Centering the Community in Resilience Planning
We are a peer-to-peer network of people and organizations working to restore and revitalize urban waterways and the socioeconomically challenged communities that surround them.
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Who We Are

Movement Strategy Center (MSC) supports people, grassroots organizations, alliances, networks, and funders to build the leadership, vision and relationships necessary for powerful and transformative social justice movements.
Big Inquiry

How do we lead a transition from a world of domination and extraction to a world of regeneration, resilience, and interdependence?
Our Projects and Programs

- Transitions in Place
- Innovation Center
- Restorative Economy
- Youth and Intergenerational Organizing
- Community Climate Solutions
What is Climate Resilience?
RESILIENCE = 
Adaptation + 
Mitigation + 
Social Cohesion + 
Equity
Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning Framework

- This framework was co-launched with NACRP members and grassroots partners via the NACRP in the summer of 2017.
- It was created through convening community driven planners from base-building and base-building support organizations.
- It includes principles, practices, and key capacities for community-driven...
Community-Driven Planning

- Builds leadership outside of local government agencies
- Increases collaboration and capacity
- Advances a multi-sectoral approach for more holistic and effective solutions
Priorities

- Promote community-driven climate resilience solutions and centralize frontline community leadership
- Ensure climate solutions meet real needs of climate-impacted communities

- Increase capacity for whole systems thinking and cross-sector collaboration
- Foster opportunities for strategic alignment among leaders in climate movement ecosystem to scale up community-driven solutions
Seven Components of Community-Driven Planning
Engine of Climate Resilience Planning
Visioning

- Define the goal
- Make sure it’s community-derived
- Inspire social cohesion
- Motivate engagement for the work ahead
Power Building

- Invests in both people and systems
- Builds cross-sector coalitions
- Increases self-governance
- Increases democratic engagement capacity
- Builds strategies and connection across all levels of governance and stakeholders (residents to decision-makers)
Solutions Development

GRAPHIC 3.1
Two Paths Up The Mountain

VISION MANIFEST
- Government Agencies
- New Infrastructure
- Systems Change
- Capital Investors
- Businesses
- Community Organizations

Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning
Five Principles

1. Whole Systems Thinking
2. Desired Outcomes Reflected in Every Step
3. Planning Process as a Learning Process
4. Planning into Action
5. Balancing Power Dynamics among Stakeholders
NACRP is an emerging multi-stakeholder, peer-learning, resource, and referral network that fosters effective, place-based climate resilience planning and implementation. Visit nacrp.org for more info.

- Members
- Facilitator
- Partners
Climate Justice for Ironbound and for Newark

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Centering the Community in Resilience Planning
47 years of serving our community

- Early Childhood Education & Youth Development
- Family Services & Adult Education
- Environmental Justice & Community Development
Ironbound: EJ

Context
Superstorm Sandy was a game changer!
Regional Impacts

Hurricane Sandy
Impacts on our Urban Coast
October and November 2012
On top of everyday flooding
FEMA FLOOD RISK ZONES:
future vulnerability
Newark Resiliency Action Plan
NEWARK RAP Process

Starts here!
Neighborhood-based Resident Engagement

City-wide, Multi-Sector Steering Committee Engagement

Draft Plan

Final Plan & Implementation

City-wide, Multi-Sector Steering Committee Engagement

Neighborhood-based Resident Engagement
Resiliency Planning
5 Elements of Resiliency:
1. Minimizing flooding and the amount of toxic residue left behind as a result of flooding
2. Reducing temperatures and adapting to heat impacts
3. Preparing for, and responding to, extreme weather situations
4. Reducing Green House Gases (GHG) and local air pollution
5. Minimizing black-outs and stopping the use of dirty energy through energy efficiency and renewable energy alternatives
NEWARK RAP: Strategy

Policy Development at the municipal, state, regional, and federal levels

On-the-ground projects in 3 target wards: East (ICC), South (CWF), and West (NJEJA)

Community Empowerment to create long-lasting, resident climate justice advocates
CLIMATE JUSTICE ALLIANCE

Resiliency Action
Riverfront Park
Future Projects
On-going Education
Climate Resilience, Gentrification, & Displacement
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BEFORE YOU GO...

Thanks in advance for completing the evaluation survey!

Register for our upcoming webinars:

• Thur. 9/26—Anti-displacement Strategies: Environmental Restoration...Meet Housing
• Wed. 10/9—After the Storm: Equitable Recovery and Resilient Adaptation (3rd in climate resilience series)

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