Theme: Framing the Challenge

1:00 – 2:00 PM  Registration, Refreshments & Networking

2:00 – 2:45  Opening Remarks
Christopher Forinash, Director of U.S. Programs, Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC)
Megan McConville, Program Manager, National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation
Sunaree Marshall, Senior Advisor, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Economic Resilience

2:45 – 4:00  Plenary
Sustainable Communities, Resilient Region: Action in the Boston Region
Joseph Curtatone, Mayor, City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Carl Spector, Director of Climate and Environment Planning, City of Boston
Marc Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council

4:00 – 5:00  Team Huddle
Teams meet privately to discuss the status of their efforts, identifying accomplishments and thoughts on key climate or weather-related vulnerabilities and other challenges. Each team will have time to discuss goals for this workshop and ways to use discussions to make progress toward further successes.

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5:00 – 7:00  Networking Reception in the Plaza Ballroom (cash bar)

Share your story on video: At indicated times, a videographer will be available to capture you telling the story of your work. This is intended to be informal, unscripted video that you can share as you will – in project communications, to let those “back home” know what you were working on here, or whatever you want. So, come tell your story!

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 | DAY 2  BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

Theme: Explore and Inspire

8:00 – 9:00 AM  Coffee Networking (videographer available)

9:00 – 9:15  Opening Remarks
Christopher Forinash, ISC

9:15 – 9:45  Keynote
Small Town Resilience: Building the Future, Surviving the Storm
John Robert Smith, Chair, Transportation for America; former Mayor, Meridian, Mississippi

9:45 – 10:45  Plenary
Philanthropy as a Resource for Resilience
Ann Fowler Wallace, Director of Programs, Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities
Shamar Bibbins, Environment Program Officer, Kresge Foundation
Jennifer Pereira, Grant Programs Officer, Rhode Island Foundation (invited)
Ben Jones, Community Investment Officer, Central Indiana Community Foundation

10:45 – 11:00  Networking Break
11:00 – 12:30 PM Concurrent Sessions (Round 1)

1. **Engagement Tools and Techniques for Recovery and Resilience** with Ken Snyder, *PlaceMatters*. Get a brief overview of high-touch and high-tech tools and techniques for recovery and resilience. See a range of scenario planning and engagement tools that were used for recovery planning in New York and Colorado after historical storm events. Discuss ways to apply these tools to resiliency planning in your community.

2. **Translating the Regional Plan into Resilience Action** with Lisa Barajas, *Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities*. The Twin Cities region adopted Thrive MSP 2040 in May 2014, which identified climate change and resiliency as a lens through which to evaluate all of the Metropolitan Council’s work. Hear about the path that the Metropolitan Council and regional partners have undertaken to begin implementing the resiliency policies in 2015.

3. **Greening the Blue Using State Revolving Funds** with Rob Moore, *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*. Are you working to create green infrastructure in your region or community, but wondering how to fund it? The $130 billion state revolving funds (SRFs) can help provide key resources. Is your state on board? Come learn how SRFs are including green infrastructure, water efficiency, flooding, and other resilient water projects.

4. **Building Resilience by Advancing Equity** with Sarita Turner, *PolicyLink*, and Julia Gold, *Rhode Island Department of Health*. Resilience, equity, economic opportunity – what does one have to do with the others? The advancement of economic opportunity strategies in climate and resilience planning can foster tremendous progress towards preparedness and resilience. This session will explore the use of data, framing, partnerships and engagement to advance inclusive economic outcomes in climate and resilience planning.

5. **Flood Resilience and Home Buyouts** with Kevin Geiger, *Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission*. Why rebuild in a stupid place when you could start over in a non-lethal spot? Habit, paperwork and denying nature. Come learn how to make the tough decisions about where and how to rebuild, and how to find and effectively use resources to make it happen.

12:30 – 1:15 Lunch with Counterparts (videographer available)

1:15 – 2:15 Workshop

**Assessing Vulnerabilities and Risks**

Sascha Petersen, *Senior Program Officer, Institute for Sustainable Communities; Managing Director, American Society of Adaptation Professionals*

2:15 - 2:30 Break (videographer available)

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2:30 – 4:00  Concurrent Sessions (Round 2)


2. **Communicating Climate Risks and Vulnerabilities** with Suzanne Shaw, *Union of Concerned Scientists*. How do you have constructive conversations about risk and resiliency when “climate change” is a loaded term for so many people? Learn how language influences dialogue and explore techniques that will help you surface areas of agreement and avoid stalemate. Together we’ll discuss the specific challenges you face and generate approaches that will help you create productive dialogue about climate risk and resiliency in your community.

