-CMP), the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa (NMSAS), the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the American Samoa Community College (ASCC), the National Park of American Samoa (NPSA), and the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Rose Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and Marine National Monument.

<https://www.crag.as>

Piggery Runoff Solutions

<https://www.ridgetoreefs.org/american-samoa-piggeries-project-home-page->

Protecting American Samoa's Coral Reefs One Rain Garden at a Time

<https://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrp/news/featuredstories/nov15/raingarden.html>

American Samoa Watershed Assessment – Review Plan, March 2021, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

https://www.poh.usace.army.mil/Portals/10/docs/projectreviewplans/AmericanSamoa%20Watershed%20Assessment%20Review%20Plan%2016APR21.pdf?ver=cy51KzVJSbEA_eBsx9DHWw%3D%3D

Climate Change in American Samoa, Report for the Pacific Islands, Regional Climate Assessment (PIRCA)

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/system/tdf/private/climate-change-in-american-samoa-pirca-2021-low-res.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=40286>

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<https://journals.tdl.org/icce/index.php/icce/article/view/10142/9428>

Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)

Fact Sheet: Federal Resources for Nature-Based Solutions to Climate Change, February 2020

<https://www.eesi.org/papers/view/fact-sheet-federal-resources-for-nature-based-solutions-to-climate-change>

Fact Sheet: Nature as Resilient Infrastructure: An Overview of Nature-Based Solutions, September 2019

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Fourth National Climate Assessment, Chapter 27: Hawai'i and U.S. – Affiliated Pacific Islands

<https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/chapter/27/>

Hawaii and Pacific Islands King Tides Project

<http://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/king-tides/map.html>

Promoting the Use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure in American Samoa, Regulatory and Programmatic Recommendations, April 2019

https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/data/oceans/coris/library/NOAA/CRCP/NOS/OCM/Projects/198/NA15NOS4820038/HorsleyWittenGroup2019_Green_Infrastructure_Report.pdf

The Value of U.S. Coral Reefs for Risk Reduction, Facts for American Samoa Report Summary

<https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/value-us-coral-reefs-risk-reduction-american-samoa>

Full Report and Article

https://www.usgs.gov/centers/pcmsc/science/value-us-coral-reefs-risk-reduction?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

EPA Resources

Green Infrastructure

<https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure>

<https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure>

Greening America's Communities

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-communities>

Lessons Learned on Integrating Water Quality and Nature-based Approaches into Hazard Mitigation Plans

<https://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/lessons-learned-integrating-water-quality-and-nature-based-approaches-hazard>

Flood Resilience Checklist

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/flood-resilience-checklist>

Including Watershed Planning and Green Infrastructure into State Hazard Mitigation Plans

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-04/documents/final4_good_reasons_for_shmos_to_inc_gi_into_shmps_-_508.pdf

Environmental Law Institute Resources

Nature-Based Mitigation Goals and Actions in State and Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans, April 2021

<https://www.eli.org/research-report/nature-based-mitigation-goals-and-actions-state-and-tribal-hazard-mitigation-plans>

FEMA Resources

Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions: A Guide for Local Communities

<http://www.fema.gov/nature-based-solutions-guide>

The Nature Conservancy Guide to FEMA mitigation funding gives a lot of examples of what might be considered “nature-based” for different hazards and includes case studies

<https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/Promoting-Nature-Based-Hazard-Mitigation-Through-FEMA-Mitigation-Grants-05-10-2021-LR.pdf>

FEMA Training

FEMA is also offering a series of webinars that may interest folks you. Below is the full schedule. Recordings of past webinars will be available. Details regarding each webinar may be found on the this link:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/2021-building-resilient-infrastructure-and-communities-and-flood-mitigation-assistance-programs>

Training Date	Name of Training
28-Jul-21	Climate Change, Future Conditions, and Nature-based Solutions
Aug. 4, 2021	Fiscal Year 2020 Data and Trends
Aug. 11, 2021	Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2021 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants -Webinar #1
Aug. 18, 2021	Where Equity Fits into Design and Community Resilience
Aug. 24, 2021	Severe Repetitive Loss/Repetitive Loss Mitigation Priorities
Aug. 26, 2021	Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2021 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants -Webinar #2
Sept. 1, 2021	Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants Application Pitfalls – Webinar #1
Sept. 8, 2021	Fiscal Year 2021 NOFO Notice of Funding Opportunity Technical and Qualitative Criteria
Sept. 13, 2021	Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2021 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants for Tribal applicants - NOFO Webinar #3 – Tribal
Sept. 20, 2021	Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants Application Pitfalls – Webinar #2
Oct. 13, 2021	Federal Agency Roundtable and Partnerships

