

# Virtual Worlds, Real Solutions: The Power of Resiliency Tech

Wednesday, December 17, 2025  
3:00pm – 3:50pm

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Commissioner, District 2*

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CLIMATE LEADERSHIP  
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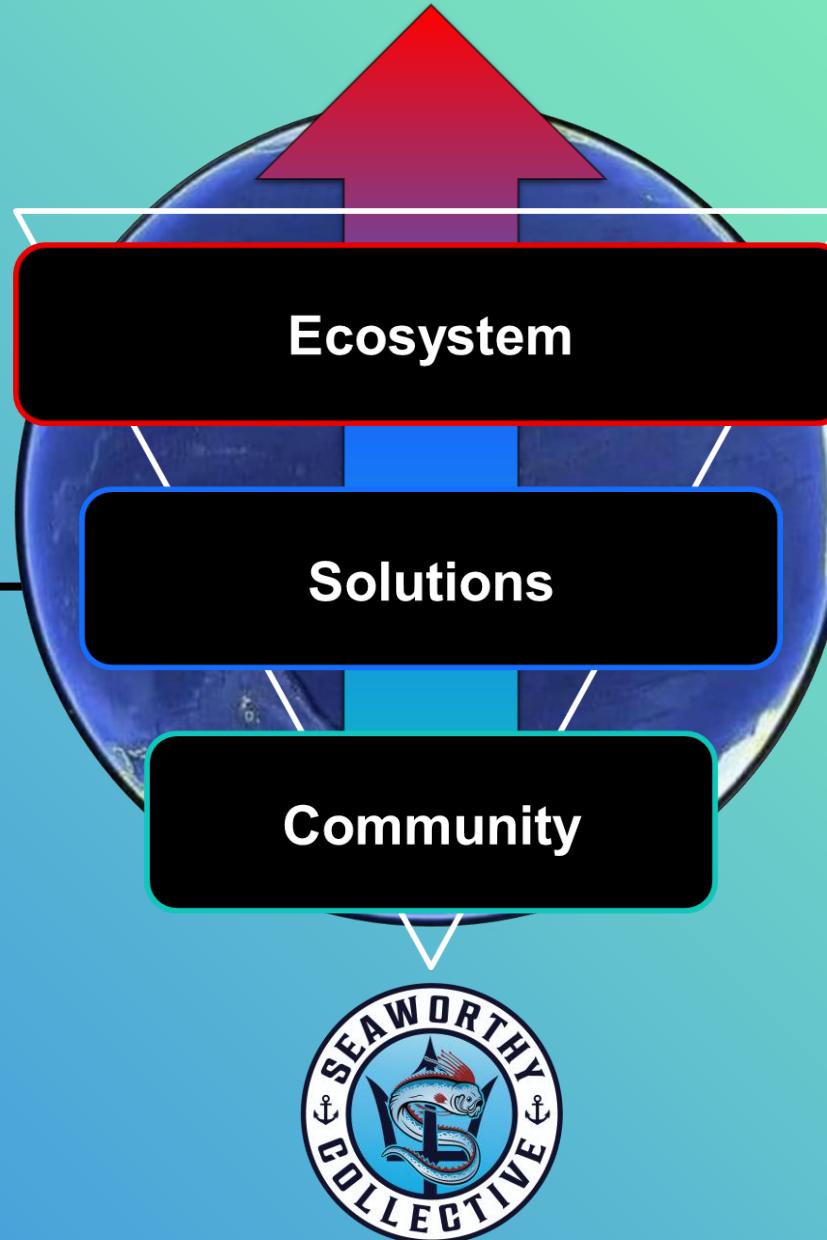
**December 16–17, 2025**  
**West Palm Beach, FL**

