



CIVICCON

Balancing Economic & Environmental Interests

Monday, May 9 • 6 - 7:30 p.m. CST



Dr. Robert Young

Director of the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines at Western Carolina University

Live free event at
The REX Theatre
18 North Palafox Street



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About this event

Dr. Rob Young has reviewed the science and knows that sea-level rise over the next 80 years or so is going to be a big deal. Big for wildlife, fish, and people.

But he says we can prepare for it and it makes sense to do it sooner rather than later.

At a CivicCon event on Monday, May 9, Dr. Young will share what existing coastal cities need to do to prepare for the future while balancing economic and environmental interests. The event is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Rex Theatre and is free and open to the public.

Dr. Young is a professor of coastal geology at Western Carolina University. In addition, he does work with the National Parks Service to develop vulnerability assessments for infrastructure in coastal parks to guide resilience policies.

The National Park Service owns thousands of buildings and other infrastructure at risk from coastal flooding and sea-level rise. Dr. Young led a project to map and evaluate the vulnerability of each coastal National Park Service asset—from the Statue of Liberty to remote roads in Alaska to the Gulf Islands National Seashore—to help park managers decide what should be protected, what should be abandoned, and what should be moved further inland.

In Florida, planners have used vulnerability assessments to reduce the sensitivity of new buildings by raising utilities out of the flood zone, which requires small expenditures for a substantial reduction in sensitivity.

The project not only looked at the impact of sea-level rise but also the exposure score of damage from hurricanes in the future.

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