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Ms. Joanna Walczak is the Administrator for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection's (RCP) Coral Protection and Restoration Program designed to focus the state's protection of Florida's Coral Reef and the administration of more than \$28 million appropriated for these critical efforts. Since 2012, she has been the State of Florida's appointed Point of Contact for the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force and U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee. Joanna holds a Bachelor's of Science from Texas A&M University Galveston, and a Master's of Science from Nova Southeastern University's Oceanographic Center – both in marine biology. She specializes in coral reef ecology, stakeholder engagement in conservation issues, as well as planned and unplanned coral reef injury assessment, mitigation, and enforcement.

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