

MEDIA ADVISORY: Coastal leaders gather to plan for resilient communities

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WHAT: Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser and Tulane University's ByWater Institute will launch an [innovative new fellowship program](#) to strengthen and coordinate disaster response efforts within the state's coastal parishes. Emerging leaders from five Louisiana coastal parishes will attend a five-day workshop to more effectively develop and coordinate plans that strengthen the resilience of their communities to future disasters such as flooding, oil spills or hurricanes.

WHO: Tulane University President Michael Fitts, Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser and 15 newly named [Disaster Resilience Leadership Fellows](#) from Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

WHEN: 8:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 14

WHERE: The Tulane River & Coastal Center, 1370 Port of New Orleans Way (next to Mardi Gras World).

MORE: The program is modeled after Tulane's innovative disaster resiliency programs implemented across the world by the Tulane Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy (DRLA). As a member of the [Consortium for Resilient Gulf Communities](#), Tulane's ByWater Institute has adapted the DRLA curriculum to identify and address leadership challenges facing Gulf Coast communities. The consortium was established in 2015 with a three-year grant from the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative to assess and address the public health, social and economic impacts of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.