

Community Resilience Organizations

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Why Resilience?

Climate change. Economic collapse. Terrorism. Superbugs. Chemical spills. Our communities face ever-worsening hazards, and most have written mitigation plans. But we also face increasing uncertainty, and it's impossible to anticipate everything. The best solution is to build *resilience* – the ability for communities to come together and solve whatever problems come their way. That involves preparing for hazards like floods, but also building self-reliance and strong social capital.

What are CROs?

Community Resilience Organizations (CROs) are local teams that engage residents and town leaders in building resilience, disaster preparedness, and strong community bonds. CROs break down community silos by bringing together all sectors involved in resilience and hazard mitigation work: emergency management, conservation, social services, government and more. Through an annual Day of CROing and ongoing projects, teams collaborate on critical projects that will make the town safer, simultaneously celebrating local spirit and strengthening community.

We provide backbone support to local CROs teams by sharing resources, providing technical assistance and capacity building, fundraising, and hosting a summit and training for local teams.

Vermont Pilot Program

In 2015, we are launching CROs with five Vermont pilot towns: Hartford, Jeffersonville, Londonderry, Putney and Waterbury. Each town will receive capacity building and organizational support and will participate in an overnight summit to share ideas and start planning. We expect to add an additional five pilot towns in 2016.

Get Involved

Join us! Learn more about our next round of pilot towns, community resilience planning and resources, and opportunities to partner with CROs. www.xxxxxx.org

