



# Resilient Cities: Clean Energy to Power Critical Public and Private Facilities

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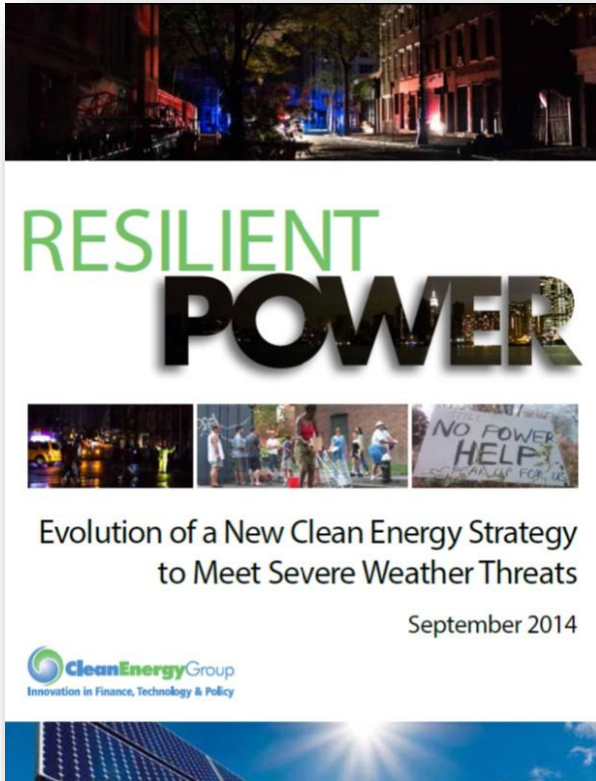
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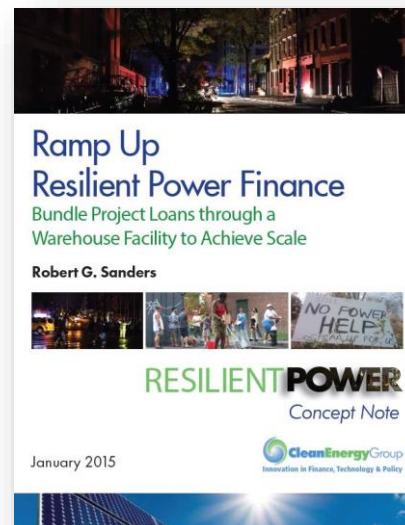
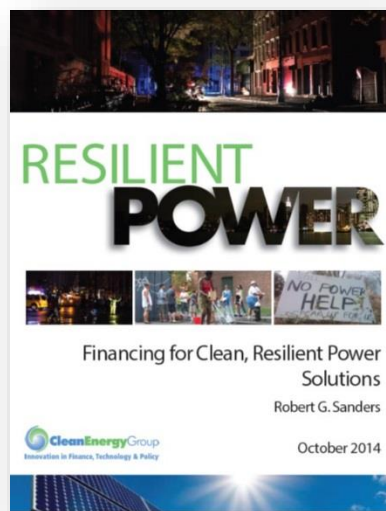
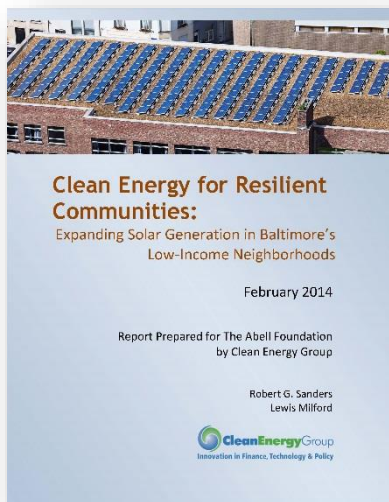
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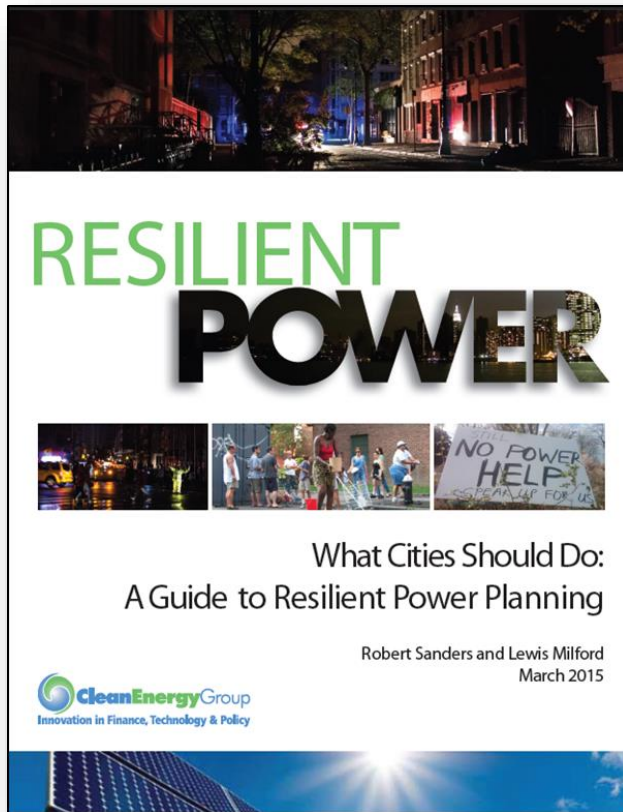
# CEG Resilient Power Project

