
TUTORIAL: CREATING WIN-WIN AND NO REGRETS STRATEGIES

In the Guide, review the introduction to Step 4; within Step 4, Task 1 see the section on Develop Breakout Groups; within Step 4, Task 2 see Workshop Agenda, Part B Develop Cross-sector Resilience Strategies and the sidebar on No Regrets Strategies. Also be sure to review the tutorial on How to Group Vulnerabilities (Step 4, Task 1) for additional background for the subject matter covered by this tutorial

Summary points

- ▶ Purpose: prioritize strategies that 1) benefit multiple population groups or resources (Win-Win) without significant negative side effects or 2) bring meaningful benefits to a population group or resource regardless of the climate resilience benefits (No Regrets)
- ▶ Cross sector strategy development helps avoid Maladaptation – where solutions for one population or resource have negative impacts on other populations or resources as they also grapple with change, and the negative side effects of the strategy outweighs the positive benefits
- ▶ If a team cannot avoid strategies with negative side effects, make sure they do this knowingly, and with full accounting of what those side effects are and why the trade-offs are worth it. Be especially wary of side effects that negatively affect underrepresented populations or natural systems, as these sectors have a long history of being negatively impacted as others benefit.
- ▶ Example of a Win-Win strategy: reduce flood risk to a low income neighborhood, by restoring local wetlands that can store water from larger storms. This strategy benefits natural systems and local infrastructure while also addressing an area of serious inequality between low income and high income neighborhoods
- ▶ Example of a No Regrets strategy: change land use zoning to reduce development in high risk areas, such as flood and fire zones. These areas are high risk regardless of climate change. Reducing development in these areas will save lives and protect infrastructure

- ▶ No Regrets strategies are especially useful in communities with a lot of skepticism about climate science, and can help workshop participants avoid wasting time debating the science
- ▶ While not every strategy will be Win-Win or No Regrets, keeping these concepts in mind will promote collaboration and innovation, resulting in a more robust resilience plan for your community