

Defining and Building Capacity for Disaster Mitigation

September 20, 2023 | 3.00 pm ET

The Webinar will begin shortly



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INTERGOVERNMENTAL ROUNDTABLE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

February 10, 2023 / Washington, D.C.

- Follow up from previous roundtable event held in February 2022
- Roundtable comprised of county elected officials and chief resilience officers, state resilience officers, and county agency heads
- Officials represented Atlantic and Gulf Coast counties and states
- Joined by NOAA leadership, NACo and Pew staff

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KEY FINDINGS

- State and local reliance on federal funding for disaster resilience is significant, but capacity to seek federal funds varies
- Emergency management offices are not well equipped to lead on mitigation and resilience, but should be strong partners at the table

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KEY FINDINGS

- When possible, counties should incentivize resilience activities through zoning and planning authority
- Partnerships across regions, with universities and the private sector allow counties to pool resources and operate across jurisdictional boundaries

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KEY FINDINGS

- Promote a reasonable perception of risk to help communities better understand and prepare for current and future hazards and vulnerabilities
- Budget authorities need additional education on risk and resilience to better understand the value of investing in assessments, plans, and projects

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6 ELEMENTS OF CAPACITY FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE

1. Funding for mitigation planning and project implementation
2. Staffing and, in some cases, dedicated agencies
3. Authority to enact policy and practice that support mitigation efforts
4. Effective strategic partnerships
5. Ability to collect, analyze, and interpret data for decision making
6. Education and improved perception of risk

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