- Goal: significantly increase public/ private investment for clean, resilient power systems.
- Support state energy agencies in developing resilient power policy and programs.
- Engage city officials to develop resilient power policies/ programs, link to state energy policies.
- Protect low-income and vulnerable communities; focus on affordable housing
- Technical assistance & targeted support for pre-development costs for resilient power projects to help agencies/ project developers get deals done.
- See [www.resilient-power.org](http://www.resilient-power.org) for reports, newsletters, webinar recordings





# Today's Topic : Resilient Cities



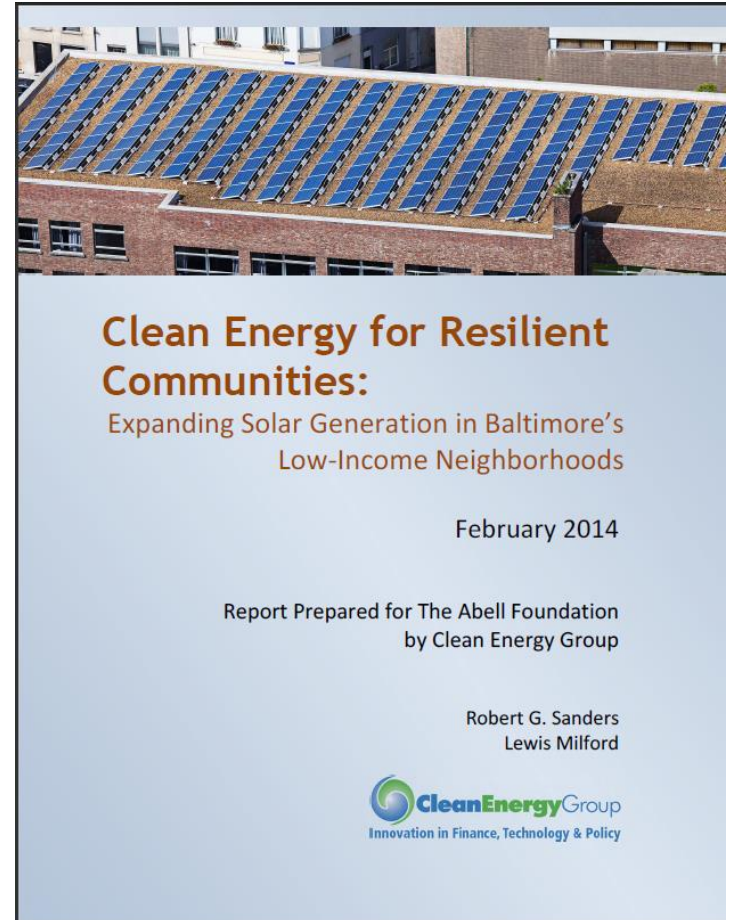
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2015/Resilient-Cities.pdf](http://www.cleangroup.org/assets/2015/Resilient-Cities.pdf)

