

SUMMARY MATRIX - Resilient Neighbors Community Profiles

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#	Community	State	Characteristics	Resiliency Projects	Partners	Funding Sources	Innovations	Sources / Contact Information
1	Augusta	GA	Inland Southern city; flood, tornado, & hurricane risk – overcoming urban problems of white flight and multi-jurisdictional strife.	Community engagement in planning, sustainability, floodplain management, green-space protection, & hazard mitigation. Making the most of natural, historic, and human resources.	Schools, neighborhoods, Central Savannah River Land Trust, Center for Urban River Research, Center for Ecological Restoration, FEMA, state. Local industry, businesses, nonprofits, environmental organizations, and citizen leaders.	PDM and HMGP grants; sustainability/resiliency grants; LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee); SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax). Looking to implement a stormwater utility.	Involving whole community in planning processes to bridge diversity, overcome strife, and build community.	Terri Turner, Development Administrator, City of Augusta Planning & Development, 706-821-1796, turner@augustaga.gov , www.augustaga.gov
2	Central Shenandoah Valley	VA	Valley includes 5 counties, 5 cities, and 11 towns between Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains. Hazards include floods, thunderstorms, tornadoes, winter storms.	Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission created and is maintaining a broad-based resilience program in partnership with many jurisdictions, including planning for preparedness and mitigation.	Was Project Impact community and has broad range of partners from business, homeowners, nonprofit and government agencies.	Scarce. Funding from local governments for CERT, small donations from private citizens and in-kind service from a dedicated team of volunteers currently keep overall program active.	Hazard mitigation projects including floodplain clearance. Preparedness including CERT and community-wide wildfire protection plan.	Rebecca Leigh Joyce, Senior Planner, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, 540-885-5174, Rebecca@cspdc.org , www.cspdc.org .
3	Charlotte-Mecklenburg County	NC	Forward-thinking Southern city-county with progressive resilience program. Flash flooding hazard.	Future-based stormwater and floodplain management includes advanced notification systems, land use plans, risk based mitigation planning, and buyouts that will save \$300 million in losses.	Cooperating technical partner with FEMA. Also partner strongly with Charlotte Realtor Association and development community leaders.	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Utility and FEMA mitigation grant programs.	“Quick buy” can buy damaged structures immediately after a flood. Floodplain maps include future urbanization. Risk based assessments and digital mitigation plans	Tim Trautman, Flood Mitigation Mgr, 704-336-7357, Tim.Trautman@mecklenburgcountync.gov , http://stormwater.charmeck.org
4	Grays Harbor County	WA	Diverse coastal county with significant hazards including tsunami, earthquake, wildfire, volcanos, and flooding.	Working to create a unified emergency management and hazard mitigation program across many diverse jurisdictions.	Emergency management, leaders of many local and state jurisdictions, FEMA.	Local government funding with state and federal supplemental funds.	Vertical tsunami evacuation: creating a safe building where hundreds of residents can see refuge where high ground is too far away.	Charles T. Wallace, Deputy Director, Emergency Management, 360-580-2281, cwallace@co.grays-harbor.wa.us , http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/Index.asp
5	Hillsborough County	FL	Florida western coast, urban coastal county;	Resiliency projects include surge markers and stronger	Hillsborough County, Florida Dept. of	Recovery planning grants from	Recovery plan identifies ‘priority redevelopment	Gene Henry, Hazard Mitigation Manager, 813-307-4541,

	(Tampa)		flood & hurricane risk.	codes, with a prototype incentives-based recovery planning program.	Community Affairs, FEMA.	FL Dept. Community Affairs, FEMA.	areas' for growth incentives after a disaster. Model for maintaining community partnerships.	HenryE@hillsboroughcounty.org. http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/index.aspx?NID=611
6	Jefferson County	WV	Rural West Virginia county a hour west of DC facing flood, wind, winter storm, terrorism, and other issues.	Working for more than a decade to build strong local team mitigating hazards, including drought and 2012 <i>derecho</i> windstorm.	Dozens of active partners include local businesses, citizen leaders, nonprofits, and agencies at all levels of government.	Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) and County Government budget.	Aggressive public information includes outreach to vulnerable populations. Long-established newsletter with 3500 readers.	Barbara Miller, Director, Dept. of Homeland Security, 304-728-3290, bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org . http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/homeland-security.html
7	Pasadena	TX	Coastal community south of Houston, TX. Recovering from Hurricane Ike is 2008. Prone to floods, storm surge, winds.	Working to become resilient city with recovery and extensive mitigation projects after Ike, plus energy, wastewater, and environmental programs.	Harris County, DOE, EPA, FEMA, Homeland Security, citizen groups.	Local government funding with state and federal supplemental funds.	Outstanding citizen involvement projects. Prototype mitigation projects include retrofits of power and other critical facilities.	Daya Dayananda, Asst. Public Works Director, City of Pasadena, 713-475-7269, DDayananda@ci.pasadena.tx.us . www.ci.pasadena.tx.us
8	Rockford	IL	Inland city of 150,000 on the Rock River in far northern Illinois; second largest city in the state. Prone to floods, tornadoes, blizzards.	Working on resiliency that balances smart growth with livability, agriculture, alternate energy strategies, environmental conservation, emergency preparedness, and hazard mitigation.	Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning; counties of Winnebago and Boone, IL; HUD; Rockford Local Development Corp.; state of Illinois; FEMA.	Used a line of credit for \$10 million program to clear flooded homes and turn the area into a park.	Broad resiliency programs include storm water master planning, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, retrofitting buildings, upgraded building codes.	Marcy Leach, Engineering Operations Mgr, City of Rockford, IL, 815-967-6740, Marcy.Leach@rockfordil.gov . www.rockfordil.gov/fire.aspx
9	Tulsa	OK	Inland city of 400,000 prone to flood, tornado, wind, heat, ice and chemical hazards.	Aggressive city floodplain management program includes future urbanization. Flood projects include detention parks, trails. Disaster teams work continually on a broad array of hazards and programs.	City of Tulsa, FEMA, Corps of Engineers, schools, and many other agencies. Tulsa Partners nonprofit links together businesses, citizens, and nonprofits to build a resilient community.	City uses stormwater utility fee, bond issues and sales tax for maintenance, management, capital. Scarce for nonprofit Tulsa Partners, which uses volunteers, occasional grants, and donations.	Broad local ordinances (watershed-wide) manage buildings floodplains and SafeRooms. Cleared more than 1,000 floodplain buildings cleared for trails, sports fields, & parks.	Bill Robison, stormwater engineer, City of Tulsa, 918-596-9475, brobison@cityoftulsa.org . Graham Brannin, Planning & Intergov. Adm., City of Tulsa. 918-596-9806, gbrannin@cityoftulsa.org Tim Lovell, director, Tulsa Partners Inc., 918-632-0044, tim.lovell@tulsapartners.org . www.TulsaPartners.org
10	Vermont	VT	New England state of 625,000 people with mountains, rivers, villages & small cities. Prone to floods & cold winters. Three 2011 storms devastated half the state.	Tropical Storm Irene recovery under way in 225 affected towns. Working to create a balanced program with floodplain management, hazard mitigation, and water quality protection.	Many state and federal agencies, including FEMA, working with local communities and citizens "to change the way people relate to their rivers."	State funding with federal grants from diverse agencies.	Flood-Resilient Program has communities' incentive fund to encourage hazard mitigation, risk reduction, strategic growth, walkable neighborhoods.	Mike Kline, State Rivers Program Manager, 802-793-7617, Mike.Kline@state.vt.us .