

NEFL MIRR Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

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Project name: Northeast Florida Military Installation Resilience Review
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Attention: NEFRPC
Company: Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
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Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions**
- 1:10 pm Water resources in Duval and Clay counties**
- 1:30 pm Wind-related impacts**
- 1:50 pm Wildfire mitigation efforts**
- 2:10 pm Land management practices**
- 2:30 pm Mutual support agreements**
- 2:50 pm Next Steps**

Technical Advisory Committee Mission

To discuss relevant topics, provide expert opinion, follow up questions on assessment and adaptation, review preliminary findings and foster the identified outcomes toward implementation.



Meeting Summary

The Northeast Florida Regional Council convened the Military Installation Readiness Review Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday November 20th, to discuss regional resilience, water resource management, wind-related impacts, wildfire mitigation, land management, and mutual support agreements. Cori Hermie from SJRWMD opened with an overview of water resources in Duval and Clay Counties, emphasizing the district's core missions of protecting water quality, natural systems, flood prevention, and ensuring adequate supply. She highlighted the Northeast Florida Regional Water Supply Plan, noting that population growth will drive groundwater demand to 135 MGD by 2045. Projects such as the nearly completed Black Creek initiative and the Water First project were discussed as strategies to recharge aquifers and improve water quality, though funding challenges remain. Military installations raised concerns about how these projects could support adaptation, while utilities face pressure to expand reclaimed water use and conservation measures.

Angie Enyedi from the National Weather Service then addressed wind-related hazards, including tropical storms, tornadoes, waterspouts, and Nor'easters. Historical data shows hurricanes within 50 miles of Duval County about every 13 years, with installations near water particularly vulnerable. She reviewed past events such as the 1997 downburst at NAS Jax and the October 2025 Nor'easter, underscoring the importance of timely alerts and mitigation planning. Matt Corby from Camp Blanding followed with wildfire mitigation efforts, describing the base's annual prescribed burn program of 18,500 acres to sustain training and restore habitats. He noted challenges with unpredictable weather and the risk of fires crossing boundaries, while also highlighting pilot programs with private landowners to reduce perimeter fire risks. Clay County staff added updates on land acquisition and management, stressing ongoing collaboration with Camp Blanding to balance conservation and training needs.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on mutual support agreements (MSAs) and their role in strengthening resilience strategies. Participants reviewed existing agreements, including mutual aid for fire protection and emergency management, and emphasized the need to formalize informal arrangements such as Camp Blanding's handshake contract with the Florida Forest Service. Success stories included partnerships between Camp Blanding and Clay County Fire Services, Clay County and NAS Jax for emergency operations, and the City of Jacksonville's collaboration with the Navy on land acquisition for conservation. The committee agreed that expanding and formalizing these agreements will be critical to enhancing regional resilience, with the next TAC meeting scheduled for January 22, 2026.

Next Step Action Items:

- Vulnerability Assessment:
 - Jacobs team to follow up with NWS for geospatial data for wind exposure
 - Jacobs team to continue moving forward with vulnerability assessment analysis.
- Community Engagement / Mutual Support Agreements:
 - Send RFIs / set up virtual meetings to review current agreements and discuss opportunities mutual support agreements and community partnerships to enhance resilience.
 - Prepare for the next TAC meeting January 22nd, 2026.
 - Initiate planning for the Emergency Management Exercise scheduled for May 2026.

