What is Climate Resilience?
RESILIENCE =

Adaptation +

Mitigation +

Social Cohesion +

Equity
Engine of Climate Resilience Planning
Why Engagement to Ownership?

- Direct participation by impacted communities
- Key to closing equity gaps and resolving climate vulnerability
- Development/implementation of solutions and policy decisions rooted in lived experience
- Cultivates community capacity
## Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership

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<th>Stance towards community</th>
<th>0: Ignore</th>
<th>1: Inform</th>
<th>2: Consult</th>
<th>3: Involve</th>
<th>4: Collaborate</th>
<th>5: Defer To</th>
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<td>Impact</td>
<td>Marginalization</td>
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<td>Voice</td>
<td>Delegated Power</td>
<td>Community Ownership</td>
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<td>Community Engagement Goals</td>
<td>Deny access to decision-making processes</td>
<td>Provide the community with relevant information</td>
<td>Gather input from the community</td>
<td>Ensure community needs and assets are integrated into process &amp; inform planning</td>
<td>Ensure community capacity to play a leadership role in implementation of decisions</td>
<td>Foster democratic participation and equity by placing full decision-making in the hands of the community</td>
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<td>Message to community</td>
<td>“Your voice, needs &amp; interests do not matter”</td>
<td>“We will keep you informed”</td>
<td>“We care what you think”</td>
<td>“We can’t do this well without you”</td>
<td>“Your leadership and expertise are critical”</td>
<td>“We want this to work so we support equitable processes led by community”</td>
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<td>80-100% to community partners and community-driven processes that ideally generate new value and resources that can be invested in solutions</td>
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Vision: Know Where We’re Going

- Spectrum as a path for a more equitable future
- A vision where communities manage and own essential life resources and decision-making processes
- Knowing where we want to go can break the status quo cycle to achieve transformative change
- Spectrum builds from status quo to community ownership over time
- Key Shifts: information flow and decision-making as procedural, distributional, and structural equity increases
- We must know where we are to understand where we are going
- Using current context as learnings & inspiration to develop capacities to move up the spectrum
Engagement to Ownership Project (E2O)

- Innovation Fund (IF) grant, four participating cities, Portland, Providence, Seattle, and Washington, D.C.
- Strategizing improvements to collaborative governance practices across communities/cities
- Identifying replicable practices
Engagement to Ownership Project (E2O)

- Building power for communities of color in environmental policy-making
- Creating co-ownership of racial & environmental justice solutions with the city and communities
- Strengthening relationships and trust within and between city government and communities of color
Engagement to Ownership Project (E2O)

- Holding municipalities accountable for alignment around community equity goals
- Share insights and build relationships and practices across communities/cities
Essential Conditions for Collaborative Governance

1. Purpose Clarity
2. Community Organizing & Power Building
3. Community Resourcing
4. City/County Racial Equity Training & Capacity
5. City Resourcing
6. City/County Capacity & Racial Equity Training
7. Power & Influence of Community Groups within City/County
8. Trust & Relationship Building
9. Principles and Practices to Ensure Equity at Every Step
Key Sectors in Collaborative Governance

**COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**
- Carry out community organizing strategies that build power within impacted communities
- Cultivate leadership pathways for resident leaders
- Assert the vision, values, and priorities of impacted communities

**CITY/COUNTY STAFF**
- Work within local government to facilitate internal shifts in policy and practice that remove systemic barriers to closing equity gaps
- Partner with community-based organizations to ensure the work is aligned with impacted communities

**PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS**
- Help to balance uneven power dynamics by partnering with impacted communities
- Make long-term commitments to serve as partners within collaborative efforts to close equity gaps
- Fund community organizing strategies

**FACILITATIVE LEADERS**
- Trusted by impacted communities
- Cultivate the conditions for collaborative governance
- Assess and guide processes to co-develop solutions to racial inequity