



“Regional organizations [...] have developed partnerships and programs that cater to unique regional attributes, natural systems, policy frameworks, governance structures and political realities. For this reason, the Federal Government should work more actively within these existing and emerging frameworks to support resilience and preparedness efforts...”

– President’s State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience 2014 Report

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Resilient Regions Initiative

Overview

A changing climate presents a host of challenges to communities throughout the U.S. and the world. As storms become more frequent and more violent, as sea levels rise and as droughts last longer, we must make our communities more resilient to ever-increasing environmental and economic shocks and stresses. Working for resilience on the regional scale is one of the most promising approaches to build stronger communities quickly and cost effectively.

The regional approach allows communities to:

- Use on-the-ground knowledge to make larger actions count.
- Share resources for improved economies of scale.
- Coordinate activities to ensure they are not working at cross-purposes.
- Communicate to state and federal entities in one cohesive voice.

Regional approaches preserve the local autonomy so critical for effective community action, while amplifying the powerful efforts cities and metro regions are making to adapt to climate change.

Regions Connect for Greater Effect

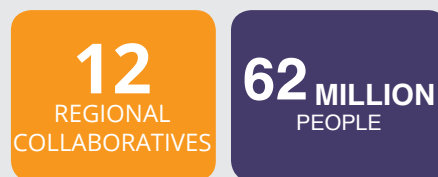
ISC’s *Resilient Regions Initiative* is connecting and strengthening all of the leading and emerging regional networks in the U.S. providing them with the information and tools they need to create and implement effective regional strategies.

“Five years ago, local leaders down here, Republicans and Democrats, formed the bipartisan Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact – an agreement to work together to fight climate change. And it’s become a model not just for the country, but for the world.”

– President Barack Obama, speaking at the Everglades on Earth Day, April 22, 2015



Project Overview



\$4.3 TRILLION
GDP TOTAL

Areas of Impact

- Adaptation & Resilience
- Network Development
- Multi-stakeholder Engagement
- Urban Systems



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About ISC

The Institute for Sustainable Communities' mission is to help communities around the world address environmental, economic, and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all. Since our founding in 1991 by former Vermont Governor Madeleine M. Kunin and George Hamilton, ISC has led transformative community-driven projects in 30 countries including the United States, China, India and Bangladesh.

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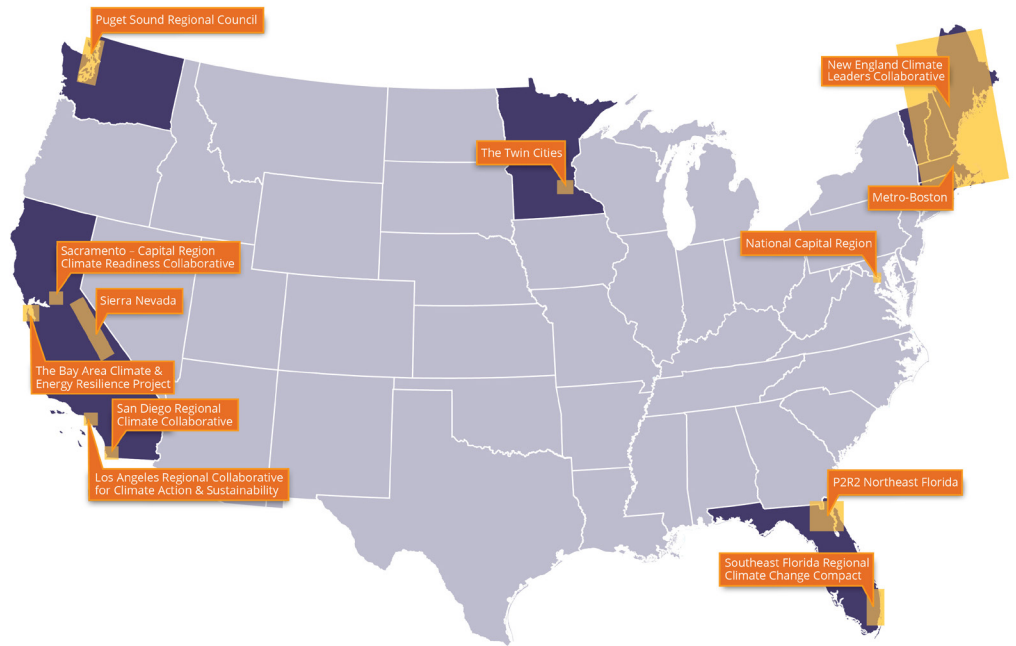
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Participating Collaboratives:

- Metro-Boston
- National Capital Region
- New England Climate Leaders Collaborative
- P2R2 Northeast Florida
- Puget Sound Regional Climate Preparedness Collaborative
- Sierra Climate Adaptation & Mitigation Partnership
- The Twin Cities
- The Bay Area Climate & Energy Resilience Project
- Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact
- Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action & Sustainability
- San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative
- Sacramento Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative

ISC's Role

We're experts in regional resilience practice. For the last four years, ISC been assisting the renowned Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact to implement the 110 recommendations of their Regional Climate Action Plan. In 2014, ISC organized a Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy workshop: *Think Resiliently, Act Regionally* in Alexandria, Virginia, bringing together 12 regional collaboratives to exchange ideas and learn from one another. Through the *Resilient Regions Initiative*, ISC will continue to make connections between collaboratives and bring to bear our 25 years of experience finding community-driven solutions.

