

Climate Change Resilience

Helping your members incorporate climate change risks into their work

Communities around the nation are feeling the impacts of climate change first hand. As these impacts become more prevalent, local leaders often find themselves ill equipped to plan for an uncertain future. Climate change presents a new threat to communities, creating a need for new approaches to community planning. If your organization is looking to provide accurate information and effective tools to your members so that they can move forward confidently with efforts to build local resiliency, we invite you to consider offering this webinar series on climate change resilience.



In this webinar series, we bring together some of the nation's leading scientists and practitioners to share their lessons learned, from communicating the science to developing successful adaptation strategies.

This introductory series, intended for planning professionals, community managers, and local leaders, provides:

- An introduction to the science of climate change, specific to the needs of local decision makers
- Discussion of impacts and vulnerabilities that need to be considered as they relate to infrastructure, natural systems, economy, human health, emergency services, and cultural resources.
- Guidance on how to communicate about climate change in different settings
- Introduction to new frameworks for developing community resilience strategies
- Tools for communicating, planning, and implementing solutions at the local level, including sample RFPs and how-to guides

Designed for beginners as well as those with adaptation experience, this professional webinar series delves into the complexity of the issue while giving participants effective tools that work in the real world.

Invitation

We have developed this introductory webinar series to serve the needs of professional organizations that provide training and information exchange for their members.

We invite you to contact us about offering this series to your members. Please contact Chad Leister (chad@geosinstitute.org, 706.407.1695) for more information.

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prepare for a changing climate

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Climate Resilience Webinar Series Description

TOPIC: Climate Change Basics for Poets

PRESENTER: Tonya Graham – Director of ClimateWise

PRESENTER: Dr. Scott Denning, Monfort Professor of Atmospheric Science – Colorado State University

Most of us do not have the technical background to understand the assumptions, models, and limitations of our current scientific understanding of the changing climate. In this webinar, we will cover the basics of climate change science as applicable at the local level, with a minimum of graphs and other nap-inducing visuals. This webinar will serve as an introduction to the series for your members with an emphasis on addressing the specific needs of your organization.



Tonya Graham



Dr. Scott Denning



Cara Pike



Dr. Marni Koopman

TOPIC: Engaging Your Community

PRESENTER: Cara Pike, Executive Director – ClimateAccess

In this webinar, Cara will present communications and framing recommendations based on the latest polling, social science research, and best practices. These tips and tools are designed to help participants understand current public opinion trends, connect with audiences and stakeholders, and learn from what is and isn't working in the field of community engagement.

TOPIC: A Whole Community Approach

PRESENTER: Dr. Marni Koopman, Climate Change Scientist – ClimateWise

Effective climate change adaptation requires collaboration, integration, and communication across sectors and jurisdictions if we are to protect and build on what makes our communities “home.” In this webinar, participants will learn about the Whole Community Approach, determine the next steps their community can take using the ClimateWise framework, and take advantage of sample RFPs and a vulnerability assessment workbook.

Additional webinar topics will be added over time and made available to webinar participants. Topics currently under consideration include: Understanding the Complexity of Climate Change Impacts, Ensuring Equity in Adaptation Planning, and First Do No Harm: Avoiding Maladaptive ‘Solutions’.

Webinar Series Part 2

Understanding the Complexity of Climate Change Impacts

PRESENTER: Elizabeth Gibbons, University of Michigan Climate Center

Ensuring Equity in Adaptation Planning

PRESENTER: To Be Determined

First Do No Harm: Avoiding Maladaptive ‘Solutions’

PRESENTER: Dr. Marni Koopman, Climate Change Scientist – ClimateWise