

BUSINESS, STATE, AND CITY COLLABORATION FOR A RESILIENT PROVIDENCE

September 7, 2016

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast & Networking

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. Welcome (open to press)

Leah Bamberger, Director of Sustainability, City of Providence
Janet Peace, Senior Vice President, C2ES

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Climate Impacts & Scenarios for the Future of Providence (open to press)

This panel outlines observed climate change impacts in Providence as well as a set of future scenarios to assist local officials in planning for the potential range of impacts.

Ellen Mccray, Director, NOAA Regional Climate Services
Grover Fugate, Executive Director, RI Coastal Resources Management Council
Julia Gold, Climate Change Program Manager, RI Department of Health

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. How Businesses can Plan for Climate Change Risks (open to press)

Louis Gritz, Vice President, Research, FM Global

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Roundtable with Mayor Jorge Elorza: What is a Resilient Providence? (open to press)

Mayor Jorge Elorza shares his vision for a climate resilient Providence and holds a discussion with workshop participants and the press.

Moderator: Peter Williams, Chief Technology Officer, Big Green Innovations, IBM

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Networking Break

11:45 – 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch: Workshop Objectives and Scorecard Introduction

Ashley Lawson, Senior Fellow, C2ES
Peter Williams, Chief Technology Officer, Big Green Innovations, IBM
Dale Sands, Senior Vice President for Environment, AECOM

12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Climate Resilience Scorecard

In this participatory exercise, C2ES, IBM and AECOM will facilitate discussion among stakeholders to walk through the climate resilience scorecard, which examines particular indicators of preparedness. The intention of the scorecard is to guide cities toward optimal resilience and remind all participants that there is always more to be done and additional ways to work together.

Topics of the first afternoon will be:

- Organize for climate resilience
- Identify, understand, and use current and future risk scenarios
- Strengthen financial capacity for resilience
- Pursue resilience urban development and design
- Safeguard natural buffers to enhance the protective functions of natural ecosystems

September 8, 2016

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast & Networking

9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Climate Resilience Scorecard, continued

Topics for this morning will be:

- Strengthen institutional capacity for resilience
- Understand and strengthen societal capacity for resilience (e.g. health care, education, job creation, and others)
- Increase infrastructure resilience (e.g. clean energy infrastructure, pipelines, roads)
- Ensure effective disaster response
- Expedite recovery and build back better

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Keynote Lunch: The Competitive Advantage of Resilience Planning

Macky McCleary, Director of RI Department of Business Regulation

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Resilience Best Practices in Theory and Reality

This panel showcases successful examples of public-private cooperation on resilience planning.

Megan Saunders, Executive Director, Stamford 2030 District

John Gavin, Vice President Electric Systems Engineering, National Grid

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Networking Break

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Building a Resilient Fox Point Hurricane Barrier

This panel will review the past successes of Fox Point Hurricane Barrier and provide an opportunity to discuss the future plans for the barrier.

Col. Michael Borg, Providence Emergency Management Agency

John Macpherson, Army Corps of Engineers

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Lessons Learned and Wrap-up
