

Building Thriving and Resilient Communities

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National Resilience Guidance Background and Context

- Communities today face an increasingly complex set of challenges. Disruptions from a range of acute shocks, such as loss of key industries, pandemics, cyberattacks, infrastructure failure, and natural disasters are becoming more frequent and intense.
- Communities and systems are experiencing chronic stressors such as aging infrastructure, environmental degradation, and poverty, which negatively impact quality of life and wellbeing, worsen the impacts of shocks, and undermine our ability to recover and thrive.
- FEMA implemented a robust campaign to solicit input from across the whole community, using multiple methods of engagement across disciplines, sectors, levels of government, communities, and individuals to inform the development of this resilience guidance.



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Project Overview



FEMA, in partnership with the whole community, will create guidance and resources that help increase community and national resilience

The guidance will:

- Promote a common understanding of resilience
- Help everyone understand and fulfill their critical roles related to increasing resilience
- Address the relationship between shocks and stressors and how they affect resilience
- Inspire fresh, forward-looking, and people-centered approaches



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We Need Your Input!

We want to...

- Leverage your experience, knowledge, and perspectives.
- Build on existing research and practice.
- Work with you to fill knowledge and information gaps.

We want to learn about...

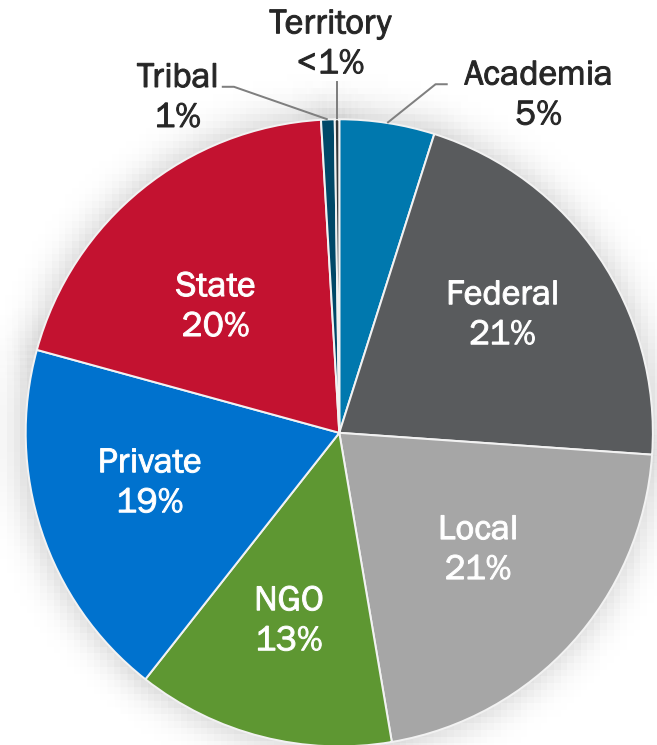
- Characteristics of resilient communities.
- Resilience roles and responsibilities.
- Innovative approaches to resilience.
- Building successful partnerships.
- Challenges you've faced in increasing resilience.
- Information, resources, or tools that would be helpful to you.
- And more!



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Stakeholder Engagement – Whole Community Sessions

- Conducted **6 Resilience Listening Sessions** with **600+** whole community stakeholders
- Conducted the first **Joint Federal Leadership Group Session** with **90+** attendees
- Conducted **Resilient Nation Partnership Network Listening Session** with **80+** attendees
- Conducted engagement discussion at **the National Governors Association ResCon** and **FEMA's National Preparedness Symposium** with **60+** attendees
- Conducted an **Economic Resilience Listening Session** with Economic Development Administration and National Association of Development Organizations with **30+** attendees
- Conducted a **Philanthropic Listening Session** with **15+** attendees
- Briefed on the NRG during **Natural Hazards Workshop** and **Youth Preparedness Council Summit**



Participants for Whole Community Listening Sessions 6



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Stakeholder Engagement – Individual Stakeholder Meetings

Conducted **80+** individual stakeholder meetings to date with **25+ SLTT Organizations/Associations/Nonprofits/Foundations** and **25+ Federal Groups** representing over 60 departments and agencies and over 300 interagency partners*

Federal Agencies and Groups	Associations/Nonprofits/Foundations	SLTT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Homeland Defense and Security • CISA Cross-Sector Council • Council on Environmental Quality • Economic Development Administration • Environmental Protection Agency • ESFLG/ RSFLG/ MitFLG • Federal Policy Committee • FEMA Offices (RAs, FPCs, ICPD, NCP, EA, TA, Mit, Tribal) • Health and Human Services • National Advisory Council • National Institute of Standards and Technology • National Mitigation Planners • National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration • National Security Council/RIPC/Res. Sub-IPC • Prevention & Protection partners (DHS, FBI, ODNI) • Sector Risk Management Agencies • Small Business Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Planning Association • American Society of Adaptation Professionals • Chamber of Commerce Foundation • Coastal Resilience Center • Council on Foundations • FS-ISAC Business Resilience Council • Government Finance Officers Association • Institute for Sustainable Development • International Association of Emergency Managers • Margaret A. Cargill Foundation Philanthropies • National Association of Development Organizations • Resilient Nation Partnership Network • UNC National Environmental Modeling and Analysis Center • US Climate Alliance • Z-Zurich Foundation • Ripple Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annapolis/Anne Arundel County Resilience Authority • Chief Resilience Officers • DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency • Maryland Emergency management Agency • National Association of Counties • National League of Cities • New York Department of State • NIC Coordination Group/Planning Sub-group • NIMS Coordinators • Resilient Counties Advisory Board • SLTT Business, Industry, Infrastructure and Integration • SLTT Critical Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council • SLTT Government Coordinating Council • Washington State

**Met with some organizations/groups multiple times.*



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Tentative Topics for Guidance Document

Guidance topics and content is informed by stakeholder engagement activities

- **Definition and Vision**
- **The What and Who of Resilience**
 - **Principles:** Identify and explain the guiding principles for resilience.
 - **Roles and Responsibilities:** Identify the roles of key stakeholders in building resilience
- **The How of Resilience**
 - **Planning:** Discuss how jurisdictions can approach resilience planning.
 - **People:** Discuss coordination approaches and how to staff/organize and engage effectively
 - **Policies:** Discuss how to assess policies and explain how policies can be used to build resilience.
 - **Projects:** Describe potential projects that can be undertaken to address shocks and stressors.
 - **Financing Resilience Efforts:** Describe potential successful models for financing resilience priorities.
 - **Measuring Resilience:** Explain the importance of metrics and approaches for measuring resilience.



Next Steps

Spring –
Summer 2023

We will continue to engage the whole community throughout the summer to gather input.

Fall/Winter
2023

Our goal is to have the draft guidance released in the fall/ winter for stakeholder review and feedback during a national engagement period.

Winter/ Spring
2023

We will update the guidance to address stakeholder feedback during the winter.

Spring 2024

We aim to publish the guidance in the spring of 2024.



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Climate Resilience

National Resilience Guidance Will Help Unify Our Climate Efforts

- **Climate change represents a profound crisis for our nation.** It is causing more frequent, more intense, and more destructive natural disasters and disproportionately affecting underserved communities
- **Now more than ever, the nation is expecting FEMA and emergency managers to do more.** These expectations will only grow in the coming years as climate change continue shaping the next several decades. We will answer the nation’s call – and will do so together.
- FEMA’s 2022–2026 Strategic Plan Goal 2 is to “Lead [the] Whole of Community in Climate Resilience,” which is the ability to **anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to future climate conditions.**
- **Climate change requires a whole of government approach** and with our strategic plan, FEMA is joining our partners in tackling climate change.



What is FEMA Doing?

- **FEMA established a Climate Adaptation Enterprise Steering Group** to develop a unified agency approach to address climate change across all agency programs and operations.
 - This group led assessment of barriers and opportunities, drew input from contributors to the agency’s request for information on climate and equity, and held forums with experts to help shape FEMA’s strategic direction.
- **To successfully integrate climate change initiatives, science, data, and perspectives**, FEMA established a Climate Team to strengthen all the efforts Directorates, Programs and Regions have begun and support the development of national policy and guidance in close coordination with FEMA programs, partner agencies from the Department of Homeland Security, Other Federal Agencies, and the White House.
- The **FEMA Senior Climate Advisor leads the Climate Team** in implementation of interagency coordination, policy work, and communications on climate resilience and adaptation, and support implementation of the FEMA strategic plan.
- **The Climate Team serves** as a facilitator, convener, advisor, and main coordinator when priorities cross multiple areas in the agency. And supports national policy and guidance in close coordination with FEMA programs, partner agencies from DHS, and the White House



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Thank you for your participation!



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