AFTER THE STORM: Equitable Recovery and Resilient Adaptation
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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.
Today’s Presenters

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Community-Based Leadership in Resilience

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Lower 9th Ward CSED

The center is a 6+ year old non-profit which accomplishes its work by strategically reinforcing community driven goals throughout its efforts to help create an economically, culturally and environmentally sustainable Lower 9th ward community.
Presentation Objectives

• Identify key elements which may provide a guiding philosophy for success of a community-based non-profit
• Determine whether the activities of a non-profit are couched in a need-based context.
• Determine the effectiveness of the leadership brand projected by a community-based non-profit.
The New Orleans Principles

The New Orleans Principles: Celebrating the Rich History of New Orleans Through Commitment to a Sustainable Future focuses on New Orleans, with much of it describing ten organizing principles to guide reconstruction and redevelopment of the city. These ten principles are as follows:

1. Respect the rights of all citizens of New Orleans.
2. Restore natural protections of the greater New Orleans region.
3. Implement an inclusive planning process.
5. Protect the city of New Orleans.
7. Honor the past; build for the future.
8. Provide for passive survivability.
10. Focus on the long term.
The Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development (CSED)  
Established in 2007

CSED’s Primary Work
• Food Security
• Natural Environment
• Built Environment
• Volunteers Coordination

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CSED still works closely with local, state and federal government as well as a myriad of multi-sector partners.
CSED Funders & Supporters

- Blue Moon Fund
- Kresge Foundation
- Surdna Foundation
- Foundation for Louisiana
- Mercy Corp
- Gulf Coast Fund
- McKnight Foundation
- Greater New Orleans Foundation
- Walton Foundation
- National Wildlife Federation
- Jazz & Heritage Foundation
- Orleans Recovery Foundation
- Tulane University City Center
- USGBC- Greenbuild Legacy Grant
- National Park Service
In Memoriam

Pam Dashiell
(1948-2009)

Visionary Leader ❖ Community Activist
Using Data for Equitable Disaster Recovery

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Past disasters

Hurricane Katrina, 2005

Superstorm Sandy, 2012

Hurricane Harvey, 2017
Framework of Federal Disaster Aid

**FEMA** is emergency management team, provides rapid relief
- Individual Assistance (IA)
- Temporary Shelter Assistance (TSA)

**HUD** is source of funding and monitors long-term recovery and mitigation
- Spends money on disaster recovery through Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) by assessing unmet needs
Inequality in Disaster Management and Planning

- NPR study looked at 40,000 property buyouts nationally
- Localities focus recovery and planning efforts on middle class and white communities
- After disasters, on average, black residents lose wealth and white residents gain wealth
- Homeowners more likely to benefit

After Superstorm Sandy (2012), recovery decisions exacerbate inequality

- Disparate treatment of homeowners/renters
- Needs assessments (for CDBG-DR/HUD funding) underestimated needs of renters and low-income people:
  - State’s housing-recovery program undercounted needs of renters by half
  - Renters constituted 80% of households earning under $30,000 per year
- Nearly half of renters impacted were Black and Latinx, compared to 16% of homeowners
Sandy Complaint and Settlement (2013)

- With NAACP and Latino Action Network, filed under Title VI and Title VIII of Civil Rights Act, alleging race-based discrimination against renters
- Largest settlement ever reached under the federal Fair Housing Act history
- Reallocation of over $500 million in federal recovery funds
  - Sandy funds required to target hardest hit communities
  - Address language barriers in recovery programs
  - Assist renters and homeowners
Joint Agency Guidance (2016)

- Federal language access requirements apply to disaster recovery

- Guidance provides “overview of application of Title VI in emergency and disaster management, and examples of promising practices to ensure nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin.”
OpenFEMA Individual Assistance (IA) Data

- Individual Assistance Housing Registrants Large Disasters Dataset
  https://www.fema.gov/openfema-dataset-individual-assistance-housing-registrants-large-disasters-v1

- Released for the first time in early 2018

- Data on IA applicants in eligible disaster declaration areas with assessments conducted by FEMA inspectors

- Variables on geography (smallest = census block ID), demographics (income, tenure, household composition), disaster impact (flood level, water damage), eligibility of assistance
Supplementing and Using the OpenFEMA IA Dataset

• Integrate with Census/ACS demographics

• Detailed understanding of flooding and floodplain mapping (every property assessed by FEMA has detailed information on flood extent)

• Shape plans for resiliency and rebuilding

• Analyze and integrate unique dynamics into response
Reforming Disaster Recovery

- Ensure all communities can benefit from mitigation infrastructure to protect against future disasters; every $1 spent on mitigation saves $6 in federal resources

- Coordination among federal agencies

- Infrastructure and building design standards account for climate trends
Questions and Thank You!

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BEFORE YOU GO...

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Other opportunities:

- Webinars, blogs and resources on community and climate resilience: www.urbanwaterslearningnetwork.org

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