

[Operationalizing the integration of climate change resilience and equity with comprehensive and growth management plans \(open to all Forum participants\)](#)

Host: Cascadia Consulting Group

This meeting will bring together planners and climate and equity specialists to discuss challenges and opportunities for connecting climate change and equity into comprehensive and growth management planning, as well as regional and local-scale city planning. State and local governments are beginning to integrate policies that address greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation into their comprehensive and regional plans. At the same time, these plans must ensure that climate policies and impacts do not overburden communities who are especially at risk from impacts of climate change, such as communities of color, elderly, youth, lower income people, and others. Some governments are expanding comprehensive planning processes to work directly with communities more at risk to climate impacts. While this is an emerging area of importance, climate and equity integration into comprehensive planning is more piecemeal and lacks coordination. This meeting will include presentations from people across the country who are integrating climate and equity into comprehensive planning, including a new effort in Washington State to develop guidance for local jurisdictions. We welcome participation from people who are interested in discussing the intersection of climate change, equity, and comprehensive and growth management planning or regional and urban scale city planning. We will facilitate roundtable discussions to identify: the current state of this issue, opportunities and challenges, and tools and resources that support this work. We will share the outcomes in the form of a white paper to advance lessons learned for integrating climate change and equity into comprehensive and growth management planning.

[What's in the Climate and Infrastructure Laws for Adaptation? An Overview of the IRA and IJA with Federal agencies \(open to all Forum participants\)](#)

Host: Cadmus

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 created \$68 billion in energy and climate tax incentives and appropriated \$147.8 billion in climate, energy, and environment investments across more than a dozen agencies. Come hear directly from several federal representatives about what's in the IRA for adaptation and resilience, as well as their initial plans for program implementation.

Moderator: Kevin Bush Principal, Resilient Infrastructure Programs, Cadmus

Panelists:

- Crystal Bergemann, Senior Director for Resilience, White House Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President
- Keelin Kuipers, Deputy Director, Office of Coastal Management, NOAA
- Stephanie Santell, Senior Climate Advisor, Office of Policy, Office of the Administrator, EPA

- Sam Medlock, Senior Counsel, Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, U.S. House of Representatives
- Michael Brain, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation (Invited)

Leveraging Tools that Build Equity into Climate Resilience Initiatives (invitation-only)

Host: Climate Resilience Consulting

The aim of the workshop is to **get real about the barriers to creating equity through climate resilience and to introduce and discuss how we could leverage new and existing tools and tactics to overcome those barriers.** Example tools and tactics we will review include EPA's Equitable Resilience Builder tool, storytelling, and trauma-informed engagement.

Exploring Collaboration Across Climate Adaptation Science Centers and Extension (invitation-only)

Host: PI-CASC

This event will provide space to explore leveraging common goals and opening up opportunities for collaboration across Climate Adaptation Science Centers and Extension Programs.

Building a Whole-of-Society Approach to Climate Resilience Through Public-Private Partnerships (invitation-only)

Host: Geos Institute/NOAA Climate Program Office – US Climate Resilience Toolkit Team
Workshop participants will strategize ways that federal climate programs can coordinate with one another in the short-term and what is needed in the long-term to ensure that all communities can effectively leverage federal technical support and funding.

Recent federal appropriations provide a once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring resources to communities for equity-centered climate resilience. Despite this influx of needed funds, climate-smart outcomes are not a given. Climate service practitioners have long recognized that communities often do not have the technical understanding nor capacity necessary to make the best use of investments in infrastructure or services given observed and expected changes in the climate system.

This workshop is an essential step. Coordination and capacity building among climate service practitioners and federal agency representatives will be essential if every community in the nation is to practice equity-centered, climate-resilient decision making. Establishing this

communication channel will help ensure climate resilience expenditures and outcomes are effective and productive at a local level while meeting federal objectives.

A recent convening of the Resilience Ecosystem emphasized that community leaders need support in order to leverage federal resources aimed at climate resilience. New and enhanced public-private partnerships are needed to connect current federal opportunities with people and communities that are exposed to climate-related hazards.

The workshop organizer has developed a potential solution to this challenge: Climate Ready America. This novel program will leverage existing federal tools and resources to help U.S. communities, particularly under-resourced ones, equitably build climate resilience. This workshop will promote effective short-term implementation guidance as well as a strategy for long-term interaction among climate service practitioners and federal program managers.

[Partnership to Practice: A Convening of the State Resilience Partnership \(invitation-only\)](#)

Host: The Pew Charitable Trusts

A half-day convening of the State Resilience Partnership, a coalition of 20 nonprofit and academic institutions dedicated to supporting states with flood resilience planning and research.

[USCAN Centering People and Climate Impacts \(invitation-only\)](#)

Host: US Climate Action Network with Union of Concerned Scientists

USCAN Centering people and Climate action team has several members heading to the National Adaptation Forum. USCAN along with members: Union of Concerned Scientists, and others will host a partial day summit on 10/24 with the purpose of community building, working on short term goals, and strategizing for the future together.