NOAA Resources

Climate Resilience Toolkit

<https://toolkit.climate.gov>

Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper

<https://coast.noaa.gov/floodexposure>

Coastal Resilience Evaluation and Siting Tool

<https://resilientcoasts.org>

Digital Coast

<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast>

Digital Coast Natural Infrastructure Resources

<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/topics/green-infrastructure.html>

Living Shorelines Resources Webpage

<https://www.habitatblueprint.noaa.gov/living-shorelines>

National Centers for Environmental Information

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov>

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

<https://coast.noaa.gov/nerrs>

Natural Infrastructure Fast Facts

<https://coast.noaa.gov/states/fast-facts/natural-infrastructure.html>

NOAA Green Infrastructure Effectiveness Database

<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/gi-database.html>

NOAA Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Hazards Training

<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/training/green.html>

NOAA Sea Grant

<https://seagrants.noaa.gov>

NOAA training on coastal projects.

[Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Hazards: The Basics \(noaa.gov\)](#)

Regional Integrated Science and Assessment Programs

<https://cpo.noaa.gov/Meet-the-Divisions/Climate-and-Societal-Interactions/RISA>

Sea Level Rise Viewer

<https://coast.noaa.gov/slr>



Sea Level Trends

<https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/sltrends/sltrends.html>

State Coastal Management Program

<https://coast.noaa.gov/czm>

State of High Tide Flooding and Annual Outlook

https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/HighTideFlooding_AnnualOutlook.html

The Climate Explorer

<https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org>

American Samoa Climate Explorer Charts

https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org/cards_home/?area-id=american_samoa&area-label=American+Samoa&lat=-14.552944&lon=-170.874588

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research Development

Engineering with Nature

<https://ewn.el.erdc.dren.mil/index.html>

Engineer Research Development (ERDC)

<https://www.erdc.usace.army.mil>

Fact Sheet: Engineering with Nature CSTORM Modeling Toolkit

https://ewn.el.erdc.dren.mil/projects/factsheets/20-06_FactSheet_Trtinger_EWN_CSTORM_Modeling_Toolkit.pdf

U.S.G.S. Resources

American Samoa Coral Reefs and Coastal Hazard Risk Reduction

<https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/american-samoa-coral-reefs-and-coastal-hazard-risk-reduction>

The Value of US Coral Reefs for Flood Risk Reduction, B.G. Reguero, Curt D. Storlazzi, Ann Gibbs, James B. Shope, Nature Sustainability, April 2021.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/350894698_The_value_of_US_coral_reefs_for_flood_risk_reduction

Other Resources

American Association of State Climatologists

<https://stateclimate.org>

Coastal Resilience Mapping Portal

<https://maps.coastalresilience.org>

Engineering with Nature an Atlas

<https://ewn.el.erdc.dren.mil/atlas.html>

Floodplain Buyouts: An Action Guide for Local Governments on How to Maximize Community Benefits, Habitat Connectivity, and Resilience

<https://www.eli.org/sites/default/files/eli-pubs/actionguide-web.pdf>

Floodplain Prioritization Tool

<https://freshwaternetwork.org/innovative-tools/floodplain-prioritization-tool/>

Fourth National Climate Assessment

<https://nca2018.globalchange.gov>

Green Infrastructure Toolkit

<https://www.georgetownclimate.org/adaptation/toolkits/green-infrastructure-toolkit/introduction.html>

Naturally Resilient Communities

<http://nrcsolutions.org>

Op-Ed: How to Save Beaches and Coastlines from Climate Change Disasters, Michael W. Beck, Los Angeles Times, April 11, 2021

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-11/reefs-wetlands-mangrove-coastline-defense-restoration>

Planning for Infrastructure Resilience

<https://www.planning.org/publications/report/9192800>

