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Cara Woods Serra, AICP, CFM serves as the Director of Resiliency for the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Her current role with the Council involves resiliency planning and grant administration.

EXPERIENCE

TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Director of Resiliency | Pinellas Park, FL

2019 – PRESENT

Cara is responsible for staffing the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition. Her role is primarily regional convening and stakeholder engagement around issues related to current and future climate hazards. She also leads the implementation of the Regional Resiliency Action Plan.

Hillsborough County

Senior Planner | Tampa, FL

2016 – 2018

GIS and policy analysis for Land Development Code amendments, site plan review, and administration of rezoning applications and special use permits.

City of Largo

Planner | Largo, FL

2014 – 2016

Site plan and development permit review. Managed the NFIP CRS program, and the adoption of a Land Development Code amendment to incorporate NFIP requirements.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

University of South Florida | Tampa, FL

MAY 2010

- Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Master of City and Regional Planning

Georgia Institute of Technology | Atlanta, GA

MAY 2012

- Community Development

SKILLS

- GIS
 - Floodplain Management
 - Policy Research
 - American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
 - Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM)
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