



WELCOME TO THE RESILIENT NORTHEASTERN NJ COMMUNITY MEETING

June 23, 2021 6 to 8pm



How will today's meeting work?

- 1** Short presentation (~25 min) – *during this time, please respond to and ask questions in the chat*
- 2** Breakout group discussions and exercises (1hr 15 min) – *during this time, please engage actively through voice and chat*
- 3** Reconvene and next steps (<15 min)

We are live streaming the presentation portion of the meeting and will post on Youtube and our website / social media.

We will record breakouts for use by the project team, but will not share publicly.

Community Meeting Guidelines

TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MAXIMIZE OUR TIME TOGETHER AS A GROUP

- Please remain on mute unless speaking
- During the presentation, please submit questions in the chat
- During the breakouts
 - Use one mic and stack
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 - Please speak from your own experience
 - If there are several group members with things to share, please use the 'raise hand' function, the chat, or gesticulating in Zoom and a facilitator will call on you
 - If you are able and willing to, please consider turning on your camera during discussion
- Please save discussion for the breakouts and report out



Join the conversation!

Please use the chat function to ask questions as we go!

If the meeting abruptly ends, please be patient and re-joining using the same Zoom link. You will also receive an email with the meeting link.

How do **you** experience Resilient
Northeastern NJ? Are you a resident,
do you work in the region,
visitor, neighbor?



We're at the beginning of this process. What we're here to share today:

- What is the **Resilient Northeastern NJ**
- What are the **risks** facing the region?
- What do we mean when we say **resilience?**
- How will the plan help **NENJ become more resilient?**
- What have we heard from the **community** so far?
- How will we continue to **work with you?**

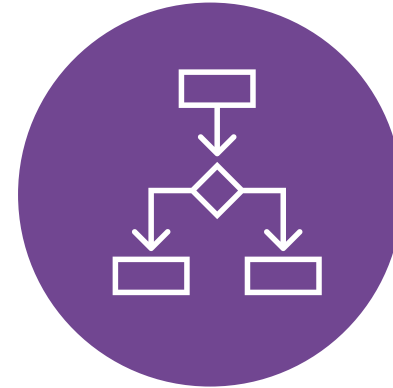
What we want to hear from you:



What do you love about your community?



How have you been impacted by flooding?

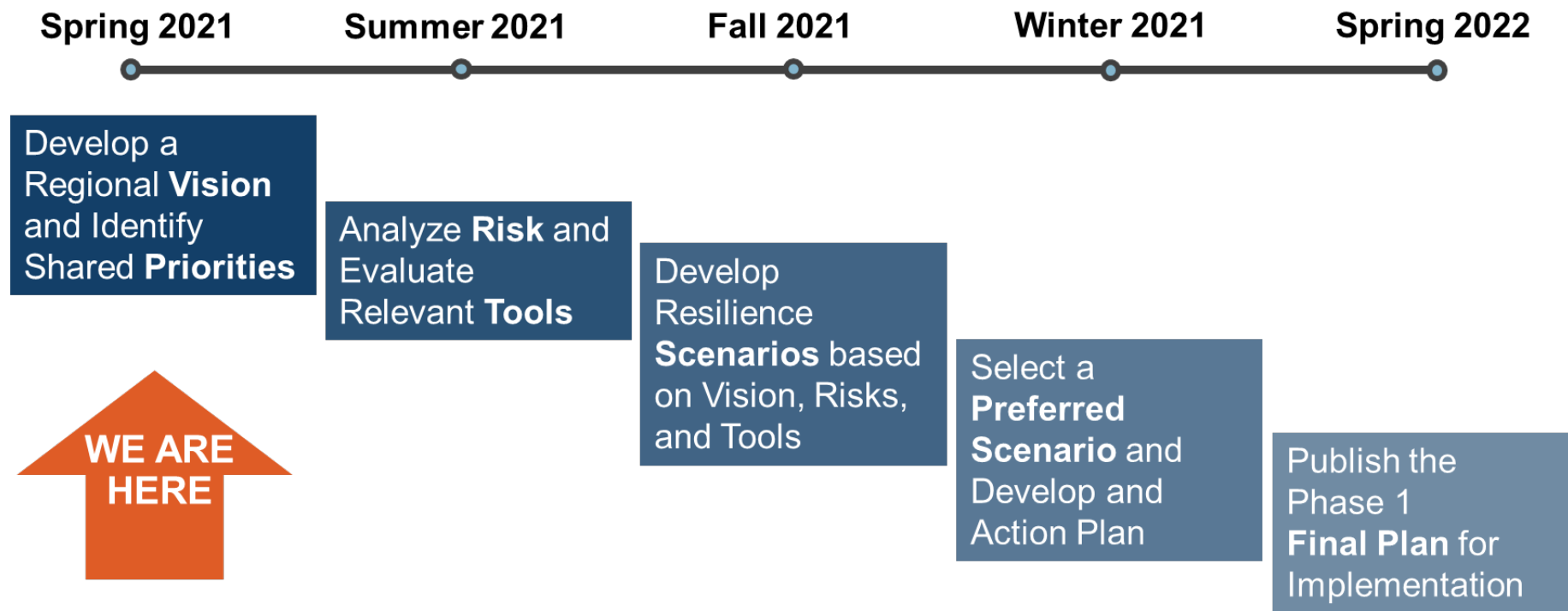


What factors are most important when making decisions to reduce flood risk?



How can this process add value to + improve your quality of life?

What do **you** hope to get out of the meeting tonight? What do you hope to contribute?



PROJECT TEAM

RESILIENT NORTHEASTERN NEW JERSEY

- The Resilient NJ (RNJ) Program, administered through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (**NJDEP**), includes initiatives in four regions of the state, including **Northeastern New Jersey**.
- **Resilient Northeastern New Jersey** is a partnership between **Jersey City, Newark, Hoboken, Bayonne, Hudson County**, and the community-based organizations of **Ironbound Community Corporation and HOPES CAP**. Representatives of these entities sit on the project's Steering Committee.



Resilient Northeastern NJ Project Area

OPENING REMARKS



The goal of Resilient Northeastern NJ is to develop a regional action plan that addresses flood hazards while improving quality of life



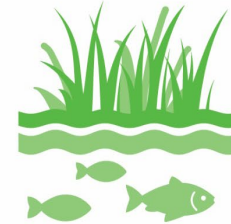
Build off ongoing resilience planning within the region



Ensure **representation and participation** from the communities that could be affected



Develop **solutions** that increase resilience in both the short- and long-term



Enhance **ecological, recreational, and economic resources** in the region



Ensure **collaboration** among a wide variety of stakeholders

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

SOME WAYS RESILIENT NORTHEASTERN NJ IS WORKING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS INCLUDE:

Partnering with community-based organizations to help shape and **drive engagement** with the people they serve

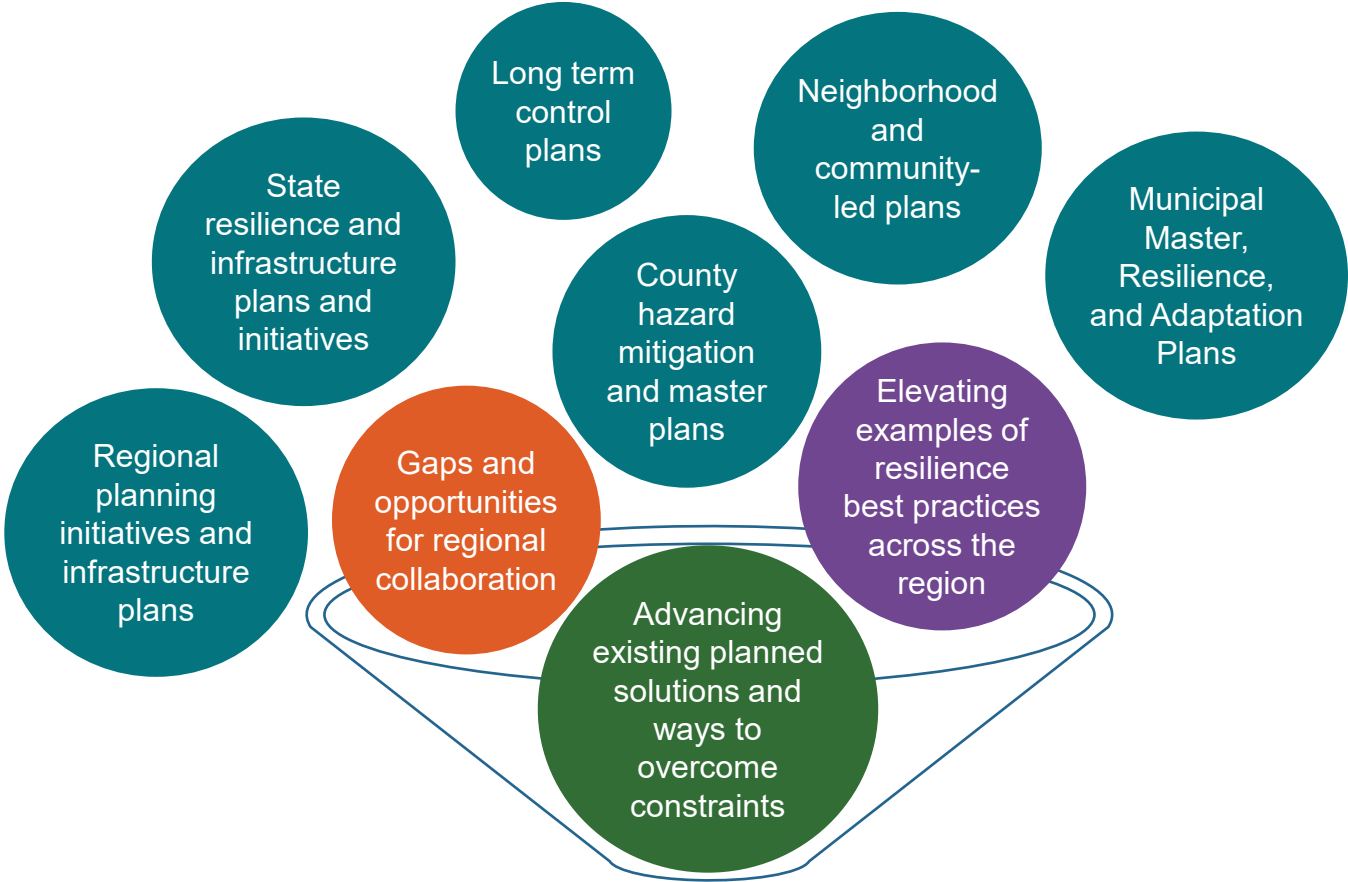
Providing **multiple different ways** to engage as **easily as possible**

