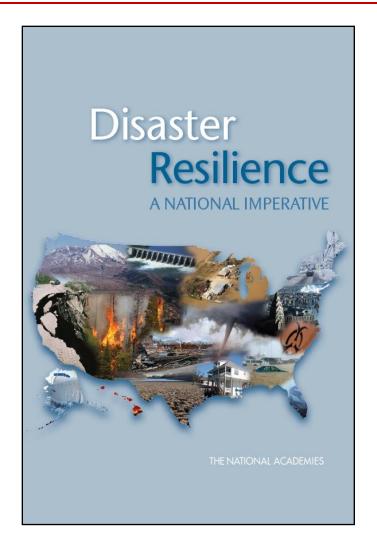
# RESILIENT AMERICA ROUNDTABLE

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January 2017
TRB Executive Committee

#### IN THE BEGINNING...

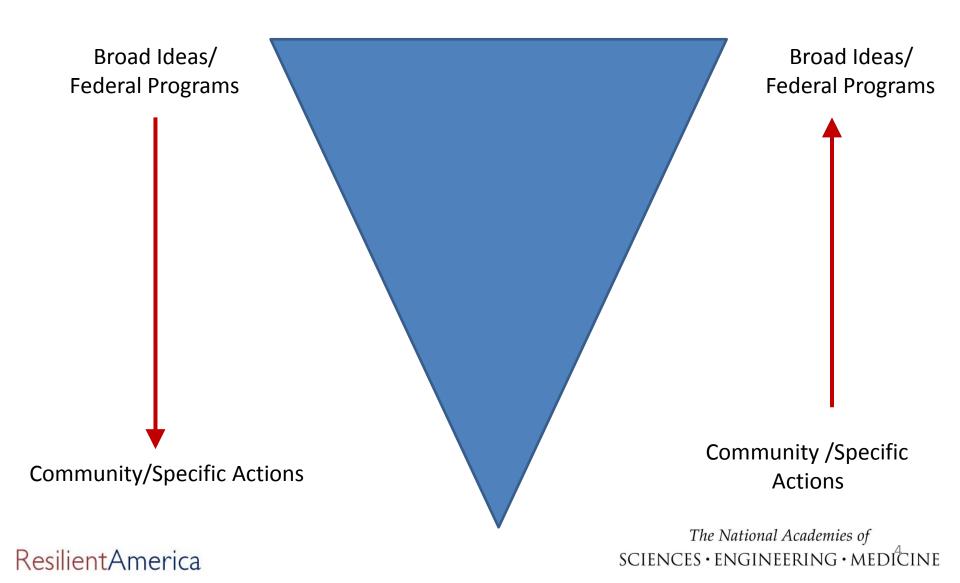


#### Four major recommendations

- Manage and communicate risk
- Measure resilience in communities
- Build community partnerships and coalitions
- Share information and data to build resilient communities



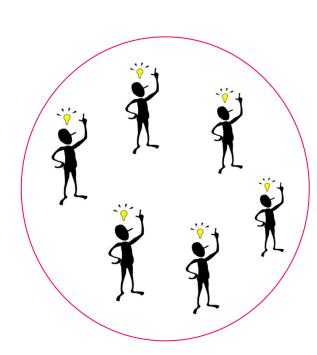
## RESILIENT AMERICA GOAL



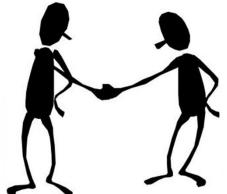
#### Who is Involved?

- Experts: social scientists, engineers, risk managers, private sector business operators, academics, public sector decision makers, federal agencies, and more
- Community members, businesses, decision makers
- Diverse stakeholders: Private sector, public sector, NGOs, academia, individuals
- Some of our partners and collaborators: FEMA, NOAA, MACF, Zurich Foundation, USGS, DHS, NACo, NADO, NASA, Fraunhofer, Kaiser Permanente, Microsoft, WEF....

## Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration



Convene



Collaborate



Impact

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Seattle, Washington Cedar Rapids, Iowa NEW YORK CHICAGO TORNADO ALLEY Tulsa, OK Charleston, SC

ResilientAmerica

**EARTHQUAKES - MODERATE** 

**EARTHQUAKES - HIGH** 

**FLOODS** 

HURRICANES

TORNADOS

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How can we identify a community's priorities?

How do those priorities frame resilience?

What actions support those priorities?

#### PILOT WORK NOW

Cedar Rapids: Integrating Resilience into

Comprehensive Planning Efforts

Charleston: Building Flood Resilience

Seattle: Resilience measures: social equity under

conditions and risks of climate change

Tulsa: Resilient Economic Supply Chains

### In our Pilot Communities...

- Communities do not want to talk about natural disasters; they want to talk about economic resilience and their vulnerable populations/social equity
- It is important to meet each community where it is...not necessarily where we think it should be
- Lots of enthusiasm and momentum right now for resilience
- Need a catalyst to bring different people together and facilitate the conversation
- The process may be more important than the product

### KEY THEMES FOR RESILIENCE

- Connect—long-term change and impact with short-term decision making
- Measure--Figure out way/s to measure resilience or track progress
- Communicate—new ways to talk about risk and resilience in ways that people can understand and take action

#### What have we Learned? The Top Ten

- 10. Our work is seen as a resource. A benefit.
- 9. Our work resonates beyond our pilots \*
- \* Our work, our approach may have applicability beyond our pilot communities
- 8. Nobody wants or can handle additional work, another plan/strategy, so resilience efforts need to be integrated into everyday functions
- 7. Building community resilience is like a marriage: it's messy, it takes a commitment, it presents moments of great satisfaction, yet some days are better than others.

#### What have we Learned? The Top Ten

- 6. Geographic specificity matters
- 5. Longitudinality matters—trust, partnerships, consistency are elements of building resilience
- 4. The framework we use—the five environments—and the approach we take in our pilots are useful and they may have broad applicability
- 3. You cannot overvalue a flexible approach
- 2. Resilience writ large—yeah, not so much

## THE NUMBER 1 THING WE'VE LEARNED...

1. The genie effect: we rubbed the lamp, the genie came out, and we have catalyzed interest and activities beyond our ability to execute them.

So...what's next?

### OUR NEXT CHALLENGES

- Articulate the Resilient America/National Academies differentiated concept or competence
- 2. Identify and cultivate key partners for that concept or competence
- 3. Design projects with the partners to define and realize those concepts/competencies
- 4. Deliver/execute the projects with value: Resilience for All!