

● **Partnership for**
● **Resilient Communities**

The Partnership for Resilient Communities (PRC) works to transform and strengthen the voices of people of color in the national urban climate resilience field through partnerships with community-based organizations. Learn more about PRC and project participants.



Building Partnerships in Communities

PRC brings together cohorts of community-based organizations that work to transform local approaches to climate change resilience, mitigation and equity. Cohorts work together with ISC to:

- Increase the number of leaders of color in the urban field of practice.
- Advance approaches that build the resilience of people and places through influence-building and policy, community education and engagement.
- Implement climate mitigation solutions such as the installation of clean energy and green infrastructure.

ISC partners with community-based organizations that are:

- Led by people of color.
- Serving urban communities of color that are most vulnerable to climate change.
- Demonstrating the desire to influence their local climate agenda.

Project Objectives

PRC works to affect change in partner communities by:

- Promoting physical and economic resilience in climate-vulnerable communities.
- Supporting the technical assistance and resource needs of community leaders and their organizations.
- Fostering the transformation of the urban climate resilience field in the U.S. to be more equity- and people-centered
- Strategically sharing the experience, knowledge, policies and practices generated by PRC partners and other leaders of color

PRC's Impact*

Cohort members carry out a variety of projects throughout their partnership with PRC. Projects are determined by the needs of the community—discovered through feasibility studies, surveys, interviews and community meetings.

More than 52 residents graduated from the Power52 solar workforce development program	Baltimore, MD
7 Resilience hub projects were completed	Richmond, CA Santa Rosa, CA Detroit, MI Chicago, IL Petersburg, VA Milwaukee, WI Bronx, NY
Over 10 green infrastructure projects were implemented	New Orleans, LA Milwaukee, WI Chicago, IL El Paso, TX

* As of April 2022



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Addressing Climate Resiliency Through Equity

Communities of color and low-income neighborhoods are disproportionately affected by climate change impacts. Historical and current planning and investment decisions have placed these neighborhoods in harm's way and denied them core resilience-building resources, economic opportunity and overall quality-of-life investments. While this type of discrimination is now illegal, the systems and policies that evolved from this system have been institutionalized, continuing to advance discriminatory outcomes despite intent.

ISC believes that climate resilience and equity are inextricably linked. This means that the only way to achieve community preparedness and resilience in the face of climate change is to also address the debilitating impacts of systemic racism, and increase quality of life and economic opportunities. To do this, we must ensure that leaders and organizations of color are fully participating in and leading climate resilience planning and decision-making, informing policies and practices designed by those closest to the problems.



The support of the PRC over the years, in terms of both funding and networking, has been instrumental to ECN establishing itself in the environmental and climate equity space. Although we have a longer history of involvement in green infrastructure and sustainability efforts, the PRC helped establish our reputation as a leader in this work and take us to a level where we're being invited into spaces that we hadn't previously - locally, statewide, and nationally."

- Richard "Ricky" Ackerman, Chief Sustainability Officer,
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