Providing ways to get and receive information in **multiple languages**

Creating a Community Advisory Council made up of a diverse group of **residents** from each community

We want to hear from you – please let us know in the chat, what DE&I means to you and what do you think are the best ways to achieve that?

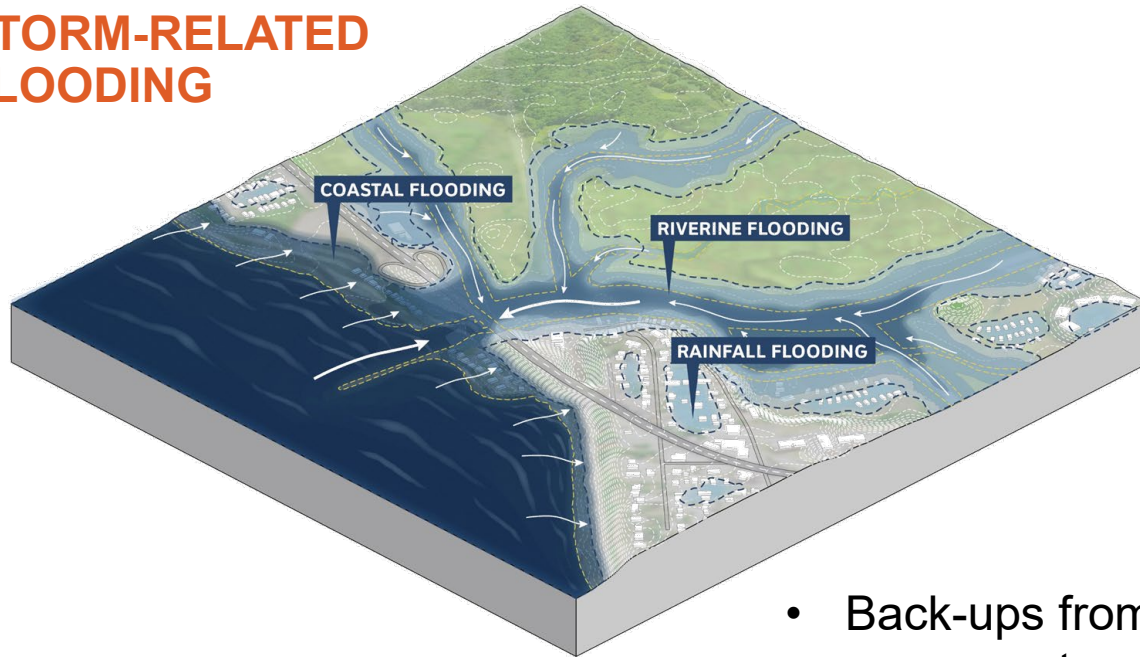
HOW DOES THIS PROJECT RELATE TO OTHER INITIATIVES IN THE REGION?



**RESILIENT
NORTHEASTERN NJ**

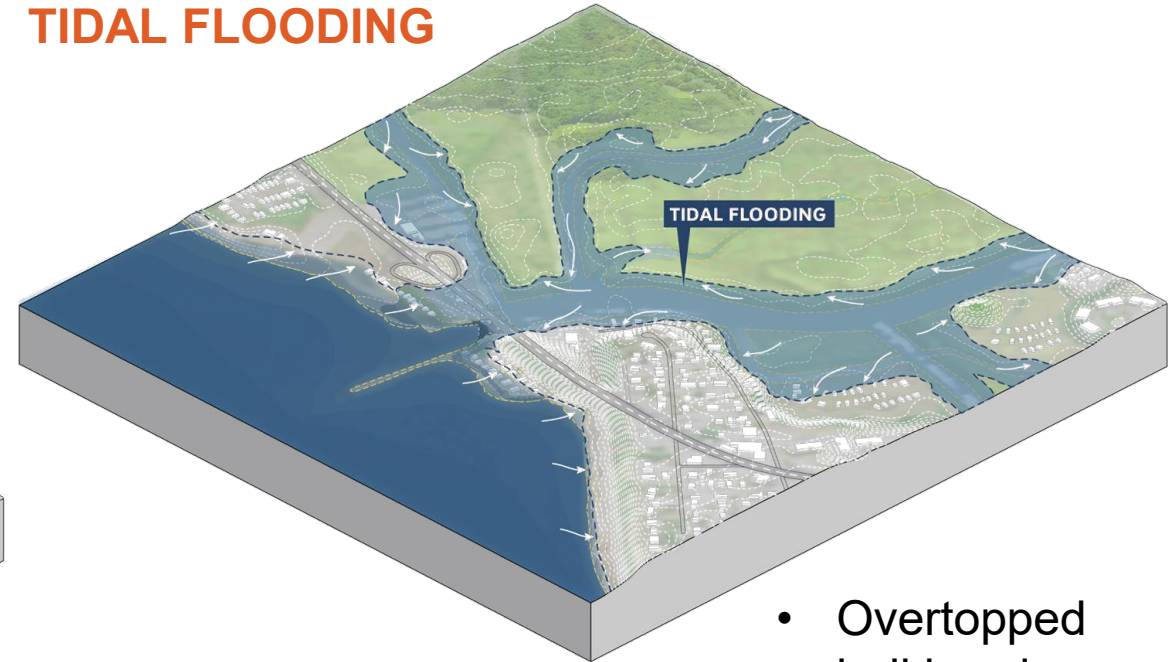
WHAT ARE THE FLOOD-RELATED RISKS THE REGION FACES?