*When it comes to reliable energy technologies to protect against power outages, there is a disparity between the haves and the have-nots.*

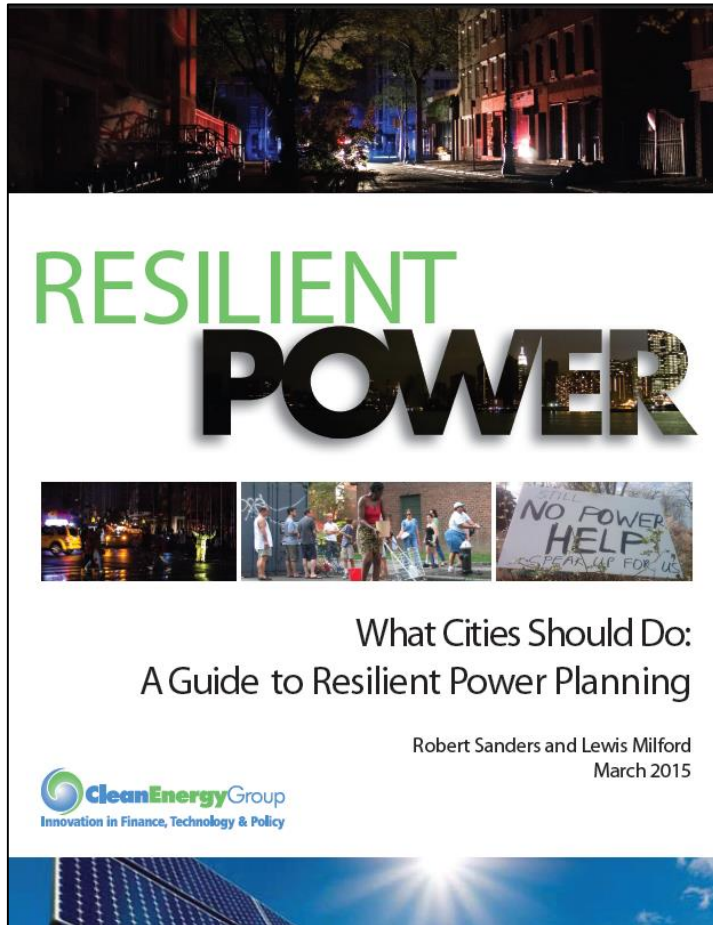
*Call it “resilient power inequality.”*

# Resilient Power and Baltimore

- *Clean Energy for Resilient Communities*
- How to expand solar PV to benefit low income & vulnerable (LIV) populations
- Disproportionate impact of power outages on LIV communities
- Critical facilities should be evaluated for resilient power
- City should use bond & lease financing, 3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership to implement projects
  - <http://www.cleangroup.org/assets/Uploads/2014-Files/Clean-Energy-for-Resilient-Communities-Report-Feb2014.pdf>



# Resilient Cities – What Should Cities Do?



- Disaster preparedness planning: evaluate vulnerabilities in multiple infrastructures
- Few cities assess risks & mitigation strategies re: grid outages for critical public & community facilities
- None has developed citywide resilient power strategy
- Many solar PV + battery storage systems are financed with little or no upfront costs
- FERC rules permit new revenues to be paid for grid services provided by battery storage