**ROOTS OF RESILIENCE:**  
**Cultivating a Sustainable Future**



**All Hands On Deck for BlueTech**

# Driving Economic, Workforce, & Ecosystem Development



**Supporting New & Emerging Startups**

**Engaging & Educating Current & Future Founders**

**Startup Studio & Incubator**

**Startup Showcase, Sea Change Makers Series & Fellowship**



# Seaworthy's Impact Since 2020

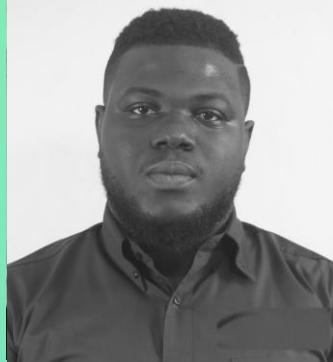


**100 entrepreneurs  
& 50 startups**



**5,600+ people  
engaged over  
80+ events**

**\$34M+ raised by  
Seaworthy Startups**



**11x growth in homegrown  
startups supported**

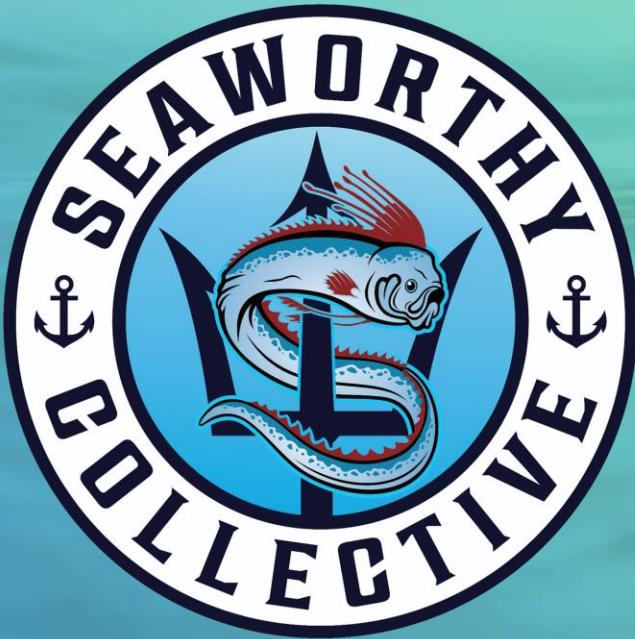


# The Continuum - \$14M NOAA Partnership

**Coordinated network of ocean enterprise accelerators fast-tracking innovative technologies and data, prioritizing economic growth, & innovation leadership.**



# Now Taking Applications for Cohort 7!



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# NEW YORK CITY BUILD CHALLENGE

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Sustainability Manager, City of Jacksonville



# Introducing New Jax City- Build Challenge

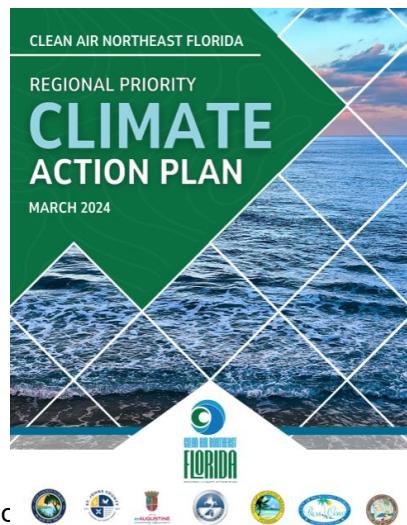
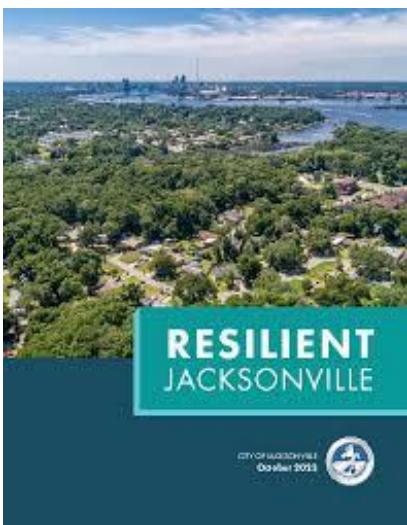
- Hosted by City of Jacksonville, DCPS, Minecraft Education, C40 Cities
- Custom Minecraft world featuring Jacksonville landmarks
- A Minecraft competition for students Grades 3–College
- Students Redesign Jacksonville spaces using Minecraft Education
- Teaches sustainability, civic leadership, planning
- NPCs modeled after city leaders
- Aligns with esports growth:
  - \$6.8B by 2028
  - 3,100+ U.S. high schools have esports teams
  - 200+ universities offer scholarships
- Gaming + education = real career opportunities
- City Invest 3M in University of North Florida ESports Arena



# Program Goals align with City Plans

- Teach about Sustainability & Resilience
- Teach about the neighborhoods and Civil Service careers
- Inspire and celebrate creativity and innovation,
- Strengthen civic engagement & Pathways to STEM
- Develop leadership and digital skills
- Celebrate student voices and ideas- \$10k CASH
- Creative outreach & public engagement on city projects
- Linked to Real City Resources & Plans

[www.Jacksonville.gov/minecraft](http://www.Jacksonville.gov/minecraft)



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