

Implementation and Integration Workshop



*Coastal Community Resilience
Proposal for Action Plan II*

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Action Plan II: Challenges

Coastal communities will need to adapt to significant social, environmental, and economic stressors. The Resilience Team focuses on building resilience to multiple stressors, with an emphasis on Gulf of Mexico / coastal issues.

Action Plan II: Resilience Scope

- **Coordinate and enhance efforts of local, State, Federal, Academia, business and non-profit partners to assist coastal communities and ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico region in becoming more resilient in structure and function.**
- **Resilience: The capacity of human and natural/physical systems to adapt to and recover from change. Focus areas within the definition include culture and heritage, ecological systems, economics, insurance, and smart growth**

Headlines

“Gulf Coast Communities Hit by Category 4 Hurricane Prove that Resilience Practices Pay Off in Reduced Damages, Lower Cost, and Quicker Recovery.”

“Tragedy averted: Resilience Plan Saves Lives and Ecosystems.”

“Smarter, More Sustainable Rebuilding Efforts Pay Off.”

“Gulf of Mexico Local Governments Implement Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plans.”

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Draft Actions

- **R-1: Risk and resilience assessment (natural/physical, built, and social environment)**
- **R-2: Risk and resilience communication at local, state, regional levels (e.g. clearinghouse, workshops and planning groups, handbooks)**
- **R-3: Risk and resilience management (e.g. resilience index, culture/heritage documentation, smart and sustainable development)**



Questions/Comments?