

FLOOD PROTECTION MEETING SCHEDULED

Hosted by the Eden Isles Homeowners Assoc. spec. projects committee

Thursday, July 21, 2011 6pm

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ms. Nita Hutter, state representative for district 104 and Mr. Garret Graves of the office of Coastal Protection & Restoration will be our speakers for this meeting.

Bio: Garret Graves is currently the Chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA). The CPRA was established after Hurricane Katrina as the state agency leading hurricane protection, flood control, ecosystem restoration and other community resiliency efforts. His efforts to restructure and streamline Louisiana's coastal programs and agencies resulted in increasing output by more than 500 percent. The authority currently oversees a \$17 billion coastal resiliency and hurricane protection program.

Prior to joining the State of Louisiana, Mr. Graves served for 13 years as a policy advisor to Senator John Breaux, Congressman Billy Tauzin, as well as the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee. During this time, he advised Members of Congress on energy, environment, water resources, transportation, maritime, defense, trade, foreign affairs, and budget issues. Mr. Graves was also staff director of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Climate Change and Impacts.

PURPOSE of July 21, 2011 meeting:

- To disseminate what has been going on in the way of research & engineering in the pursuit of flood protection for the North Shore.
- To learn of our exposure to hurricane threat - is it better or worse since August 2005.
- To open a dialogue of what the public's expectations are and what can be done.
- To share ideas that may contribute to the effort.
- To hear from & meet the movers & shakers involved in this most grave of issues.
- To let our state know what our thoughts are.

GOAL of neighborhood civic groups:

Work towards documenting our current exposure and identify solutions so that any relevant projects can be presented by our elected officials for funding.