# New Resilient Power Initiatives

- NYC - Smart DG Hub –Resilient Solar Project
  - 3-year project to address local barriers to implementing resilient power projects
- Multifamily affordable housing developers – DC, NYC, Chicago & Boston
  - Beginning to address community equity issues re: who has access to resilient power
- Leveraging state resilient power funding for local projects
  - MA DOER Community Clean Energy Resiliency Initiative: \$40 million, 31 municipal projects
  - NJ Energy Resilience Bank: \$200 million for infrastructure and building-related resilient power projects



# Project-based Resilient Power Strategy for Cities

- Make it someone's job, and require close coordination between city departments
- Identify, prioritize critical facilities to be protected
- Identify critical power loads at select critical facilities
- Conduct engineering assessments for select critical facilities
- Develop viable financial plan (3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership, capital investment plan)
- Develop & supervise an implementation/ oversight plan for projects, including performance evaluation

# Today's Guest Speakers

- **Kristin Baja**, Climate and Resilience Planner, City of Baltimore
- **Laurie Reilly**, Communication Director, Sustainable CUNY
- **Erica Helson**, New York State Solar Ombudsman, Sustainable CUNY



# CEG –Resilient Cities



## New York's Smart DG Hub Resilient Solar Project

April 2, 2015





# Sustainable CUNY



## Sustainable CUNY Conserves



## NYSolar Smart



## Smart DG Hub



Modeling a  
CUNY  
transformation

Removing the  
barriers to wide-  
scale solar  
adoption in NY

Developing a  
strategic pathway  
for resilient  
Distributed  
Generation



# Focus Areas



## Solar Infrastructure

- Permitting
- Zoning
- Grid Analysis
- Policy Support
- Installer Roundtable



## Mapping the Way

- One stop Portal
- Solar Maps
- Data Analytics
- Roadmaps



## Accessing Solar

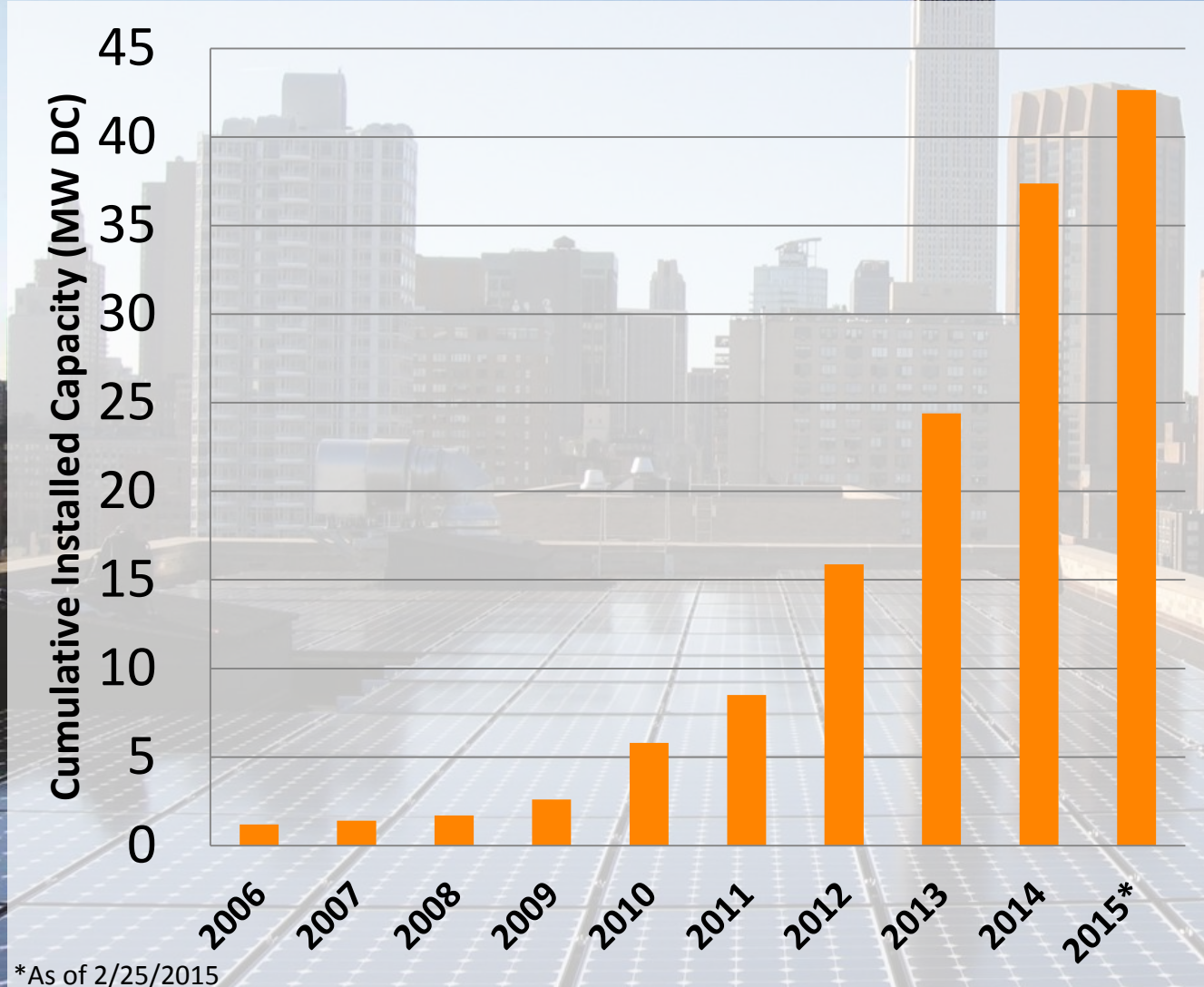
- Group Purchasing
- Community Shared Solar
- Education
- NY Solar Summit



