

DOES YOUR COMMUNITY NEED A CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN?
ARE YOU HAVING A HARD TIME FIGURING OUT WHERE TO START?
WE CAN HELP.

As the intensity and frequency of hurricanes, floods, droughts, wildfires, heat waves, and other climate-driven disturbances increase, local leaders around the country are realizing they need to build resilience to protect their communities. But many community leaders do not know where to start and they do not have funding to hire a high-priced consultant.

Sound familiar?

To help local leaders build climate resilience in their communities at an affordable cost, the Geos Institute is announcing its Climate Ready Communities program at the 2017 ICMA annual conference. If you are ready to get started building local climate resilience, *we invite you to apply to be one of 15 communities that will participate in our pilot program* starting in March 2018.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Climate Ready Communities brings Whole Community Resilience to local governments through an assisted “Do-It-Yourself” approach with 3 elements:

- 1) Comprehensive climate resilience planning guide (*free*)
- 2) Subscription service for support (*\$2,499 for year one, \$1,499 per year after that*)
- 3) Additional support services (*\$1k - \$15k*)

The subscription service includes:

- ✓ Templates for each step
- ✓ Tutorials for each template and key concepts in the Guide
- ✓ Monthly 60 minute, live call-in forum
- ✓ Email support for questions as your community proceeds through the framework
- ✓ 2 hours of phone consulting per year
- ✓ On-line community forum

Additional services include:

- ✓ Blocks of additional consulting time
- ✓ Local climate change projections
- ✓ On-site facilitation, with optional documented results of the workshops
- ✓ Webinars on climate and resilience-related topics

PILOT PROCESS

The Geos Institute completed pre-beta reviews with several communities earlier in 2017 and is in the process of finalizing the Guide and supporting materials. Beta testing will begin in January 2018. The pilot program is scheduled to begin in March 2018 and will run 6 months before the program is made widely available. Pilot communities will pay the standard subscription price (\$2,499), but gain an additional 3 hours of one on one consulting time at no additional cost (for a total of 5 hours of consulting).

APPLY TO BE A PILOT COMMUNITY

Communities may apply to participate in the pilot program through January 31, 2017 by visiting www.ClimateReadyCommunities.org/pilot. The Geos Institute will select 15 applicants that best represent the diversity of small to medium sized communities across the US and Canada, and will inform applicants by February 15, 2018.

We expect most communities will want to review the planning guide before finalizing their application, so we will make the beta version of the Guide available in early December to communities interested in the pilot program.

ICMA is working with us to inform its members about this pilot program, so watch for future announcements through ICMA channels later this fall.



ABOUT US

Our goal is to ***ensure that communities of all sizes in the US and Canada have effective climate resilience programs*** in place to protect their people, natural resources, economy, infrastructure, and culture.

Over the past nine years of helping communities understand and adapt to changing climate conditions, our team has developed a proven planning framework known as ***Whole Community Resilience*** - a cross-sector, multi-stakeholder approach that is adaptive over time and creates multiple benefits across the community. The framework aims to not only develop a plan, but also to strengthen local adaptive capacity, which ensures that communities have the skills necessary to update their climate resilience plans over time.

This framework has been tested in Oregon, California, Colorado, and Montana and is now being offered to communities across North America.

***For questions about the Climate Ready Communities program,
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