

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Innovations in Building Resilient Communities II

Hilton Doubletree | Pittsburgh, PA

April 16-18, 2018

AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 16 | DAY 1

Theme: What's Possible?

- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Registration, Refreshments, and Networking
Room: Three Rivers Foyer
- 1:00 – 1:20 Welcoming Remarks
Deb Perry, *Program Director, Institute for Sustainable Communities*
- 1:20 – 2:15 Plenary 1 – Community Resilience-Building in Action: Stories from Southeast
Florida, San Diego, and Detroit
Moderator: Steve Adams, *Director of Urban Resilience, Institute for Sustainable
Communities*
Jill Horwitz, *Natural Resource Specialist, Broward County*
Donna Givens, *President and CEO, Eastside Community Network*
Nicole Capretz, *Founder and Executive Director, Climate Action Campaign*
- 2:15 – 3:00 Keynote: A Seat at the Table – A Discussion on Equity and Inclusion
Room: Monongahela
Kerene N. Tayloe, Esq., *Policy Director, Green for All*
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:30

Breakout Sessions: Round 1

1. Communicating with Art

Room: Monongahela

Join *Maxx Moses, Community Artist*, and *John Stephen, Larimer Consensus Group*, to explore how we can engage, communicate, and connect with the community through art and other visual experiences. Learn how artists can help bring resilience projects to life, educate the community, and inspire action, and discuss strategies for partnering with local artists in your community.

2. Successful Approaches to Resilience Planning

Room: Allegheny

Join *Steve Adams, ISC*, and *Evelyn Kasongo, D.C. Office of Planning*, to discuss different ways to formalize resilience initiatives into a planning document. Hear how some communities create a stand-alone plan, while others include resilience elements in existing plans, such as comprehensive, hazard mitigation, or sustainability plans. Learn about successful strategies for resilience planning and share your approach.

3. Workforce Training: Giving Residents the Skills and Opportunities to Thrive

Room: Ohio

Across the country, programs are emerging that not only build green projects, but also create more resilient economies and build local wealth by training local people to step into these new job opportunities. This session, led by *Ilyssa Manspeizer, Landforce*; *John Huffington and Krystle Starvis, Living Classrooms Foundation*; and *August Ball, Cream City Conservation Corps*, will explore how programs in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Milwaukee are helping residents from low-income communities gain the skills, certifications, and network connections they need to join the green workforce.

4. Building Resilience at the Neighborhood Scale

Room: Scranton

Join *Jeffrey Wilkerson, City of Trenton*; *Victoria Oliver, Detroit Future City*; and *Christine Mondor, evolveEA*, to discuss how neighborhood-scale resilience efforts—from detailed economic revitalization initiatives to targeted tactical urbanism projects—can yield immediate and tangible benefits to communities. This session will explore successful approaches to neighborhood resilience, especially as they relate to city- or region-wide planning and building social capital.

4:30 – 5:30

Team Huddle 1

Teams meet separately to discuss the status of their efforts, identifying accomplishments and challenges. Each team has time to discuss goals for this workshop and strategize ways to maximize the impact of their new connections and insights.

5:45 – 7:00

Networking Reception – Cash Bar

Room: Bigelow Patio (rain location: Three Rivers Foyer)

