



THE PROBLEM & THE OPPORTUNITY

HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON BROUGHT SALTWATER INTRUSION, THEN 100+ MPH WINDS!

In 2024, Hurricanes Helene and Milton struck Siesta Key within two weeks of each other. Storm surge from Helene pushed saltwater nearly two feet inland near the chapel, damaging tree roots. Milton followed with strong winds that broke branches from live oaks and slash pines, compounding the damage to the hammock ecosystem and further stressing the remaining trees.

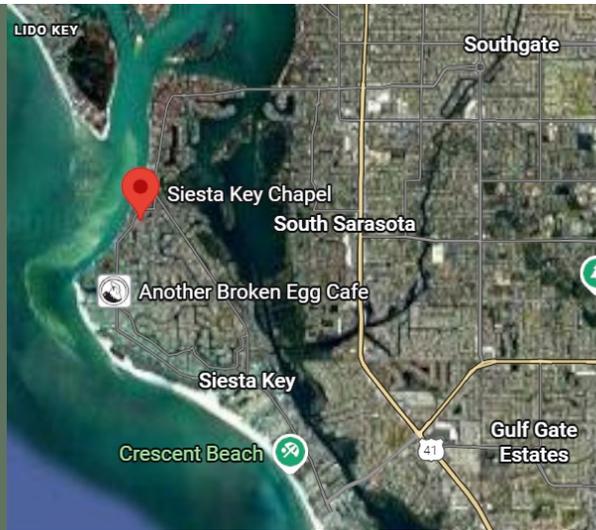
This community-led effort will help establish best practices for selecting and restoring vegetation that is resilient to coastal winds and saltwater conditions!

Hurricane Milton Landfall

October 9, 2024 - 8:30 p.m. EDT

Near Siesta Key, FL

Winds: 120 mph Cat 3



One Church, Two Services, One Community

Surrounded by the beauty of creation, we respond to God's grace in worship, fellowship, and praise, eager to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior as we follow the Spirit's call to love one another, proclaim the Gospel and serve the world God loves.



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SIESTA KEY CHAPEL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

A PIECE OF FLORIDA'S NATURAL HERITAGE SURROUNDING GOD'S TREEHOUSE



MARITIME UPLAND HAMMOCK



A natural and disappearing native Florida habitat, maritime upland hammock is found in narrow bands and is unique to dunes and barrier islands. They form distinct ecosystems that sustain diverse wildlife. They are characterized by salt-tolerant vegetation and provide shelter and food for a variety of native wildlife and migratory birds.



IMPORTANT CANOPY TREE SPECIES

Live Oak
(*Quercus virginiana*)

Sabal "Cabbage" Palm
(*Sabal palmetto*)

Slash Pine
(*Pinus elliottii*)



OTHER POTENTIAL FEATURES

- Native butterfly and pollinator garden
- Bird baths
- Bat houses, bee hotels
- Smart nature cameras
- Natural shelters



These features will attract native animals and lead to a biodiverse habitat, which supports our native flora and fauna.

HOW CAN I HELP?

We are currently planning for long-term restoration of the habitat. This is being done in collaboration with many interested local groups.

Please consider donating to restore this unique habitat in the heart of our community.