

Resilience Roadmap

A Collaborative Approach to Multi-Jurisdictional Planning

Defining Resilience Exercise

The defining resilience exercise is provided to assist in defining resilience and recording projects, policies, and programs currently in existence that support community resiliency efforts.

Resilience Definitions

Understanding the definition and justification for choosing that definition at each level of government is important to goal setting exercises. A few examples of definitions for resilience are listed for reference:

- [Executive Order 13693](#) defines resilience as "the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions".
- [DOE's Office of Electricity](#) has a definition of resilience as "the ability of an energy facility to recover quickly from damage to any of its components or to any of the external systems on which it depends".
- The National Renewable Energy Laboratory defines reliance as "*a system's ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions through sustainable, adaptable, and holistic planning and technical solutions*".
- Resilience is defined in the [Presidential Policy Directive 21](#) as the ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions. Resilience includes the ability to withstand and recover from deliberate attacks, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents.
- The [Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities](#) defines urban resilience as "the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience."
- The [Colorado Recovery and Resilience Office](#) defines resilience as "the ability of communities to rebound and positively adapt to or thrive amidst changing conditions or challenges ... and maintain quality of life, healthy growth, economic vitality, durable systems and conservation of resources for present and future generations."
- The [National Institute of Standards and Technology](#) has a number of definitions for resilience in their Community Resilience Planning Guide resulting from a series of stakeholder group meetings.

Existing Preparedness and Resilience Plans

Equally important to establishing baseline conditions in multi-jurisdictional planning, is gathering any resilience or preparedness planning efforts already underway. A community or government entity will have different priorities depending on operational needs and critical activities; understanding these priorities will help formulate mutually effective resilience strategies.

Use the worksheet on the next page to record resilience definitions and current resilience projects.

Intergovernmental Coordination & Preparation

Resilience Planning Phase II: Resilience Baseline

Definition of Resilience

Current Resiliency Efforts: Projects, Policies & Programs

Federal Facility Operations



Municipal Operations



County Operations



State Operations