Theme: Explore and Inspire

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM **Coffee with Counterparts**
Room: Monongahela
Connect over breakfast with individuals from other teams who are facing similar climate challenges. Breakfast is provided.
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Opening Remarks and Today’s Objectives**
Room: Monongahela
Deb Perry, *ISC*
- 9:15 – 10:30 **Breakout Sessions: Round 2**
- 1. Ensuring that Disaster Recovery Strengthens Long-Term Resilience**
Room: Monongahela
Following a natural disaster, communities are working to rebuild in ways that will strengthen their future resilience. However, these efforts can be constrained by regulations, funding, time, and resources. In this session, we’ll hear from communities that have experienced disasters and recovery. Join *Ted Berger, Cook County Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Gavin Dillingham, Houston Area Research Council; Craig Davis, Texas General Land Office; and Hank Hodde, Smart Home America*, to share lessons and ideas about successfully integrating resilience into recovery.
 - 2. Partnering with Local Leaders to Transform Communities**
Room: Allegheny
Local leaders, whether they are activists, nonprofit representatives, or caring neighbors, are central stakeholders in urban resilience planning and policy. In this session, join *Dan Dickerman, Homewood Children’s Village; Nicole Capretz, Climate Action Campaign; and Sarah Jack Hanners, University of Utah and University Neighborhood Partners*, to learn about three successful, long-term initiatives that build the capacity of local leaders to take on a range of issues, from tackling environmental justice to creating equitable economic development. Discuss ways to strengthen your own partnerships with local leaders and build long-term community engagement.
 - 3. The Patchwork Quilt: Ways to Fund Your Resilience Projects**
Room: Ohio
As communities move from planning to implementation, they often run into the challenges related to financing. This session, led by *Steve Adams, ISC*, is intended to help organize thinking about finance—introducing categories of finance options and exploring how communities can think strategically to develop their projects, build partnerships, and ask the right questions as they develop a financing strategy.
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Networking Break**

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 | DAY 2 (CONTINUED)

- 11:00 – 12:00 PM Plenary 2 – Using Data to Advance Equitable Development: Case Studies from the All-In Cities Initiative
Room: Monongahela
James Crowder, *Senior Associate, PolicyLink*
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
Room: Monongahela
- 12:30 – 1:15 Team Huddle 2
Teams meet to discuss how they can take action on the new information and ideas they are acquiring at the workshop.
- 1:15 – 1:45 Plenary 3 – Building a Resilient Pittsburgh
Room: Monongahela
Grant Ervin, *Chief Resilience Officer, City of Pittsburgh*
- 2:00 – 5:00 Tour: Triboro EcoDistrict

Theme: Strategize and Commit

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Coffee with Counterparts

Room: Monongahela

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8:30 – 8:45

Opening Remarks and Today's Objectives

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Breakout Sessions: Round 3

1. **Building Community Resilience in the Phoenix Metro Region by Strengthening Relationships and Improving Outcomes in Social Services**

Room: Monongahela

Since 2016, ISC has been working in close partnership with a local foundation in Maricopa County, Arizona to build social cohesion and cross-sector collaboration as a means to increase community resilience county-wide. Join *Karina French, ISC*, to learn more about the approaches and tools used to implement this work, and how the data-driven process is addressing pressing issues and community needs, ultimately building community resilience.

2. **Transforming Vacant Properties into Valuable Community Assets**

Room: Presidential Suite

Across the country, there are organizations that look at blighted, vacant properties and see the potential for transformation. Join *Barry Pollard, The Urban Collaborative Project*; *Miriam Parson, ioby*; and *Tim McCollow, City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office*, to learn about the partnerships, patience, skills, and resources required to turn these lots into community spaces used for gardening, stormwater treatment, energy, education, and more.

3. **Inclusive Energy Programming: Approaches to Reach Low-Income Communities**

Room: Ohio

In this session, *Anita Ledbetter, Build San Antonio Green*, and *Kevin Emerson, Utah Clean Energy*, will share strategies for reducing the energy burden for low-income households and ensuring that clean energy and energy efficiency programs are accessible and meet the needs of all residents.

4. **Toolkits for Community Resilience**

Room: Allegheny

There are an increasing number of resilience planning tools available to local communities. Finding the right tool and accessing appropriate training, however, can be daunting. Join *Daphne Vivarette, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources*; *Kimberly Miller, Allen Engineering and Science*; and *Annette Osso, Resilient Virginia*, to learn about two initiatives that successfully developed and disseminated customized community resilience toolkits, and discuss ways to make toolkits relevant and accessible to your community.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 | DAY 3 (CONTINUED)

- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Team Huddle 3**
Teams discuss new insights and how these breakthroughs will advance their work. Team leaders prepare brief (two minute) reports on three actions to put this new information into practice when they return home.
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Team Report-Outs**
Room: Monongahela
- 11:45 – 12:00 PM **Closing Remarks**
Room: Monongahela
Steve Adams, *ISC*