STORM-RELATED FLOODING



- Back-ups from combined sewer systems
- Ponding at underpasses or low elevations
- Storm surge

TIDAL FLOODING



- Overtopped bulkheads
- Back-ups in drainage systems

Flood risk is not new to the region

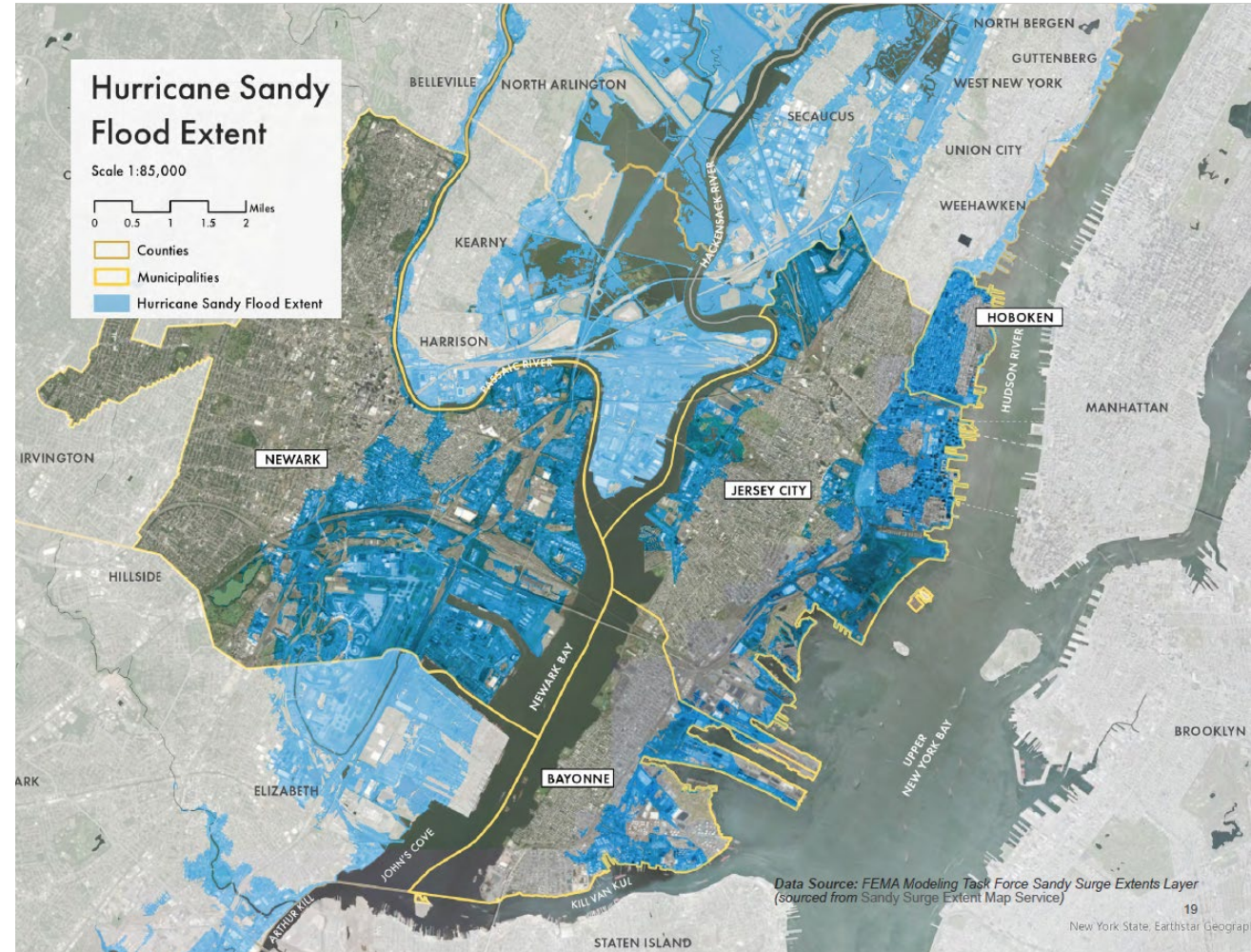
- All four cities experience frequent flooding during rainfall related to their **combined sewer systems**
- Hurricane Sandy caused widespread damage in 2012, and also raised health concerns about **contaminated flood waters**



Image source: [DVIDSHUB](#)



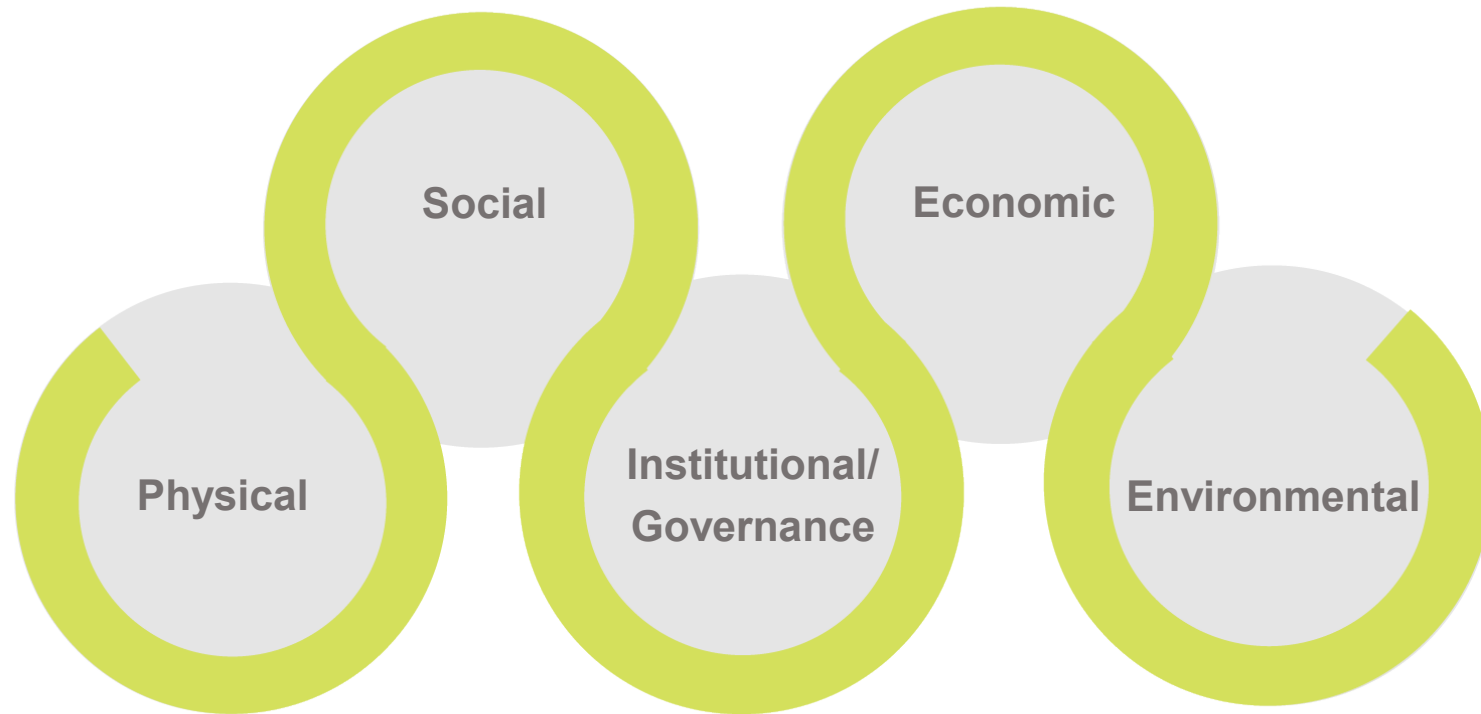
Image source: Nicole Singletary



A group of people, including a man in a blue cap and jacket, are gathered around a table covered with numerous mobile phones and charging cables. The scene suggests a focus on mobile technology and connectivity. The background shows other people, some holding phones, and a building with a green door.

What do we mean when we say 'resilience'?

In a context where risk is increasing and evolving, our ability to change, adapt, and respond is our resilience.



Resilience means more than risk reduction. It means...

