



Federal Opportunities to Support Local Climate Resilience

Lessons from the Rising Tides Summit

Climate change-driven sea level rise and more extreme weather increasingly damage infrastructure, property and economic assets across the United States. There is a crucial need for holistic solutions that make our communities and infrastructure resilient to these growing impacts. Local governments around the country are taking action but they cannot do it alone.

Building on the recommendations of 36 Republican and Democratic mayors and other local elected officials at the Rising Tides Summit last year, World Resources Institute presents key steps the federal government can take to support local and state efforts to enhance resilience and protect U.S. communities and the American economy.

8 FEDERAL POLICY OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE-IMPACTS

-  **INCENTIVES**
Increase incentives for pre-disaster resilience
-  **INTEGRATION**
Advance integration of resilience into planning, design, management, and investment
-  **COORDINATION**
Improve interagency and intergovernmental coordination and support
-  **COMMUNITIES**
Prioritize pre-disaster support for vulnerable populations and most at-risk communities
-  **PARTNERSHIPS**
Expand public-private partnerships to supplement government resilience efforts
-  **NATURE-BASED**
Promote nature-based and multi-benefit resilience initiatives
-  **METRICS**
Enhance disaster resilience-focused metrics and economic impact assessments
-  **AWARENESS**
Enrich usefulness of resilience-related data to increase public awareness

Benefits to supporting local resilience to sea level rise and increasingly extreme weather in the United States:



Minimize disaster damages and post-disaster recovery costs



Protect vulnerable communities, public health, and economic assets.



Create jobs and promote a resilient economy.



Reduce stress on military preparedness and critical infrastructure.