Research, training, peer networks.
Counties invest $25.6 billion into economic development annually.
Counties invest $106 billion in public facilities annually.
Recent Activities.

2013 Forum: Resilient Counties
Economic Resilience.

Featured Counties
Augusta-Richmond, Ga.
Brookings, S.D.
Cuyahoga, Ohio
Garrett, Md.
King, Wash.
Maui, Hawaii
Prince George, Va,
Rutherford, N.C.
Long-Range Planning.
Industry Development + Entrepreneurs.
Workforce Development.
Spotlight on Innovation.

- Economic Development
- Health
- Justice
- Resilience
- Technology
- Transportation and Infrastructure
Partnerships to drive innovation.
Upcoming Activities.

Powering County Resilience: Renewable Energy Forum

March 20-22
Santa Barbara, CA

May 1-3
San Francisco, CA
Community and Economic Development

To help counties implement innovative and effective local programs, NACo provides members with information, trainings, and assistance to engage counties and their multi-sector partners who are bound by a common interest in growing stronger, more competitive, more equitable counties and communities.

The Community and Economic Development practice area supports county leaders seeking to develop and implement creative, innovative, locally driven strategies that will foster economic growth and ensure long-term county resiliency.

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Presidential Initiative

Under the leadership of President
Maui County

- Economic diversification efforts began in early 1980s
- Focus on natural assets to expand space surveillance industry
- Grew renewable energy sector
- Focus on STEM education and workforce training
Augusta-Richmond County

- Combination of targeted industry recruitment and downtown development
- Promotes quality of life as economic development strategy
Research, training, peer networks.

- Bolster county resilience.
- Draw on creative strategies.
- Promote quality growth.
Why?

- Changing economic and demographic conditions (locally, nationally, and globally)
- Increasing natural and man-made disasters
- Budget constraints + growing demand for services