

PARTNERSHIP FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES  
**Peer Learning Workshop**

Warwick Allerton | Chicago, IL  
November 5-7, 2018

## AGENDA

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### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | DAY 1

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**      **Networking Reception**

*Room: Huron – 23rd floor*

Join us for an evening of celebration and conversation! A cash bar and *hors d'oeuvres* will be provided.

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### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | DAY 2

**7:30 – 8:15 AM**      **Breakfast Available**

*Room: M Avenue*

**8:30 – 9:00**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*

Steve Nicholas, *Vice President, U.S. Program, Institute for Sustainable Communities*

Jennifer Patrick, *Program Officer, The JPB Foundation*

Sarita Turner, *Director of Inclusive Communities, Institute for Sustainable Communities*

**9:00 – 10:30**      **The Climate Change Economy: A Wealth and Power Building Opportunity**

*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*

**Keynote:** Nathaniel Smith, *Chief Equity Officer, Partnership for Southern Equity*

**Panel Discussion:**

Reverend Booker Vance, *Policy Outreach Manager, Elevate Energy*

Nile Malloy, *Senior Program Manager, Neighborhood Funders Group*

Nathaniel Smith, *Partnership for Southern Equity*

**Moderator:** Sarita Turner, *ISC*

Climate change presents an existential threat to people everywhere, but addressing that threat holds tremendous economic promise. While these economic opportunities are growing, the participation of people of color in the climate field remains minimal. Businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers of color must also benefit and lead in this “new climate economy” because while climate resilience requires resilient infrastructure and recovery strategies, those necessary steps will never be able to scale without economic resilience.

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## DAY 2 CONTINUED

10:30 – 10:45 Break: Transition to Breakout Rooms

10:45 – 12:00 PM Breakouts Round One: Power and Preparedness

**1. Being Ready and Keeping Safe: Engaging Communities for Emergency Management & Resilience**

*Room: Michigan - 23rd floor*

Steve Adams, *Director of Urban Resilience, Institute for Sustainable Communities*

John Huffington, *Director, Workforce Development, Living Classrooms Foundation*

An effective neighborhood emergency management system is critical to making a community resilient. But, what is a neighborhood emergency management system? Are there government resources available to support building and maintaining emergency services? How do I approach the development and implementation of such a system? This session will offer tips and tools on how to keep your neighborhood safe in the face of disaster and emergency.

**2. Just Transition to a Climate Economy for All**

*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*

Nile Malloy, *Neighborhood Funders Group*

Warren Adams-Leavitt, *Manager, Strategic Energy Initiatives, Westside Housing Organization*

*“Just Transition is a vision-led, unifying and place-based set of principles, processes, and practices that build economic and political power to shift from an extractive economy to a regenerative economy.” — Just Transition Alliance*

This session will explore the Just Transition framework to learn how we can shift from an extractive economy to a fair and sustainable economy where we all can participate and prosper.

**3. Organizing for Change in Climate Resiliency**

*Room: Huron - 23rd floor*

Rev. Booker Vance, *Elevate Energy*

Cherie Brooks, *Executive Director, Power 52*

Bringing communities together to organize for action is a necessary aspect of building strong, resilient communities. This session will discuss collaboration, partnerships, and smart organizing principles as influence and power building tools. We will look beyond surface-level solar positions and toward extending opportunity and expertise into the greater climate economy.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Twister – Twist your team with another for optimal peer learning

*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*

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## DAY 2 CONTINUED

- 1:00 – 1:15            Transition into Teams for Planning Clinic
- 1:15 – 3:45            Partnership for Resilient Communities: Planning Clinic Part One  
*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*  
Chrysta Wilson, *Wilson and Associates Coaching and Consulting*
- Teams will work together with Chrysta Wilson to develop ideas and next steps for the creation of a three-year plan. ISC staff and peer-learning presenters will be available to serve as resources during this planning time.
- 3:45 – 4:00            Break
- 4:00 – 4:45            Team Reflection on the Day
- 4:45 – 5:00            Day Two Closing Remarks
- 5:00 – 6:15            Break
- 6:15                    Meet in Lobby for Rides to Dinner
- 7:00 – 9:00            Hosted Dinner  
*Mr. Brown's Lounge: 81 East Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601*

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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | DAY 3

7:30 – 8:00 AM

### Breakfast with Counterparts

Room: M Avenue

Connect with members of other teams to explore partnerships and learn from one another. What did you get from the first day?

8:15 – 9:00

### Living Cully: Leading and Building Our Own

Room: Tip Top Tap North – 23<sup>rd</sup> floor

Taren Evans, *Neighborhood Revitalization Manager, Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East (Living Cully Partner)*

This inspiring story about the Cully neighborhood of Northeast Portland offers smart lessons in resilience building for us all. Determination, community organizing, partnerships, collaboration, and crowd-funding are some of the key ingredients to the success of Living Cully.

9:00 – 9:15

### Transition to Breakouts

9:15 – 10:30

### Breakouts Round Two: Foundational Components

#### 1. Communicating for Success: Building a Narrative that Wins Hearts, Minds, and Resources

Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor

Kimberley Rudd, *CEO, Rudd Resources*

Do you need to inspire others to invest in and support your resilience efforts? The ability to tell your community's story well is often a make-or-break aspect of building a strong foundation for your work and broadening support and resources. Gain approaches and tools from this session that help build a narrative about the complex intersection of climate resilience, economics, race, and community.

#### 2. Figuring out Funding: A Never Ending Pursuit

Room: Michigan - 23rd floor

Antonio Butts, *Executive Director, Walnut Way Conservation Corp.*

Donna Givens, *Executive Director, Eastside Community Network*

Jaime Love, *Senior Program Officer, Institute for Sustainable Communities*

Nile Malloy, *Neighborhood Funders Group*

Steve Nicholas, *ISC*

Taren Evans, *Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East*

Clean energy and green infrastructure projects in disinvested, overlooked communities take more than just people-power – it requires financial support. This session will dive into innovative financing, fundraising, and funding models that can help communities continue and grow their work.

10:30 – 10:45

### Break and Transition Time

Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor

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## DAY 3 CONTINUED

10:45 – 1:40      **Partnership for Resilient Communities: Planning Clinic Part Two  
(Working Lunch Served at Noon)**

*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*

*Chrysta Wilson, Wilson and Associates Coaching and Consulting*

1:40 – 2:20      **Moving Your Work into Action**

*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*

**Keynote:** *Bina M. Patel, CEO, Saathi Impact Consulting*

After two days of planning, it's now time to go back home and get into action! It's not easy for people and communities of color to carve out leadership space in this predominantly white climate arena. This closing session will focus on the action steps to help move you into the next level of your work, all while keeping equity in the center.

2:20 – 2:50      **Team Report Outs**

5 min each

2:50 – 3:00      **Closing Remarks**

*Room: Tip Top Tap North - 23rd floor*

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