Adding value through multi-layered, multi-purpose actions

Systems-level thinking

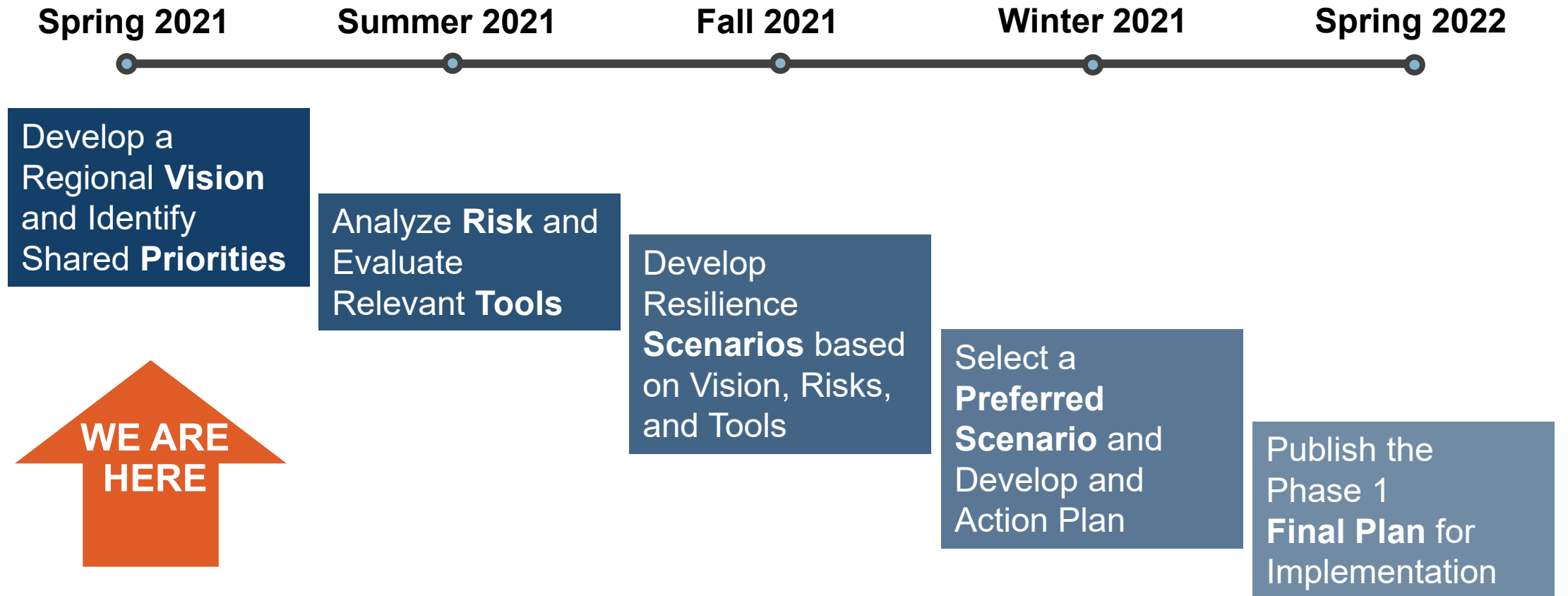
Adaptability over time

Attention to equity

A scenic view of a city skyline across a body of water, with people kayaking and sunbathing in the foreground. The text is overlaid in a large, bold, blue font.

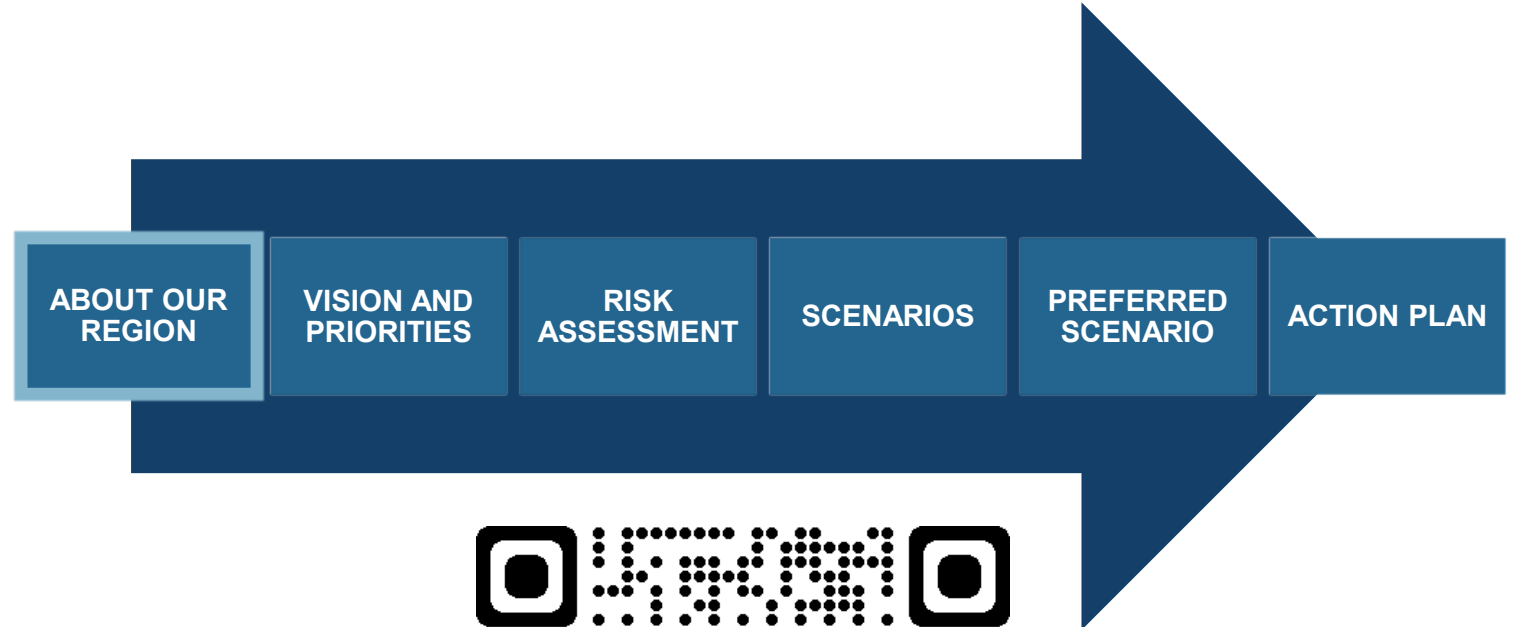
**How will Resilient
Northeastern NJ help
the region become
more resilient?**

