State and Federal Policy Making: How to get involved at a local level

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Session Aims

Policy making at all levels
Topics influencing our profession
Why we are so important
How to get involved
How to make a difference
How does it happen?
Idea for a bill

Bill becomes law

Federal Agencies implement rules and policies to enforce laws

State agencies assist with implementation

Locals implement laws
How does an idea for a bill come about?

Something isn’t working

BW12 developed and passed

BW12 not working (in part)

HFIAA 2014 passed
Who does what?

Floodplain Management

Federal
- Mapping
- Regulations
- Insurance
- Mitigation

State
- State programs
- Building standards
- Technical Assistance

Local
- Local Ordinances
- Enforce regulations
- Assists Citizens
- CRS
It's not just about flood...
What’s that got to do with me?
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More than that.....

Citizens

Voters

Homeowners

NFIP Customers

Survivors
“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

-Maya Angelou
Combine the personal and professional you
Who to tell your story to?

District 1: Ken Doherty
- (2017) Elected Chairman of the Board
- (2016) Elected Vice Chairman of the Board
- (2013) Elected Chairman of the Board
- (2012) Elected to the Board of County Commissioners
- Current Term: Nov. 2016 - Nov. 2020
- Email: Ken.Doherty@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

District 2: Christopher Constance
- (2015) Re-Elected Vice Chairman of the Board
- (2014) Elected Vice Chairman of the Board
- (2012) Re-Elected Chairman of the Board
- (2011) Elected Chairman of the Board
- (2010) Elected to the Board of County Commissioners
- Current Term: Nov. 2014 - Nov. 2018
- Email: Chris.Constance@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

District 3: Bill Truex
- (2016) Re-Elected Chairman of the Board
- (2015) Re-Elected Chairman of the Board
- (2014) Elected Chairman of the Board
- (2013) Elected Vice Chairman of the Board
- (2012) Elected to the Board of County Commissioners
- Current Term: Nov. 2016 - Nov. 2020
- Email: Bill.Truex@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

District 4: Stephen R. Deutsch
- (2012) Re-Elected Vice Chairman of the Board
- (2011) Elected Vice Chairman of the Board
- (2010) Elected to the Board of County Commissioners
- Current Term: Nov. 2014 - Nov. 2018
- Email: Stephen.R.Deutsch@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

District 5: Joe Tiseo
- (2017) Elected Vice Chairman of the Board
- (2016) Elected to the Board of County Commissioners
- Current Term: Nov. 2016 - Nov. 2020
- Email: Joseph.Tiseo@CharlotteCountyFL.gov
Who to tell your story to?

State Senate - District 26

Senator Denise Grimsley
District Office:
295 E. Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
(863) 465-2626
Senate VOIP: 42600

Satellite Office:
212 East Stuart Avenue
Lake Wales, FL 33853
(863) 679-4347
Senate VOIP: 42610

Satellite Office:
410 Taylor Street,
Suite 106
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 575-5717
Senate VOIP: 42620

State House - District 75

U.S. House - District 17

U.S. Senate:
Senator Bill Nelson
Senator Marco Rubio

Representative Michael Grant

District 75
Republican

- Email Representative
- Sponsored Bills

Capitol Office
1401 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
Phone: (850) 245-5875

District Office
Suite C
4355 Pinnacle Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33980-2902
Phone: (941) 613-0914

Map/Driving Directions
Who to tell your story to?
Before you reach out

Google is your friend.
Do your research
Look at their legislative priorities
What committees are they on
What is their voting history
Find personal details and connections
Where did they go to school
Is there a family connection?
Get Involved yourself!

We spend a lot of time educating the public and getting people involved – we sometimes forget to get involved ourselves.
How?

- Become a resource for local staff and local elected officials
- Attend town hall meetings and board meetings
- Respond to calls for action
- Comment on legislation
- Attend legislative days
- Join policy committees
- Use your voice
- Stay informed about what’s happening
Questions?

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