3. **Integrating Resilience into Urban Transportation Planning and Design** with Brad Beaubien, *City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development*, and Meredith Brady, *Rhode Island Department of Transportation*. Every metropolitan region has a transportation plan that guides investment in the highway, transit, and biking infrastructure and service that underpins regional economies. Few of them reflect an understanding of the ways climate will impact these key resources. Come learn how your peers are helping the transportation planning process “ask the climate question.”

4. **Building Resilience into Statewide Plans** with Bethany Remmers, *Northwest (VT) Regional Planning Commission*, and Lois Bush, *Florida Department of Transportation*. As at the metropolitan scale, states develop transportation, economic development, and other key plans to allocate resources for infrastructure, job creation, and other priorities. Incorporating quality information about climate vulnerabilities is critical, but not easy - learn from those doing it.

5. **Integrating Hazard Mitigation with Economic Development Planning** with Megan McConville, *NADO Research Foundation*. Tapping into your existing hazard mitigation plans to inform your economic development efforts is an effective and doable first step towards economic resilience. Come get some practical pointers for coordinating hazard mitigation and economic development planning and implementation and learn about a helpful new resource from the NADO Research Foundation and the University of Louisville’s Center for Hazards Research and Policy Development.

4:00 – 5:00  Team Huddle #2: Putting the Pieces Together

Teams get together to share new ideas and insights they have gained throughout the day.

5:00 – 5:15  Wrap-Up of Day 2

Brief recap, and look ahead to Day 3.

6:00, 7:00, 8:00  Dinner (self-organized)
Meet in the hotel lobby every hour on the hour, between 6-8 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 | DAY 3 BERKELEY/CLARENDON ROOM

Theme: Strategize and Commit

8:00 – 9:00 AM  Coffee Networking

9:00 – 9:15  Opening Remarks
Christopher Forinash, ISC

9:15 – 10:45  Concurrent Sessions (Round 3)

1. **Using NOAA’s Digital Coast Resources - Vulnerability & Economic Impacts** with Jen Horton, National Association of Counties, and Jamie Carter, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Finding good data is one thing—applying it to solve complex coastal issues is another. Come learn how the Digital Coast website provides dozens of free and customized tools - to address community and economic resilience, coastal hazards, land use planning, and coastal conservation, just to name a few - to assist communities in developing new solutions to coastal management issues.

2. **Hot Enough to Cut Steel** with Alex Jaccaci, Hypertherm, Inc., and Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup. Learn how one company is looking at adaptation and climate change as a force for business, and playing a leadership role in a bi-state, regional workgroup bringing businesses into the adaptation discussion.

3. **Five Hundred Years! New Federal Flood Protection Standards and What They Mean for Local Projects** with Rob Moore, NRDC. An Executive Order from January requires consideration of more severe flooding in designing all projects built with federal resources - think highways and transit, but also housing, and the wealth of facilities funding by USDA, EDA, FEMA, etc. Come learn in real-time how these requirements are going to be implemented, and what it means for your local work.

4. **Resilience, Food Systems, and Agriculture** with Ben Lilliston, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. Variable weather is already dramatically affecting agriculture and associated businesses around the country. Find out how agricultural communities are both adapting to climate change and transitioning toward renewable energy production and greater climate resilience.

5. **Connecting Smart Growth, Climate Adaptation, and Economic Development** with Megan Susman, U.S. EPA Office of Sustainable Communities. How can communities improve their economic resilience to climate-related impacts and take advantage of opportunities climate change might bring, while also improving everyday quality of life and protecting the environment? EPA is exploring this question through a technical assistance project with the state of Rhode Island and other work and is interested in learning about challenges and successes in other places.

10:45 – 11:00  Break (videographer available)

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11:00 - 11:45  Plenary
   How Fortune Favors the Prepared Mind: Prospects for Implementation
   Harriet Tregoning, Director, HUD Office of Economic Resilience

11:45 - 12:15 PM  Lunch (videographer available)

12:15 – 1:15  Team Huddle #3: Strategizing & Committing to Action
   Teams meet privately to discuss insights they’ve acquired at the workshop and how
   their new knowledge will advance their work. Team leaders prepare brief reports on
   their key steps to implementation, over the remainder of the grant period and beyond.

1:15 – 2:00  Closing Plenary
   Pulling It All Together: Round-the-Horn Report-Outs and Closing Remarks
   Christopher Forinash, ISC

   Each team reports on Team Huddle #3 (3 minutes per team).