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## Share Your Hurricane Ian Questions With Us

On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made a historic landfall in Southwest Florida. The

Category 4 storm's catastrophic impacts unfolded over many chaotic hours and days, devastating communities and imperiling people and families along the Suncoast. In Ian's aftermath, many questions have emerged, especially about the effects of higher water levels on both shorelines and inland.

**We encourage you to share your thoughts and questions with us.** Rather than having grant cycles, The Patterson Foundation (TPF) invests in strengthening communities. That is why we focus on helping people engage with each other, providing expertise, encouraging learning, and sharing promising practices. As TPF's [Higher Waters](#) initiative connects with experts and efforts underway to understand the effects of sea-level rise, we look forward to asking them your questions about Hurricane Ian's impacts on water levels in our region and opportunities to advance preparedness and resiliency.

**Note:** As our region begins to cope, adapt, and innovate beyond Hurricane Ian's heartbreaking devastation, the [Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund](#) offers donors of all backgrounds a trusted resource to put their helping hearts into action. To catalyze donor support, TPF offered an additional dollar-for-dollar match for all donations up to \$750,000 — doubling the impact of every donor's contribution. This support will strengthen Hurricane Ian recovery with resilience in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

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Learn more [here](#) about our efforts since the initiative began in April 2022.