PROJECT SCHEDULE

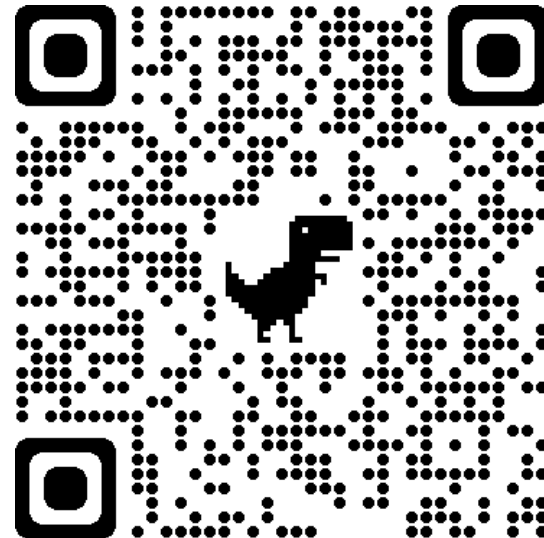


WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?

ABOUT OUR REGION REPORT – CHECK IT OUT AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK



Access the report and feedback form through our website: www.resilient.nj.gov/nenj or scan the QR code



Who have we heard from so far and what have we learned?

Community
Advisory
Council

Steering
Committee

Community
based
organizations

State / federal
agencies and
academic
institutions

Community
members

Have been
telling us...

VISION

- Waterfront walkways
- Walkability
- Cleaner, greener streets
- Regional collaboration
- Green jobs
- Community-based solutions
- Deeper community connectivity
- Disaster support

CONCERNS

- Property damage
- Loss of life
- Impacts to mobility
- Impacts to water quality
- Release of hazardous waste
- Gentrification / displacement
- Inequitable outcomes



**How will we continue to
work together with you?**

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Public input is vital to ensuring that the resilience action plan will help advance our communities' goals and priorities. Here are a few of the ways that you can get more involved in the program:



FUTURE MEETINGS



SURVEYS



CONDUCT YOUR OWN MEETING



INTERVIEW YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COWORKERS



ANYTIME ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

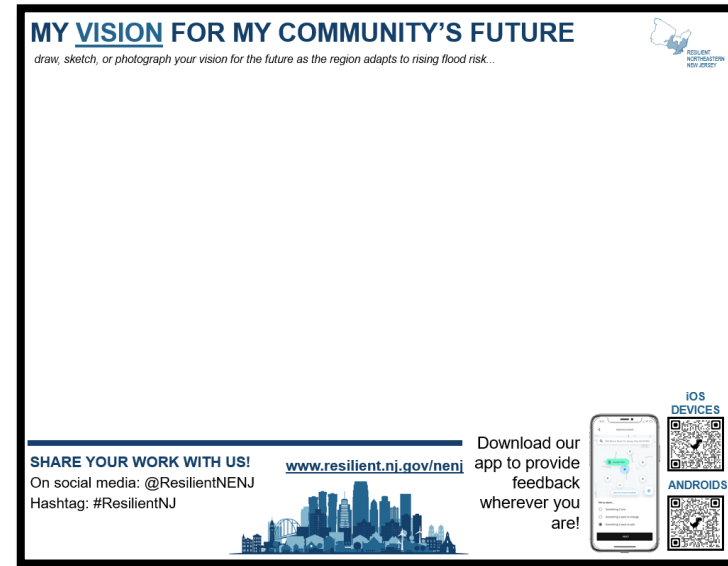


Share thoughts through the website:
www.resilient.nj.gov/nenj

Share thoughts to the project hotline

201-275-0861

English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic,
Hindi, Polish



Share your artwork
by email or through
social media

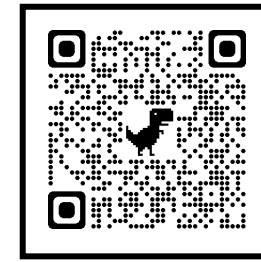
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ResilientNENJ@dep.nj.gov

Engage on social media
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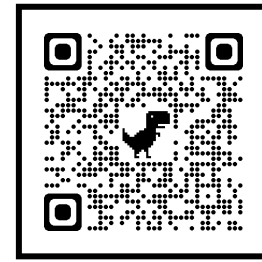
ENGAGEMENT APP

- Share feedback anywhere, anytime
- Take pictures of things you love or want to change
- Complete surveys
- Share other input
- Input comes straight to project team

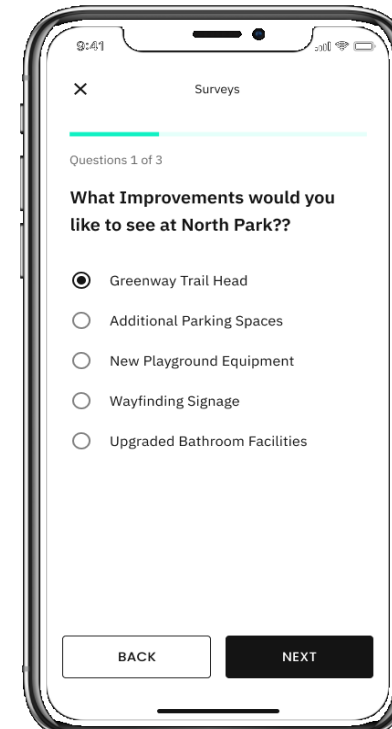
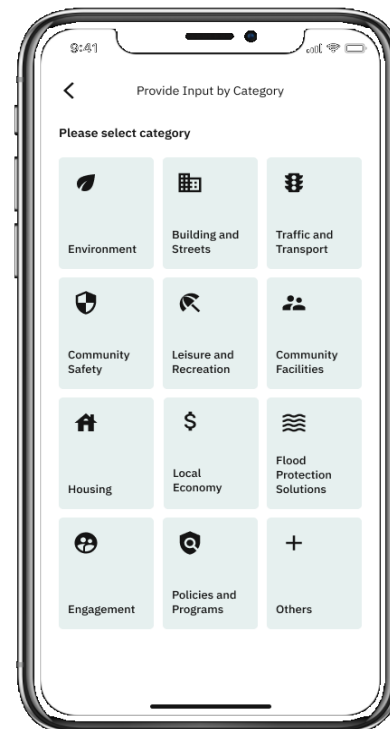
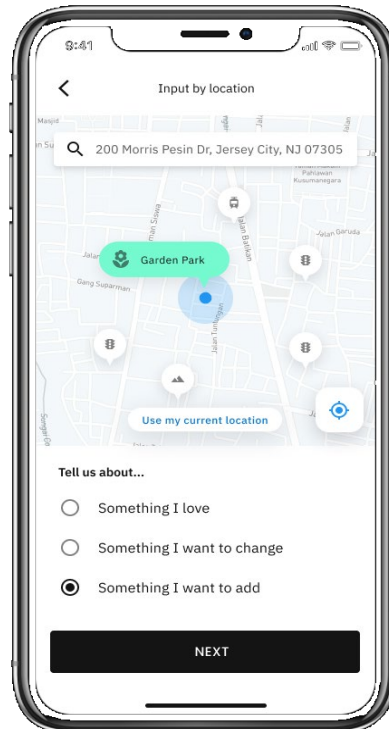
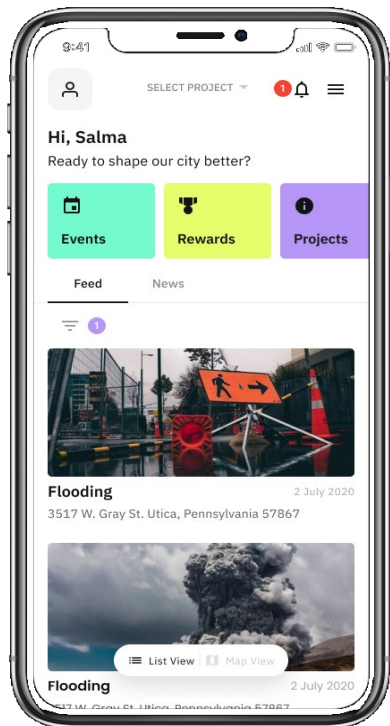
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Androids



Do you see yourself conducting a meeting or having conversations about the project that you'd be willing to share with the project team? Why or why not?

What about using the Irys app? Why or why not?

Let us know in the chat

Please let us know if there is anything missing. What is the best way to engage with you? How can we make sure this process is valuable for you?

Let us know in the chat

Breakout Groups: What we'll cover together

Breakouts by city, Spanish, Portuguese, and
American Sign Language / General



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Community Vision
& Priorities

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Flood Experiences



Important
Community Assets



Decision Factors
and Toolkit



Decision Factors
and Toolkit

Deep-dive

Time for a Few Questions from the chat!



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If at any time you would like to leave the breakout room and return to the main room, please click on '**return to main session**'.

If you would like to leave the meeting entirely, please click '**leave meeting**'.

Report Out

What **stood out** in
your group
conversation?

*We'll go group by
group*

Before we depart...

What is the most
important thing for
Resilient NENJ to
accomplish?

*Let us know in the
chat*

THANK YOU!



REGION TEAM

JERSEY CITY

NEWARK

HOBOKEN

BAYONNE

HUDSON COUNTY

IRONBOUND COMMUNITY CORPORATION

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