

UNO-CHART

Community Education and Outreach:

- In March, CHART was happy to participate in February's Explore UNO event, and speak to prospective students about our research projects and available educational certificates.
- At the American Planning Association Louisiana Chapter's Annual State Conference in March, CHART participated in a mobile workshop exploring green infrastructure in City Park.
- In April, CHART presented on the CRS Strategy for the State of Louisiana project at the 34th annual Louisiana Floodplain Management Association Technical and Business Conference.



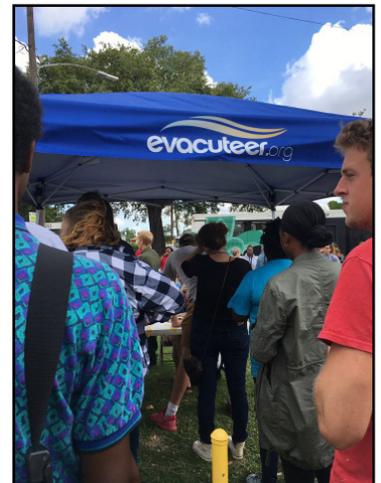
The University of New Orleans' Center for Hazards Assessment, Response & Technology (UNO-CHART)

UNO-CHART Participates in the City of New Orleans' City Assisted Evacuation (CAE) Exercise

On May 17th, CHART participated in and observed New Orleans' City Assisted Evacuation (CAE) Exercise. This exercise involved months of collaboration and planning among city, state, and federal officials, as well as local NGOs, and helped to better prepare the city of New Orleans for future hurricane evacuations.

During the exercise, CHART and other volunteer evacuees arrived at Evacuspots and

senior centers around the city, registered and received wristbands from Evacuteers, rode buses to the Convention Center for further registration of pets and luggage, and some participants travelled to MSY to undergo a simulated airport evacuation with TSA, FEMA, and Air Force officials. CHART documented and surveyed participants about the exercise for evaluation.



NAS Team Attends UHN Powwow



In March 2017, CHART and Louisiana Sea Grant attended the UHN 9th Annual Celebrating Abilities Powwow, and hosted a table with a mapping activity designed to encourage tribal members to comment on environmental change in Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes for the National

Academy of Sciences Exploratory Grant.

This grant involves collaboration with two United Houma Nation communities to document how environmental stressors affect the livelihoods of these communities and shape the mitigation strategies they use to protect their coastal lands. Team members are working to record traditional ecological knowledge, local adaption plans, current mitigation efforts, and the tribe's adaptive capacities. The project team intends to produce a resource that can be used by the United Houma Nation and other indigenous communities that face similar challenges. This work may encourage other mitigation and adaption planning efforts, as well as increase communication between communities and policymakers.

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CHART and UNO Students Participate in LA SAFE Planning Process



The Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit, in partnership with the Foundation for Louisiana, is leading a resident-driven planning process in Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Terrebonne parishes.

The process is designed to aid these parishes in planning for and adapting to coastal issues. UNO-CHART is conducting an evaluation of the resilience planning strategy and implementation, assisting with engagement, facilitation and education throughout the planning process, and providing support related to

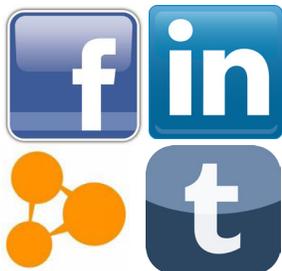
the Community Rating System program in the six participating parishes.

In March 2017 and May 2017, the UNO-CHART project team, as well as numerous graduate students from the University of New Orleans, were able to attend multiple community planning meetings and document the meeting process.

The planning process will continue throughout the year, and UNO-CHART will use the documented notes to evaluate the effectiveness of the planning process.

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About UNO-CHART...

Founded in 2001, UNO-CHART is an applied social science hazards research center that partners with and supports Louisiana communities in efforts to achieve disaster resilience. The objectives of UNO-CHART projects are to assist residents and local and state officials in reducing risk to natural hazards, especially hurricane and climate hazards, and to help them gain a better understanding of their risk and what they can do to protect themselves from these hazards.

UNO-CHART is comprised of a multi-disciplinary group of faculty, staff, and graduate research assistants representing various academic backgrounds including sociology, political science, public administration, planning, urban studies, engineering and geography. Research efforts address repetitive flooding, disaster mitigation planning, community resilience assessments, storm mitigation efforts by coastal communities, coastal restoration, community continuity, risk literacy, risk management and hurricane evacuation of vulnerable populations.