

# ResilientAmerica Roundtable: Building Community Resilience

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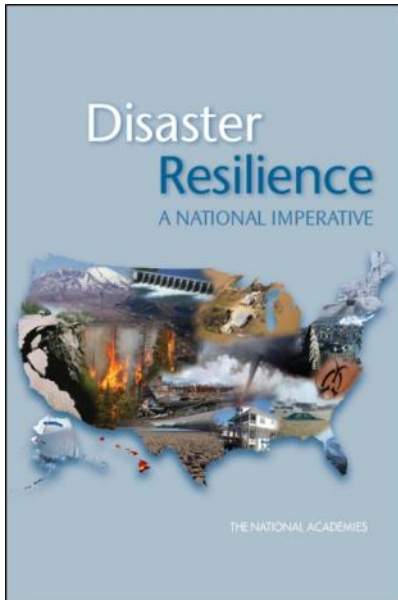


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- Formed in 2014 to address a set of four key recommendations for building community resilience outlined in the 2012 report, [\*Disaster Resilience: A National Imperative\*](#)
  1. Understand and communicate risk;
  2. Build and strengthen partnerships among diverse stakeholders;
  3. Share information, data, and experts needed to build resilience;
  4. Measure resilience
- Focuses its work on engaging diverse stakeholders in communities to build resilience through our community pilot program

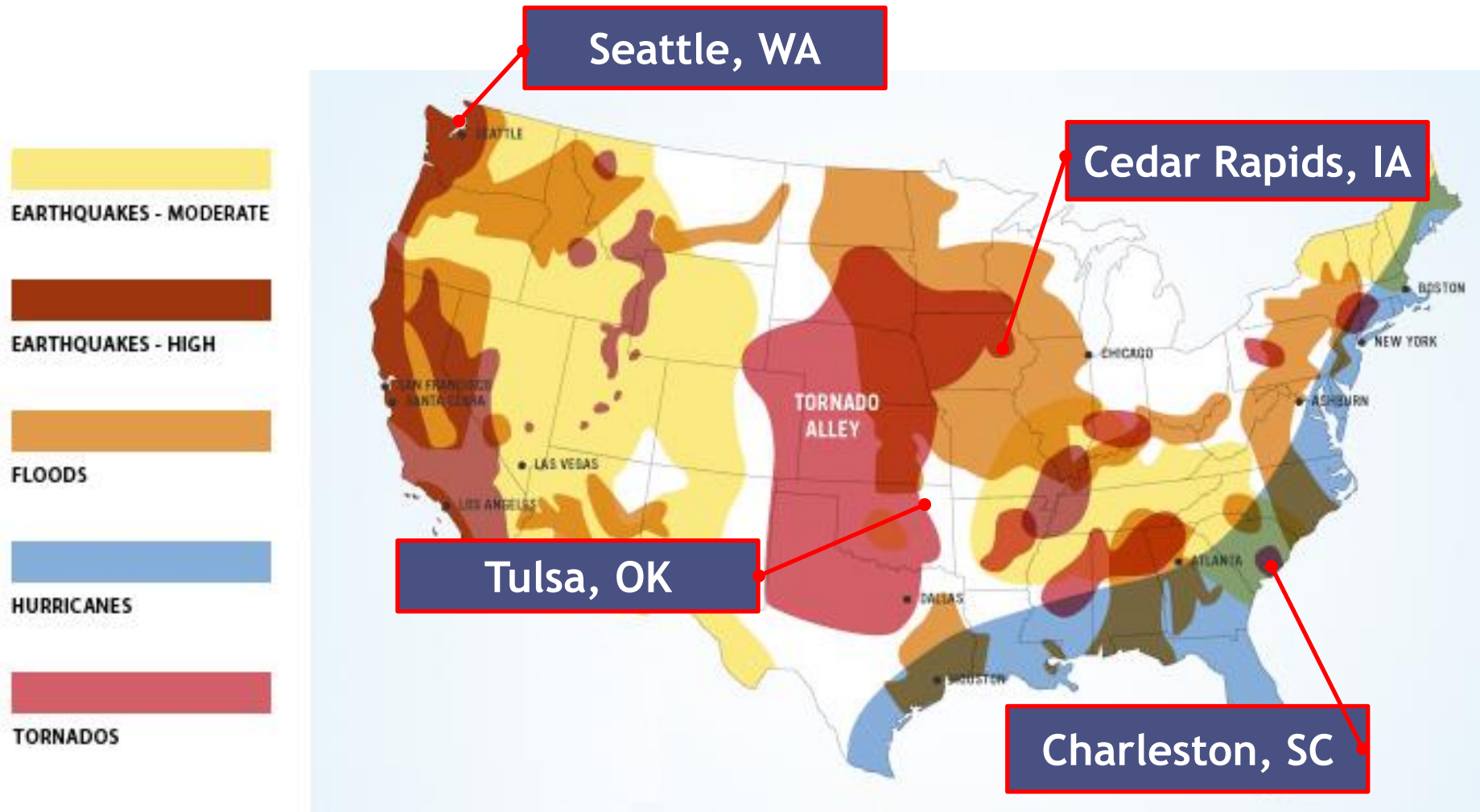
# What is Resilience?

The ability to **prepare** and **plan** for, **absorb**, **recover** from, or more successfully **adapt** to actual or potential adverse events.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Committee on Increasing National Resilience to Hazards and Disasters, Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy, & The National Academies. (2012). *Disaster Resilience: A National Imperative*. Washington: National Academies Press.

# Community Pilot Program



Natural Disaster Risk Map from <http://www.crisishq.com/why-prepare/us-natural-disaster-map/>

# Some Lessons Learned

- There is *no single definition of resilience*. Communities define resilience based on their own goals and the challenges they face.
- Building community resilience requires the *participation of stakeholders across the diverse community sectors*.
- *Local government* is a key partner.
- In order to *mainstream resilience*, it is important to build it into existing efforts.
- The *process for building resilience* is itself an important act of strengthening resilience.
- Communities struggle with how to *effectively community risk*.

# Thank you!

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