# Community Resilience Building

getting on the right path early...



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# Architecture

Resilience - Rural Communities
Context and Challenges
Opportunities







#### **Resilience - Rural Communities**

...the capacity or ability to <u>anticipate</u>, <u>adapt</u>, and <u>recover</u> quickly from difficulties and misfortune; toughness, fortitude, strength...

**Proactive planning** results in better coordination and decisions that avoid future costs



Signature Hometown

#### **Resilience - Rural Communities**

- ☐ Importance of the Issue for communities
  - Implications for Residents
  - Business Continuity and Growth
  - Public Services and Amenities
  - Quality of Life
  - Environment

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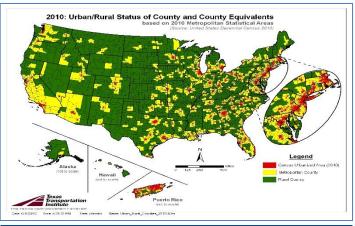


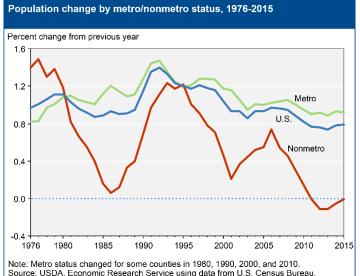
#### **Context - Rural Communities**

**Rural landscape** – forests, farms, rangelands, and people that love where they live and respect/care for the land...

Only 14% of U.S. residents (46.2 m (2015)) live in non-metropolitan counties - 72% of nation's land area...







# **Common and Shared Challenges**

- > Infrastructure/Industry/Business
- > Housing
- Public Health and Safety
- **Environment -** natural resources; land-use, access
- Property Values & Tax Base
- **Population -** seasonal/permanent, renters, elderly
- **Economic Growth -** future assets/costs/capital

# "Not-so-Shared" Challenges

- Dispersed Assets
  - Housing, Facilities, Infrastructure, etc.
  - Aggregated Values Per Area
- ➤ **Less Relevance** (shrinking pop/attention)
- > Inequity (demographics, politically, socially)
  - o "Decisions made by others..."

"Forgotten Survivors"



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### **Getting to Resilient Rural Communities**

#### **Goal:**

Create collaborative actions across/between communities to ensure a local and regional approach to resilience via strong and growing partnerships?



# By <u>linking knowledge/expertise with process</u>, people make better decisions that improve resilience and build community...



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- ✓ Tried, tested and trusted by 45 communities over last decade...
- √ "Anywhere at Any Scale" approach...
  - Rural/Urban; Local/Regional
- ✓ Unique community-driven process
  - ➤ Whole Community all voices...
  - > Tornados, drought, flooding, heat, wildfires, hurricanes, etc.

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#### Overview of the Process (Steps & Tasks)

- A Prepare for the Workshop
- B Characterize Hazards
- Identify Community
  Vulnerabilities and Strengths
- Identify and Prioritize Community Actions
- Determine the Overall Priority Actions
- Put It All Together
- (G) Move Forward

- Establish a core team with goals.
- Engage stakeholders.
- ③ Prepare materials for workshop.
- 4 Decide on participant arrangements.
- Identify past, current, and future impacts.
- ② Determine the highest-priority hazards.
- Identify infrastructural vulnerabilities and strengths.
- Identify societal vulnerabilities and strengths.
- (3) Identify environmental vulnerabilities and strengths.
- Identify and prioritize infrastructural actions.
- Identify and prioritize societal actions.
- 3 Identify and prioritize environmental actions.
- Identify highest-priority actions.
- Further define urgency and timing.
- Generate final workshop products.

- Continue community outreach and engagement.
- Secure additional data and information.
- (3) Inform existing planning and project activities.

Community Components







Societal

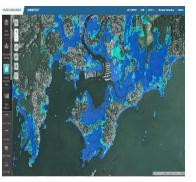


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Community Resilience is all about the people

### The Way Forward...

 Recognize the knowledge and expertise within and across rural communities...

- Genuinely engage rural communities in dialogue/resource allocations as equal partners...
- Cultivate collaborative leadership (urban-rural) through a committed process...
- Turn "forgotten survivors" into **champions**...

#### Thank You!



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