## Resiliency

- Smart DG Hub
- Solar-plus-storage
- Critical Facility Support

# NYC Solar Growth



\*As of 2/25/2015

**2005**

Capacity: **1.1 MW**

Installs: **45**

Value: **\$13 million**

**2015**

Capacity: **42.6 MW +**

Installs: **2,682 +**

Value: **\$269 Million +**



# Hurricane Sandy's Extensive and Prolonged Power Outages

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## A Close Look at Power Failures in New York City 5:45 P.M. ET Nov. 8

Hurricane Sandy knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people in the area. Data updated every 15 minutes.

### Sandy Fast Facts

#### Outages

5 million NY & NJ residences

#### Total cost

\$50 billion

#### Cost to NYC

\$19 billion



Photo: Iwan Baan/New York Magazine





# State of NYC Solar PV During Recovery

**Solar in affected area in 2012:**

- 5,500 kW
- 281 installations
- Nearly 50% of NYC installations

**Estimated untapped solar energy per day after the storm:**

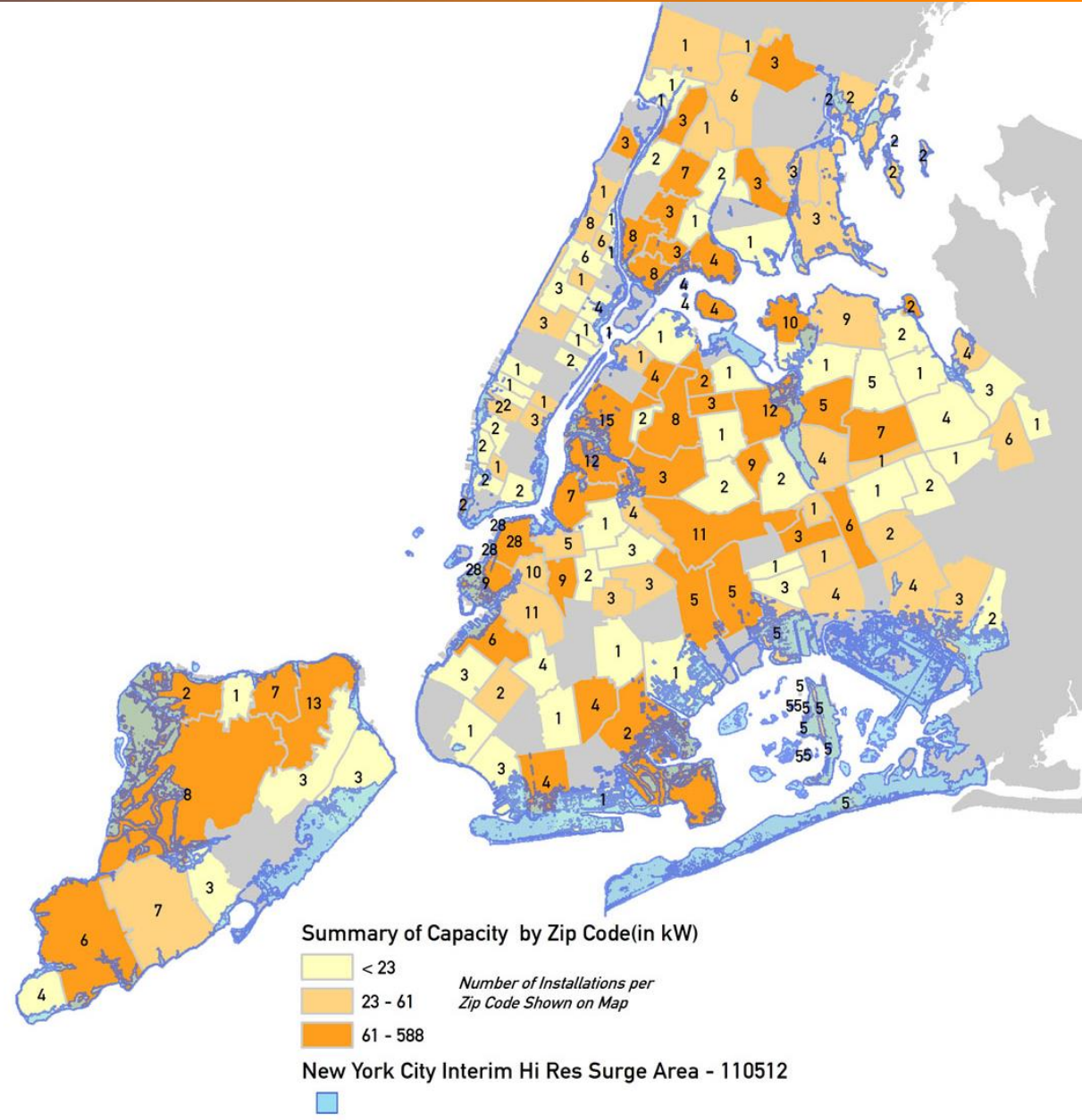
**6,500 kWh**

**Solar in affected area in 2015:**

- 15,500 kW
- 1,571 installations

**Solar arrays in NYC with daylight emergency power plug via SMA inverter in 2015:**

**177**







# CUNY Smart Distributed Generation Hub

## ORIGINAL PARTNERS

CUNY  
U.S DOE  
U.S. DOD/ MIT  
Homeland Security  
NREL  
Mayor's Office  
NYSERDA  
NYC EDC  
NYC OEM  
GSA  
FEMA  
Con Edison  
New York Power Authority  
LIPA  
NYC DOB  
FDNY  
TSEC  
GE Global Research  
IBM  
City of Boston  
Meister Consultants Group

Hardware  
Technologies

Policy &  
Legal

**Smart  
DG  
Hub**

Software  
Technologies

Economics  
& Finance

## NEW PARTNERS

NY-BEST	Demand Energy
EPRI	SolarCity
SEPA	SunPower
SMA	First Solar
Pataki-Cahill	Princeton Power



