

Resilient Connecticut Stakeholder Engagement and Evaluation

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“research on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, particularly projects aiming to contribute to practical adaptation initiatives, requires active involvement and collaboration with community members and local, regional, and national organizations that use this research for policy making” (Pearce et al., 2009)

“adaptation planning requires close collaboration of climate and impact scientists, sectoral practitioners, decision-makers and other stakeholders, and policy analysts” (Fussell, 2007)

“for adaptation to be realized on the ground, those affected by it will need to be actively involved with relevant public, civic and private sector actors at different governance levels in the process of risk assessment and response.” (Moser and Pike, 2015)

Resilient Connecticut Stakeholder Engagement Goals

- Use an inclusive process
- Co-create knowledge with partners and collaborators
- Collect and utilize stakeholder feedback
- Build on existing stakeholder resources and networks
- Seek to understand stakeholder interests and needs
- Develop resources and capacity that meet the needs of communities
- Provide opportunities for stakeholders to engage and contribute
- Establish a foundation for longer-term communication

May 22 Stakeholder Event Data Collection



Majority local, regional or state agency representatives

Survey and roundtable discussions

25 out of 56 participants responded to the survey (45% response rate)

Paper responses were collected at the event and digital surveys were collected following the event.

Notes from the roundtables were collated and reviewed

*this is not a representative study. The focus was taking the pulse from key stakeholders and use that information to start developing actions and resources.

Key Survey Results

- Top three resilience priority areas highlighted:
 - public health and safety
 - infrastructure damage
 - flooding of roadways
 - Top three resilience topics of interest highlighted:
 - communication/engagement
 - grants/funding
 - partnerships/collaboration
- *Also the top three things noted as “needed to build regional resilience” and the top three “barriers to regional resilience”

Roundtable Discussion Results: Key takeaways

- COGs are foundational to regional resilience
- Build on existing local and regional planning efforts
- Incorporate local knowledge and expertise from others
- Provide support to local government regarding prioritization
- Need to make the move from planning to implementation

Current and Future Efforts

- Stakeholder Inventory and contact list development (See table set-up today)
- Ongoing requests for input and feedback (QR code on the agenda)
- Webinars based on stakeholder topics of interest (Submit your ideas today)
- Resilient Connecticut Collaborative (Coming Soon)
- Regional scale stakeholder engagement capacity building resources
- Stakeholder engagement support for local planning initiatives
- Engagement on social media: Follow us on Twitter @CIRCA and use #ResilientCT
- Resources page under development ResilientConnecticut.uconn.edu

Question of the Summit:

What is needed to increase regional coordination
of diverse stakeholders?

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Thank You for Participating!

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