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Different Ways to Calculate Costs & Benefits

- FEMA avoided damages
- Property value changes
- Avoided disruptions to travel, work, business
- Emergency management costs
- Ecosystem services
- Recreational/public access benefits
- Quality of life/aesthetic values
NDRC Phase II Pilot Projects

• Portion of population with low or moderate (LMI) household income
• Government long and short-term commitment to resiliency values
• Unmet need and social or environmental distress resulting from Sandy
• Community interest
• Existing opportunities for leverage within the municipality
Participatory Processes:
- Transparency
- Stakeholder Driven
- Community Goals

Quantitative & Qualitative Criteria:
- Framework: TOD, resilient corridors
- Cost/Benefit
- Regional connections
- Environmental Justice and Equity

Priorities
Resilient Connecticut

Permittable: can be permitted
Economic: plausibly fundable
Realistic: can be engineered
Supported: receives public and leadership support
Innovative: incorporates innovative options
Scientific: develops science to reduce risk and inform planning
Transferable: serves as a model for other sites
Sustainable: socially, economically, and environmentally viable
Breakout Session

1. How can towns and regions balance competing goals and interests among stakeholders when prioritizing resilience investments?

2. What are some outcomes you’d like to see from this Resilient Connecticut project?

3. How are communities currently prioritizing resilience projects and investments?

4. Beyond funding, what are the most important factors in making decisions about how to prioritize resilience projects and investments?
Phase 1: Develop Resilience Planning Framework

Phase 2: Conduct Resilience Planning in New Haven and Fairfield Counties

Phase 3: Synthesize, prioritize and develop implementation plans
Next Steps

• Monthly webinars
  – May: Resilient Development (w/ CEDAS)
  – June: Drinking water vulnerability Assessment
  – July: SLR municipal guidance and map viewer

• Draft Resilience Planning Framework comment

• Fall public summit
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