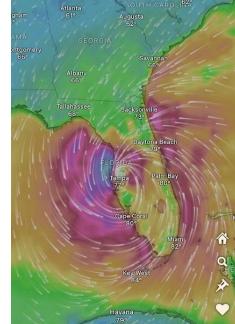
What happened? Return Period Estimates for Michael, Ian, Nicole, Idalia, Helene, and Milton

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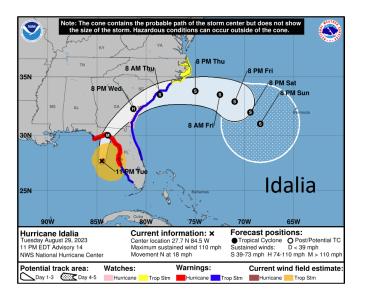


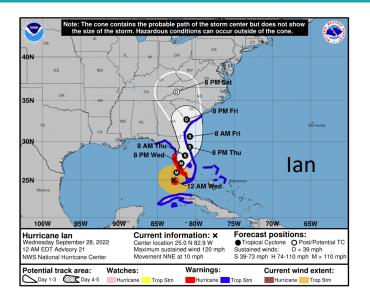


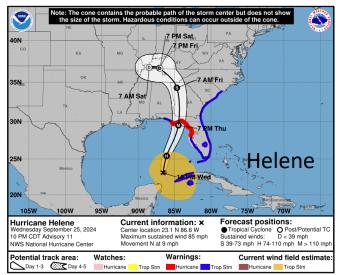


Hurricane Tracks





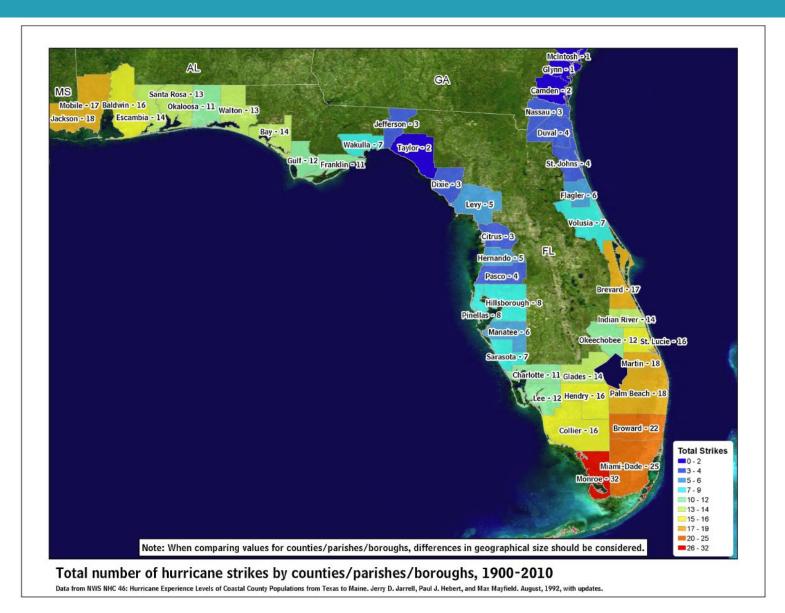




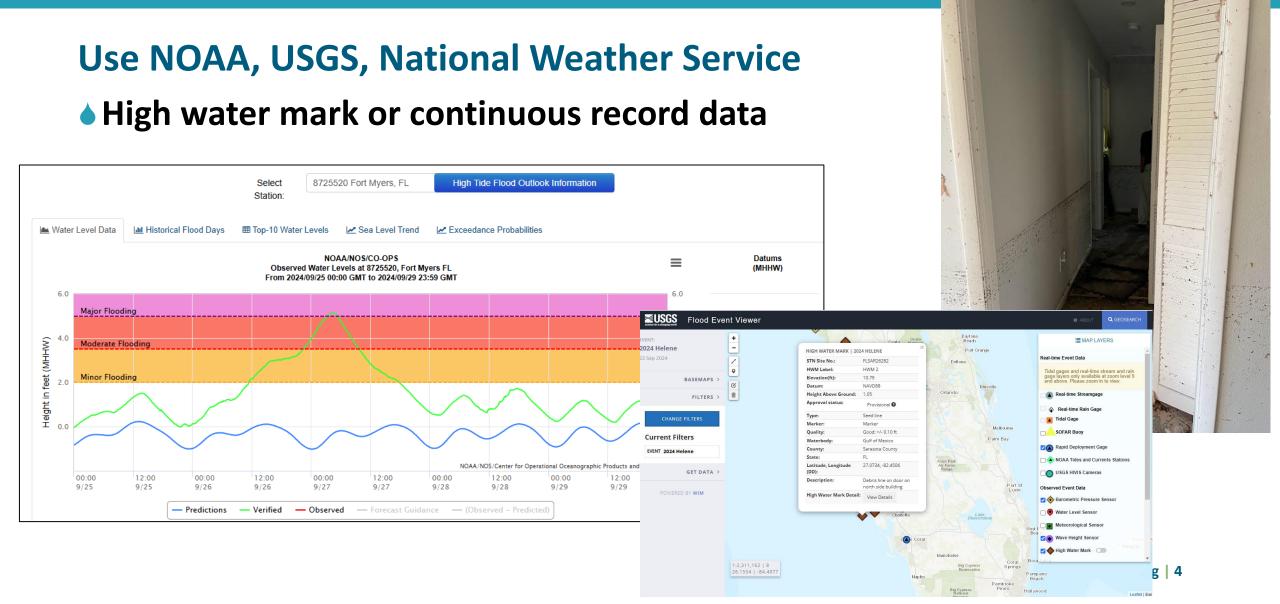




Hurricane Strike by County – 1900-2010

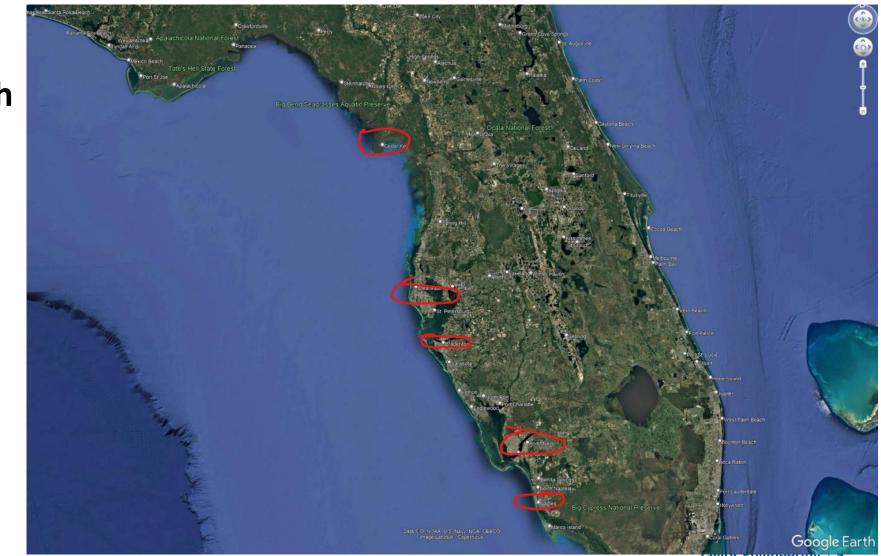


What happened? What is the event data?



NOAA Gage Locations – Continuous Event Data

Cedar Key
Clearwater Beach
Port Manatee
Naples, GoM



Compared to what?

FEMA Flood Insurance Studies (FIS) have Still Water Elevations for Multiple Frequencies

- Based on ADCIRC/SWAN or ADCIRC/STWAVE very detailed hydrodynamic modeling
- Hundreds of synthetic storms modeled
- Statistical analysis of return period elevations
- But...it's a 2-D problem

Table 4.2 FEMA Still Water Elevations in Pasco County, Florida

Annual	Return Period	Still Water Elevation (ft NAVD88)			
Exceedance Probability	(yrs)	Minimum	Average	Maximum	
10%	10	+5.4	+5.8	+6.3	
4%	25	+6.6	+7.2	+7.9	
2%	50	+7.7	+8.5	+9.4	
1%	100	+8.9	+10.1	+11.0	
0.2%	500	+12.6	+13.9	+14.8	

Do some math....

