



**THE H. JOHN HEINZ III CENTER
FOR SCIENCE, ECONOMICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE NATION'S COASTAL COMMUNITIES:
VISION AND ACTION FOR THE FUTURE**

Steering Committee Roster

The Honorable D. James Baker, Ph.D., Committee Chair – A leader in aquatic, ocean and atmospheric science, he was the longest-serving administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and is the most recent past President of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. He is the author of *Planet Earth: The View from Space*, and has written extensively about climate, oceanography and sustainable development.

The Honorable Bruce Babbitt – A respected voice for practical and effective protection of endangered species and the habitat that sustains them, he served as Governor of Arizona and then as Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. He is the author of the recently released book, *Cities in the Wilderness: A New Vision of Land Use in America*.

John Beckman, AICP, PP – An award-winning urban and community planner known for his ability to integrate multiple perspectives into effective strategies ensuring long-term environmental, cultural, economic and political sustainability, he leads the Bring New Orleans Back Commission's Committee that is developing a new plan to direct the rebuilding of the city.

Alfred M. Beeton, Ph.D. – One of the leading experts on the science of the Great Lakes environment after nearly 50 years of research, he has served as Director of the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, as Chief Scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as chair of the NOAA Science Advisory Board, and as a member of the NOAA Great Lakes Advisory Board.

Joseph L. Boren – An innovator in the environmental field, with experience in virtually every segment of the environmental market—as a regulator and practitioner—he brings a unique perspective to insured's risks as President and CEO of AIG Environmental, which has made environmental risk management its business for longer than anyone in the industry.

Susan L. Cutter, Ph.D. – Recipient of the Association of American Geographers' Decade of Behavior Research Award for the substance, quality, innovation and public policy impact of her 25 years of research, she is the author and editor of several books, including the soon-to-be released *Hazards, Vulnerability and Environmental Justice*. She serves as Carolina Distinguished Professor of Geography, as Director of the Hazards Research Lab at the University of South Carolina, and as a member of the Heinz Center's Sustainable Oceans, Coasts and Waterways Advisory Committee. Following Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Cutter led an examination of the vulnerability of Mississippi River communities to flooding associated with the storm.

The Honorable Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) – A strong voice for fiscal responsibility, environmental protection, and preservation of the Chesapeake Bay region, he has served the citizens of Maryland’s 1st Congressional District since 1991 and co-chairs the House Climate Change Caucus. As Chairman of the House Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, Congressman Gilchrest has conducted oversight and field hearings on the impact of 2005’s hurricanes on the Gulf Coast fishing industry, coastal communities, and the marine environment.

Lynn R. Goldman, M.D., M.P.H. – Professor of public health at Johns Hopkins University and co-director of the National Study Center for Preparedness and Critical Event Response (PACER), Dr. Goldman is dedicated to developing regulatory and science policies to address environmental risks to children and to conducting research to build the science of preparedness and response to natural disasters and terrorist attacks. For more than five years, beginning in 1993, she was Assistant Administrator for the U.S. EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

Geoffrey Heal, Ph.D. – A leader in the study of the interaction between society and its natural resource base—as reflected in his recent books, *Valuing the Future* and *Nature and the Marketplace*—he is Garrett Professor of Public Policy and Corporate Responsibility and Director of Research in the Social Enterprise Program at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Business, and is a former member of the Pew Oceans Commission.

John L. Knott, Jr. – A framer of the nation’s sustainable development movement, he earned the Urban Land Institute’s Award for Excellence for Dewees Island, a South Carolina oceanfront development honored for its focus on environmental preservation. In 2005, he was presented with the American Society of Landscape Architects’ Professional Award for the Noisette Community Master Plan—a collaboration on one of the nation’s largest urban reclamation projects with the City of North Charleston, South Carolina, to sustainably restore 3,000 acres of the City’s historic urban core and areas of the former Charleston Naval Base. In January 2006, Mr. Knott was named one of the world’s leading design visionaries by *Metropolis* magazine.

The Honorable James A. Leach, Former Congressman (R-IA) – Chairman Emeritus of the House Financial Services Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, he was a leading voice in Congress for careful oversight of federal disaster assistance spending in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and introduced legislation to ensure it is judiciously allocated and honestly spent. Congressman Leach also introduced legislation to create a 21-member commission of experts—urban planners, architects, transportation specialists, financial and tourism professionals—to identify the steps necessary to rebuild New Orleans’ neighborhoods, create models to optimize the deployment of government resources, and to erect stronger, safer, and more diversified and efficient urban spaces.

Stephen P. Leatherman, Ph.D. – An expert on the impact of storms on coastal areas, author and editor of 16 books and over 200 journal articles, film producer and host, frequent face before Congressional committees and television audiences, and chair of the Heinz Center’s Sustainable Oceans, Coasts and Waterways Advisory Committee. Dr. Leatherman has gained considerable first-hand experience with disasters as a member of the National Academy of Science Post-Storm Disaster Field Team and as Director of the International Hurricane Research Center and the Laboratory of Coastal Research at Florida International University.

Anthony B. MacDonald -- A respected authority on coastal issues, he is the Director of the Urban Coast Institute at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey. Mr. MacDonald was previously the Executive Director of the Coastal States Organization (CSO), which represents the interests of the Governors of the United States' 35 coastal states and territories on coastal and ocean policy matters, from 1998-2005. Prior to joining CSO, Mr. MacDonald was the Special Counsel and Director of Environmental Affairs at the American Association of Port Authorities. Tony has also practiced law with a private firm in Washington, DC working on environmental and legislative issues, and served as the Washington, DC environmental legislative representative for the Mayor of the City of New York.

Roger A. Pielke, Jr., Ph.D. – A pioneer in the understanding of the technical, policy and political underpinnings and implications of disasters and climate change, he is the Director of the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research at the University of Colorado's Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences (CIRES), and author of the book, *The Honest Broker: Making Sense of Science in Policy and Politics*, to be published by Cambridge University Press in early 2007.

The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr. – Long-time mayor of Charleston, South Carolina—widely regarded as one of the most livable and progressive cities in the United States—he is considered one of the nation's most visionary and highly effective governmental leaders, whose insistence that mayors should always strive for livable cities led him to create the Mayors' Institute on Urban Design. He was a member of the Pew Oceans Commission, which produced the report, *America's Living Oceans: Charting a Course for Sea Change*.

Jerome Ringo -- A child of the southern Louisiana bayous, veteran of the state's petrochemical industry, union leader, and conservationist, he spent three weeks volunteering in shelters after Hurricane Katrina struck, and is well known as a champion for wildlife, communities, workers, and environmental health for all citizens. He is President of the Apollo Alliance, a nonprofit working to build a broad-based constituency in support of a sustainable and clean energy economy that will create millions of good jobs for the nation, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and create cleaner and healthier communities.

Beverly Wright, Ph.D. – Citizen of New Orleans and noted scholar, advocate and activist in the environmental justice arena for more than a decade, Dr. Wright is Founder and Executive Director of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice at Dillard University in New Orleans. Despite losing her office to the floods, she is leading the effort in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to re-empower the citizenry of New Orleans to govern themselves, participate in the redesign of the city, return it to environmental health, and ensure that minority firms and citizens participate in the cleanup and reconstruction.

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