

Climate Vulnerability Assessment Input Meeting Set for Oct. 8

By Hector Flores

Charlotte County invites the public to provide input into a forward-looking study effort identifying and defining potential climate vulnerabilities of county assets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

The county is beginning work on a study to assess the risks and impacts to Charlotte County from existing and future climate conditions. Understanding these risks will guide decisions related to public policies and investments, and will help support county businesses and residents to prepare for future challenges together. This state-funded vulnerability assessment will use data to understand at the neighborhood level how changing environmental conditions could increase local flooding, especially from the impacts of stronger and more frequent extreme storms. By addressing these concerns head on, the county will provide valuable information relating to insurance concerns, real estate investments, and capital investments made by the county to support a more resilient future.

The study is planned for completion in spring 2025, and we are actively seeking community engagement and input. Come learn about this assessment process, and bring your questions and insights.

For more information, please contact Brandon Moody at brandon.moody@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Budget hearing

The County Commission has scheduled its final budget public hearing for 5:01 p.m. at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., in Punta Gorda.

The meeting is open to the public and input is welcome.

To view a presentation about the budget, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/agendas.

Transit app

Charlotte County Transit will launch its Charlotte Rides Mobile App Oct. 7.

The free app will be available for download from the Apple App Store and the Android Google Play store. The app will enable Charlotte County Transit passengers to manage their trips anytime right from their smart phone. Riders will be able to make trip reservations, view upcoming and completed trips, and easily cancel trips.

Charlotte County Transit is a shared ride, curb-to-curb public transportation service provided to the general public in the Charlotte County service area.

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