

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**.

RA101 WHO IS INVOLVED?

- **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.

RA101 HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 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

RA101 GENERAL TIMELINE?

- 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

September, 2014

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





WHAT HAVE WE HEARD IN CHARLESTON SO FAR?



Business Community

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

“How will Charleston’s population growth impact the resilience of the region?”



“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.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE STRATEGY **STEP 1**

- 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!

BUSY DAY. FUN DAY. IMPORTANT DAY.

Weird is a side effect of
awesome



Let's go.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION