

Informal Practices for Emergency Preparedness and Response: Cedar Key and Rosewood FL

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Map of Cedar Key, FL



Project Purpose

This project documents the *informal* practices for hurricane preparedness, response, and recovery in Cedar Key FL, and to some extent the neighboring Rosewood area, in order to:

- Pass along knowledge to persons newly assisting with hurricane preparedness, response, and recovery in Cedar Key and Rosewood.
- Share with other communities the practices of small town hurricane preparedness, response, and recovery.

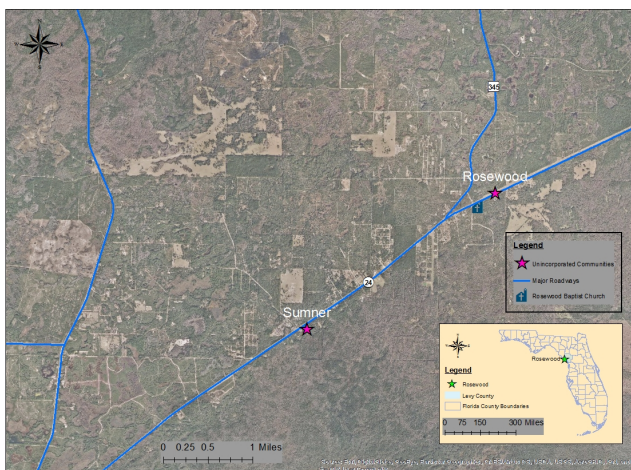
The project is a special volunteer initiative between UF and Cedar Key, with assistance from the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, Levy County, and regional government agencies. The project originated from conversations between the Vice Mayor, graduate students in the UF Student Planning Association, and Dr. Frank during the cleanup following Hurricane Hermine in 2016.

The project team conducted interviews in 2017-2018 with knowledgeable people involved in formal and informal emergency management practices in Cedar Key, Rosewood, and Levy County. The information learned from the interviews is organized according to time frames covering hurricane (or tropical/major storm) preparedness, response, and recovery. To be comprehensive, practices related to five aspects were identified: social/governance capacity building, communications, finance, and the physical environment (such as buildings, infrastructure, and the natural environment). Each informal practice is placed into one of the following time frames:



- Pre-Hurricane Season
- Pre-Event
- During Event
- Short-term Post-Event
- Long-term Post Event

Some informal practices will undoubtedly change in the future, and new ones will emerge, but this project documented substantial information that hopefully will be relevant for years to come. Many knowledgeable individuals helped bring this project to fruition and it is greatly appreciated for all the valuable information and time provided.



Map showing communities of Sumner & Rosewood, FL

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