RESILIENT AMERICA ROUNDTABLE

On the Move from Concept to Execution

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A short primer would be helpful

RESILIENT AMERICA 101

- A new program at the National Academy of Sciences

- Launched in 2014

- Based on Disaster Resilience: A National Imperative Report

- A way to engage diverse sets of stakeholders in community action to build resilience

- Seeks to identify and share key elements in building resilience at the community level

- Works with 4 communities as they develop a community-based and –owned resilience strategy

- Organizes workshops, meetings, table top exercises, and other multi-stakeholder interactive events with resilience themes

- Provides resources*, experts, and information to help communities and decision makers better understand, communicate, and manage risk.

- Experts, including social scientists, engineers, risk managers, private sector business operators, academics, public sector decision makers, federal agencies, and more

- Community members, businesses, decision makers

- Those who have resources and can help

- Those who need resources and assistance

- Diverse stakeholders: Private sector, public sector, NGOs, academia, individuals

- Costs of natural disasters and other disruptions are rising

- Greater networks and connections ➜ more opportunities for widespread impacts

- Federal or top-down programs to build resilience get mixed results

- Bottom-up approaches are needed, but hard to implement alone

- Communities want to protect their quality life, their property, and their people.

- 3-4 pilot communities across the country
- Members and staff convene, facilitate, document meetings, workshops, and other interactive events
- Communities develop their community resilience strategies with help from Resilient America
- Pilot communities interact with RAR members, experts and staff, and with other communities that are involved in the program

- Launched in January 2014
- First two pilot communities selected in September 2014
- Third pilot community selected in February 2015
- Fourth pilot community to be confirmed in spring 2015
- Extreme Events Ice Breaker goes on line May 2015
- Community Resilience Strategy **Step 1**, Spring 2015
- Critical Infrastructure/Economic Supply Chain, Meeting 1, May 2015
- Measures/metrics Workshop in July 2015 in Cedar Rapids, IA
- Community Resilience Strategy **Step 2**, Summer/Fall 2015
- Community Resilience Strategy **Step 3**, Winter 2015
- Community Strategy **Step 4**, Spring 2016
- Community Resilience Strategy completed Fall 2016

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September, 2014

Resilient America selects the Greater Charleston Area as a Pilot Community!

"Economic resilience includes not only standing up new businesses but also retaining existing ones."

Business Community

"How will Charleston's population growth impact the resilience of the region?"

FAITH-BASED POLICE ORGANIZATIONS

Public Sector

"Charleston needs resilience champions from and within different sectors."

IN OTHER WORDS..

Our community's resilience has many dimensions to it

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Today

WE START.

- Today (welcome!)

- Start the conversation about what resilience is and should be in the Greater Charleston area.

- What different roles do people play? Need to play?

- What about resources spread (thin) across the area?

- How can we understand resilience in concrete ways?

- How can we understand the "community" and its dimensions in a useful way?

- How do we identify key elements for the community resilience strategy?

- Morning: Resilience in Charleston
- Extreme Events Interactive Activity
- Lunch Activity to think about resilience across different community dimensions (unstructured)
- Afternoon sessions: community dimensions and elements (structured)
- Group discussions

Nap time!

Weird is a side effect of awesome

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Let's go.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION