

WEATHERING CHANGE: Local Solutions for Strong Communities 2020-21 Webinar Series

Climate Migration: Research, Analyze, Implement – What can We Learn from Other Places?

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Climate change is a human rights issue. 13 million U.S. coastal residents are projected to be displaced by 2100 due to sea level rise alone, while many thousands are already being forced out of their homes due to hurricanes, flooding and wildfires. Uncoordinated and piecemeal efforts at the federal level leave the burden on local governments to prepare for the short and long-term impacts of these population movements in both receiving and shrinking communities. Adequate planning and preparation to reduce risk and avoid catastrophic outcomes must prioritize frontline communities and ensure that local residents are active participants in these efforts. Climate migration may also present opportunities for “climate haven” communities to grow safely, sustainably, and equitably if planning is coordinated and thoughtful.

This webinar will showcase both recent and upcoming research, and work compiled by Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Antioch University, and National League of Cities on the potential impacts and opportunities of climate induced migration on receiving and retreating communities. Discussion will also center on how cities and towns across the country can start to plan and engage their community members on preparing for these impacts. Strategies to address climate-induced migration must prioritize the most impacted and least resourced communities.

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There is broad scientific consensus that climate change is occurring and is caused by human actions. However, there is limited implementation of climate adaptation to help create resilient local communities. Local and regional governments have access to a wide range of resources that can help them become more resilient to climate impacts. Even with this information, communities still face significant barriers bridging the gap from planning to action.

In order to sufficiently engage the public on climate change, it is important to understand how people relate to this issue. In particular, what prompts individuals to take action or become involved in an issue. If we are looking for community members to collaboratively solve complex issues to achieve climate resilience, then we need to have a thorough understanding why people engage in an issue or specific behaviors.

This module will provide guidance on how to effectively engage the general public in order to build the political will and public support needed for implementation. Learn how to identify and implement an effective communication and engagement strategy through evidence-based tactics, including a stakeholder process that can be used to develop place based responses. The course will also touch on the inequity of impact to populations due to climate change and build understanding of the social justice ramifications associated with climate change vulnerabilities.

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