Storm	Landfall Date	Station ID	Location	MHHW (ft NAVD)	Peak WSE (ft NAVD)	Return Period (yrs)	Notes
Michael	10/10/2018	8727520	Cedar Key	1.54	5.63	< 10	
Michael	10/10/2018	8726724	Clearwater Beach	0.95	4.58	< 10	spike in record
Michael	10/10/2018	8726384	Port Manatee	0.58	2.65	< 10	
Michael	10/10/2018	8725520	Fort Myers	0.28	1.84	< 10	
Michael	10/10/2018	8725110	Naples, GoM	0.6	2.57	< 10	
lan	9/28/2022	8727520	Cedar Key	1.54	-3.24	NA	reverse surge
lan	9/28/2022	8726724	Clearwater Beach	0.95	-1.79	NA	reverse surge
lan	9/28/2022	8726384	Port Manatee	0.58	-2.25	NA	reverse surge
lan	9/28/2022	8725520	Fort Myers	0.28	7.52	60	
lan	9/28/2022	8725110	Naples, GoM	0.6	6.79	30	gauge failed
Nicole	11/10/2022	8727520	Cedar Key	1.54	3.48	< 10	
Nicole	11/10/2022	8726724	Clearwater Beach	0.95	2.49	< 10	
Nicole	11/10/2022	8726384	Port Manatee	0.58	2.3	< 10	
Nicole	11/10/2022	8725520	Fort Myers	0.28	1.9	< 10	
Nicole	11/10/2022	8725110	Naples, GoM	0.6	-	-	gauge OOS

Do some math....

Storm	Landfall Date	Station ID	Location	MHHW (ft NAVD)	Peak WSE (ft NAVD)	Return Period (yrs)	Notes
Idalia	8/30/2023	8727520	Cedar Key	1.54	8.4	17	
Idalia	8/30/2023	8726724	Clearwater Beach	0.95	4.73	< 10	
Idalia	8/30/2023	8726384	Port Manatee	0.58	4.26	< 10	
Idalia	8/30/2023	8725520	Fort Myers	0.28	3.46	< 10	
Idalia	8/30/2023	8725110	Naples, GoM	0.6	3.54	< 10	
Helene	9/27/2024	8727520	Cedar Key	1.54	10.8	50	
Helene	9/27/2024	8726724	Clearwater Beach	0.95	7.62	50	
Helene	9/27/2024	8726384	Port Manatee	0.58	6.62	40	
Helene	9/27/2024	8725520	Fort Myers	0.28	5.39	20	
Helene	9/27/2024	8725114	Naples Bay	0.69	4.71	10	
Milton	10/10/2024	8727520	Cedar Key	1.54	0.85	NA	reverse surge
Milton	10/10/2024	8726724	Clearwater Beach	0.95	2.2	< 10	
Milton	10/10/2024	8726384	Port Manatee	0.58	1.84	< 10	
Milton	10/10/2024	8725520	Fort Myers	0.28	5.53	20	
Milton	10/10/2024	8725114	Naples Bay	0.69	5.77	20	

Take it with a grain of salt...



- Federal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- State Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
- Local County Floodplain Management
- Professional Association Florida Floodplain Managers Association







Federal – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
 - Make the maps, do studies on risk, provide flood insurance
- Floodplain Management Division
 - Encourage resilient development
 - Community Rating System CRS
- Grants Programs
 - Such as BRIC, Public Assistance Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants
 - Require state and local governments to have a hazard mitigation plan
 - Local Mitigation Strategy
- State Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
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Federal – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

State – Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)

 Mission: Coordinate, collaborate and communicate with our community stakeholders for a resilient Florida.

Mitigation Division:

- Grants
- Floodplain Management
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Residential Mitigation
- State NFIP Coordinator
- Local County Floodplain Management

Professional Association – Florida Floodplain Managers Association

- Federal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- State Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
- Local County Floodplain Management
 - Community official charged with tracking community participation in the NFIP via FEMA and State guidelines.
 - Boots on the ground to track community adherence to floodplain management issues
 - The local official makes substantial damage determinations
 - Cost to repair > 50% then building must be brought into compliance
- Professional Association Florida Floodplain Managers Association

- Federal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- State Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
- Local County Floodplain Management
- Professional Association Florida Floodplain Managers Association
 - State chapter of the national Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)
 - Training, education, networking
 - Over 1,000 members primarily public sector employees

Professional Association – Florida Floodplain Managers Association

Mission: Providing leadership in floodplain management to reduce risk and loss caused by flood.

We believe that through coordination and education, the public and private sectors can advance cooperatively to reduce losses of life and property from floods, preserve the natural and cultural values of floodplains, and avoid actions that increase flood hazards

FEMA to Florida cities hit by hurricanes: Rebuild higher or lose your flood insurance

BY ALEX HARRIS



A damaged home caused by Hurricane Ian seen along Fort Myers Beach on Monday, October 3, 2022. AL DIAZ *adiaz@miamiherald.com*

 Floodplain Management is not for the faint of heart

- Substantial Damage is a tough call
 - So much local pressure
 - But, it is the right thing to break the cycle
- Del Schwalls integral part of FFMA quoted in this article
- We need to be the resilient voice in Florida



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