

**Partnership for Resilient Communities
2019 Planning Phase Cohort**

Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Location: Richmond, CA; Oakland, CA

Project Title: Climate Resilience via Community-Owned and Community-Governed Solar Projects

Project Description: Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) will develop a plan to mobilize residents and decision-makers in support of regional policies that build community resilience, lower energy costs and prevent displacement. This plan will include development of a resilience hub at the RYSE Commons in Richmond that includes installation of solar panels, battery storage and plans to develop community owned solar. The use of these assets will be governed by a youth advisory council.

California Indian Museum & Cultural Center

Location: Santa Rosa, CA

Project Title: Resilient Native Generations

Project Description: California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC) plans to organize Native people in Santa Rosa to establish community-articulated climate resilience priorities and advocate for these priorities to be included in the updated Santa Rosa Climate Action Plan. CIMCC will expand its climate emergency management plans by including the following: installation of solar panels and battery storage to transform the property into an emergency resilience hub, increase of residents' emergency preparedness and access to resources during and after climate events.

Eastside Community Network

Location: Detroit, MI

Project Title: LEAP Resiliency

Project Description: Eastside Community Network's (ECN) plan will mobilize residents and community stakeholders to advocate for energy and water policies that increase climate resiliency on Detroit's lower eastside. This plan will help with providing access to sustainability training and funding opportunities. The following will also be incorporated: development of a resilience hub that will include installation of green infrastructure, LED lighting, low flow plumbing, water harvesting, solar installations, and geothermal upgrades on community churches and nonprofits; and a resiliency hub initiative to help churches and nonprofits turn their properties into hubs. The resilience hub developed by ECN will be used as an educational demonstration site for residents.

Garfield Park Community Council

Location: Chicago, IL

Project Title: Garfield Park Resilience Project

Project Description: Garfield Park Community Council will engage residents to develop plans for a community solar program to increase access to affordable energy and an eco-orchard. These plans will also assist with spearheading a stormwater infrastructure project along the Garfield Park "Resilience Corridor." The project will include resident climate resilience education and grassroots organizing to ensure community benefits are included in community

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development projects including “Chicago Green” - a project that will produce energy efficient, affordable housing for local residents.

Healthy Community Services

Location: New Orleans, LA

Project Title: Water Wise 7th Ward; Water Wise Treme; Water Wise Upper 9th Ward

Project Description: Healthy Community Services (HCS) will develop a plan to train Treme, 7th Ward, and Upper 9th Ward residents to understand climate resilience issues, design green infrastructure plans, map priority sites for infrastructure installation, and construct the stormwater management and green infrastructure installations. HCS will document this work in “Lookbooks” that will be used to advocate for support from the local government and elected officials to continue building climate resilience in the community.

La Mujer Obrera

Location: El Paso, TX

Project Title: Planning for Community-led Climate Resilience in the Chamizal

Project Description: La Mujer Obrera (LMO) will work with residents and researchers to develop the Chamizal Community Plan for Climate Resilience; use resident expertise to design and install green infrastructure at the Chamizal Community Garden; teach residents to self-install similar GI in their own backyard gardens; and work with researchers and the community to compile data that can be used to increase emergency preparedness in the community and advocate for improved regional climate resilience policies.

Operation Better Block

Location: Pittsburgh, PA

Project Title: Homewood’s Community Environmental Plan

Project Description: Operation Better Block will develop a plan to mobilize residents and decision-makers in support of a 5-year comprehensive plan to increase climate resilience in the neighborhood; install green infrastructure and stormwater management in the Homewood neighborhood; and train youth in their Junior Green Corps to install and maintain the installations.

Power52

Location: Baltimore, MD

Project Title: Green City

Project Description: Power52 will develop a plan to train returning citizens and other under-employed community members for green jobs by building Green City, an interactive renewable energy demonstration site and learning space. In emergencies, Green City will serve as an Emergency Information Center (EIC) and provide local residents access to solar electricity, water, radios, two-way radios, and charging stations. The site will be used to educate residents about climate impacts and resilience as well as prepare them to advocate for green jobs and policies that bolster the economic and physical resilience of their communities.

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The People's Justice Council

Location: Birmingham, AL

Project Title: Moving Birmingham Beyond "Dynamite Hill" and Toxic City

Project Description: The People's Justice Council's planning activities will focus on the implementation of a community-driven strategy to increase climate resilience in 6 Birmingham neighborhoods through home weatherization, rain garden installation, and community solar farm development. The plan will include resident training to assess community energy needs, understand energy efficiency solutions, and advocate for policy changes to lower energy costs and promote clean energy in the community.

Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative

Location: Petersburg, VA

Project Title: Partnering for a Resilient Petersburg

Project Description: The Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative will work to increase climate resiliency in The Heights neighborhood by transforming the historic Beaux Twenty building into a community solar resiliency hub, offering solar photovoltaic training and certification in solar panel assembly and installation to residents, and providing community emergency response training. Residents will also be trained to maintain and operate the hub, receive continuous climate resiliency training, and connect with communities that have incorporated the resiliency hub model.

Walnut Way

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Project Title: Envisioning the Upstream Greening of Lindsay Heights

Project Description: Walnut Way's plan will train and hire community residents on the significance and installation of green infrastructure through their Blue Skies Landscaping program. In addition to providing workforce training and jobs, a key part of the training will help mitigate flooding in Milwaukee's Lindsay Heights neighborhood through the design and installation of stormwater diversion and management systems on 5 acres of impermeable land. The installation sites will also be used to educate residents on climate resilience and prepare residents to advocate for policies that promote resiliency without displacement in their community.

We Stay/Nos Quedamos

Location: New York, NY

Project Title: Neighborhood Resiliency Masterplan for Melrose Commons

Project Description: Nos Quedamos' plan will equip residents to advocate for climate resilient place-making policies that promote equity, sustainability and social cohesion in the Melrose Commons neighborhood. The plan will also include the installation of solar panels, rain gardens, enhanced lighting and Wi-Fi in three community gardens.