**Concepts**

**Community Resilience:** The response of communities to disturbances and changes
- Strength/Resistance
- Bounce-Back/Recovery
- Adaptation
- Transformation

**Resilience Justice:** Equity in the capacities, vulnerabilities, and conditions of marginalized communities
- Low-income communities
- Communities of color
- Native American communities
- Other communities with inequitable resources, power, and/or vulnerabilities

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**Assessment Focus**

Policies, programs, or plans are assessed for their impacts on the resilience, adaptive capacities, and vulnerabilities of marginalized communities.

**Resilience Justice Policy Assessment Tool Framework**

The Resilience Justice Assessment Team gathers, analyzes, and synthesizes a wide range of qualitative and quantitative data about the policy’s impacts on marginalized communities, organized around six core elements of the Resilience Justice:
1. Builds community capacity?
2. Engages community residents in diverse & meaningful ways?
3.Improves community conditions?
   - Environment (including green & blue infrastructure)
   - Social capital
   - Governance
   - Economy
4. Reduces disparities in community conditions & capacities?
5. Includes community-engaged feedback loops?
6. Avoids, minimizes, & mitigates adverse impacts on community resilience?

The Assessment identifies the extents to which the policy, program, or plan advances or inhibits the resilience of marginalized communities, and recommends reforms to address negative impacts.

**Example: Resilience Justice Assessment of the Los Angeles River Revitalization and Restoration Plans**

**Impacts on Marginalized Communities:**
- + Reduced disparities in green & blue infrastructure (↑ adaptation to env’tl shocks)
- + Improved access to & use of the River (health & social conditions)
- + Participation in planning but not feedback loops
- - Homeless communities not engaged or benefited but instead displaced
- - Gentrification & displacement in neighborhoods: vulnerabilities & already occurring

**Policy Reforms Identified:**
1) Equitable Development Strategies
2) Affordable Housing Policies
3) Homeless Community Engagement Programs
4) Embedded Participatory Feedback Loops

**No-Cost Resilience Justice Policy Assessments**

The University of Louisville Center for Land Use and Environmental Responsibility will assess policies, programs, or plans, using its Resilience Justice Policy Assessment Tool, for:
- government agencies;
- non-profit organizations;
- and community-based groups

This service is free, funded by the Boehl Chair Endowment at the University of Louisville, but on a capacity-available basis. Please contact:
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