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Long after the COVID-19 pandemic ends, state governments will continue to face monumental challenges, including what promises to be a sustained future with increased climate-related disaster risks. This grim reality has been made apparent yet again in 2020, a record year for wildfires and hurricanes. And this problem is growing at a time when states are already grappling with budget shortfalls that are unlikely to ease soon.

Since 2019, more than 10 states have mandated statewide resilience assessments or plans in order to coordinate investments and projects across agencies and localities to better prepare communities for natural hazards. This webinar will feature states leading the way to develop and implement statewide strategies that can manage vulnerabilities and increase resilience to future risks.

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Speakers will include:

Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, State of Wisconsin

Dave Rosenblatt, New Jersey Chief Resilience Officer and Assistant Commissioner, Climate and Flood Resilience NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Shaun O'Rourke, Rhode Island Chief Resilience Officer and Director of Stormwater and Resiliency, RI Infrastructure Bank

Dan Lauf, Program Director, Center for Best Practices, National Governors' Association

Mathew Sanders, Senior Manager, Flood-Prepared Communities, The Pew Charitable Trusts

This webinar is the first in a series hosted by Pew's flood-prepared communities initiative highlighting opportunities to advance flood-resilience planning and policy development in 2021. The second webinar, to be held in February 2021, will focus on opportunities for federal action to advance resilient infrastructure and flood mitigation in 2021.

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