

# Stakeholder evaluation to inform large-scale resilience planning

## Project Description

A utilization-based framework was enacted in the development of an assessment approach to yield useful information for informing stakeholder engagement efforts of the Resilient Connecticut Project.

## Stakeholder Systems

Though our robust inventory was specifically designed for use with the Resilient Connecticut project, we believe that others can use and adapt this tool to assess and develop broad and diverse stakeholder systems related to coastal climate change and resilience.



Figure: Methodology of the Project

## Project Findings

- Most respondents prefer to interact with Resilient Connecticut via the Resilience roundup as well as attend virtual or in-person summit events.
- Twenty percent of respondents indicated that they are not currently involved at all in planning to adapt to the effects of climate change in our region.
- The most important planning priority topic indicated by respondents was “socially and economically vulnerable populations.”
- Understanding needs exist around socially and economically vulnerable populations.

## MACRO GROUPS

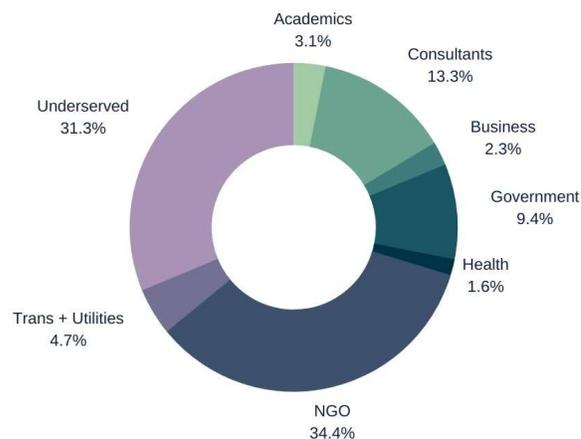


Figure: Breakdown of response organizations

## Research Gaps and Recommendations

- Continue to focus on highly interested respondents. Consider using phases of adaptation or stakeholder organizational type groupings to determine target audiences for different kinds of outreach.
- Generate a list of individuals who are “not currently adapting” and create specific correspondence to inquire further regarding ways to engage this group in the planning process.
- Use the following expressed priorities to guide decision-making practices: “Public health and safety”, “infrastructure damage”, and “socially and economically vulnerable populations”
- Align efforts further with those working in the domain of underserved populations and social justice advocacy.
- Focus outreach and education efforts on the following topics: “shoreline change in CT”, “Social vulnerability of CT residents”, “economic vulnerability of CT residents”, “Information about communication climate risks specific to CT”, and Information about communicating climate risks, generally”