# DG Hub Structure

## PROJECT TEAM



## ADVISORY BOARD

Hardware Technologies  
Working Group

Software Technologies  
Working Group

Economics & Finance  
Working Group

Policy & Legal  
Working Group





# Key Partners

## Smart DG Hub Working Groups

### HARDWARE TECHNOLOGIES

- NY-BEST
- Project developers
- Battery providers
- Solar installers

### SOFTWARE & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

- NYC Emergency Management
- Con Edison
- Software providers

### ECONOMICS & FINANCE

- Clean Energy Group
- NYC Economic Development Corporation
- Finance companies

### POLICY & LEGAL

- Dept. of Buildings
- FDNY
- DCAS
- Mayor's Office of
  - Sustainability
  - Recovery & Resiliency

# Smart DG Hub Resilient Solar 3-Year Plan



## Survey & Research

- Survey resilient PV costs
- Research barriers and solutions to more resilient PV in NYC

Y1

## Tools & Outreach

- Resilient PV calculator and new layers on Solar Map
- Workshops, trainings, webinars

Y2

Y3

## Resources & Roadmap

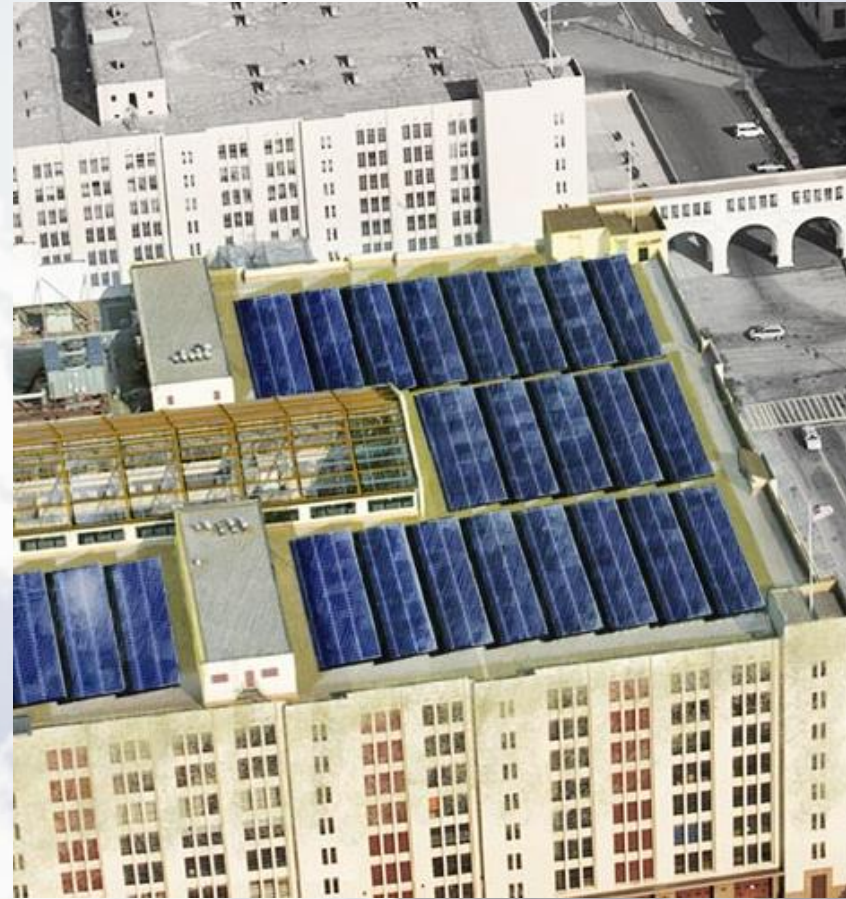
- Fact sheets and model guidelines
- Smart DG Hub Roadmap for Resilient Solar



