



SESSION DESCRIPTION

G2 Planning for resilience during post-disaster recovery in New York City

Workshop

Date: Weekday, month day, 2015

Time: 11:00-12:30

Rooms: S01-02

Language: English

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OBJECTIVE

With recent natural disasters we have established a new framework for thinking about needs for planning and policy; entering unknown territory has allowed for reinvention of disaster recovery to generate local capacity for preparedness and mitigation and thereby rebuild with communities' resilience in mind. A diverse yet interwoven range of post-hurricane resiliency efforts involving community, city, state, regional, national, and international levels of participation share core objectives and needs in an unprecedented effort to prepare for preparedness. New initiatives require highly involved interactions among levels of government, in addition to substantial support from the foundation sector to stoke opportunities for innovation. Immediately following "Superstorm" Sandy in 2012, local and state government responded with strategies for disaster recovery while incorporating resiliency planning for future storm mitigation, beginning with New York City's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (NYC SIRR) and production of the PlaNYC Report for A Stronger, More Resilient New York, followed by NY State's NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rebuild by Design competition focused on the Northeast.

This session explored local and state government recovery strategies and incorporated resiliency planning after "Superstorm" Sandy, as well as federal efforts to promote innovations in local resiliency preparedness with a foundation's encouragement. The session discussed the New York City, New York State and federal resilience initiatives and compare objectives, strategies, tools, funding, stakeholders, community engagement, and lessons learned. The session also highlighted the necessity of measuring economic implications of disaster recovery initiatives and implementation efforts.

OUTCOMES

Participants left the workshop with an increased understanding of:

- Resiliency-focused approaches and methodologies at different government levels;
- The necessity for strategic stakeholder partnerships in urban resilience building during disaster recovery; and
- The value of community engagement methods and working partnerships.

METHODOLOGY



Facilitator *Jamie Torres Springer, Partner, HR&A, New York, USA*

The facilitator presented the topic, with multimedia assistance (35 minutes). Following that two-three breakout groups formed to discuss in detail the topics presented and compare results (45 minutes). The facilitator wrapped up the discussion and present main outcomes (10 minutes).

Further recommended reading

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