# Considerations



- 1. Ensuring key stakeholders are represented**
- 2. Balancing economic incentives for storage with resiliency needs**
- 3. Responding to Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)**
- 4. Sharing project findings with targeted audiences**



Brooklyn Army Terminal solar+storage project developed by NYC EDC



# DG Hub Goals

## Objective

**A more resilient distributed energy system in NYC, with a path for expansion across the state and country**

Develop Platform

Engage Stakeholders

Create Strategic Pathways

Increase Deployment of Resilient PV Systems



# Thank You



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- Resilient Cities: Clean Energy

# Climate Resilience Planning:

## *Baltimore's Combined All Hazards Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Process*



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# Overview

- Hazards
- Plan Development
- Implementation
- Resilient Power





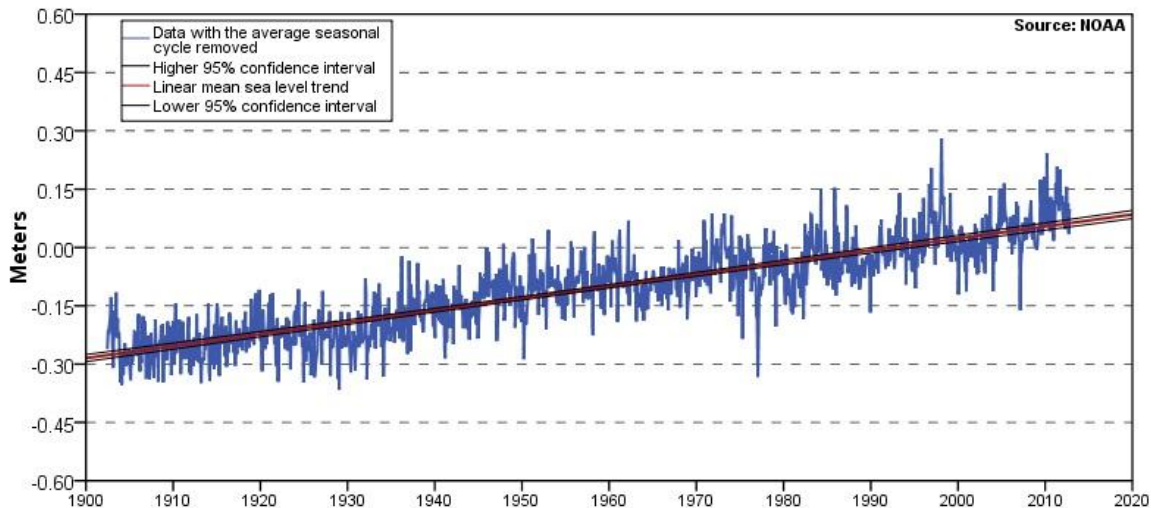
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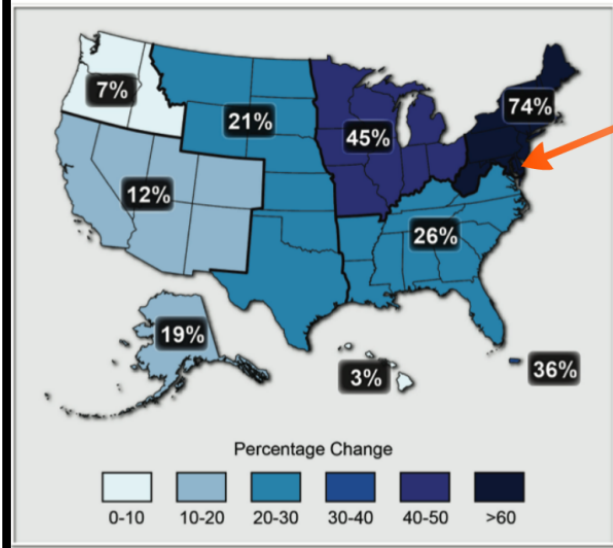


Baltimore, MD 3.08 +/- 0.15 mm/yr

Source: NOAA

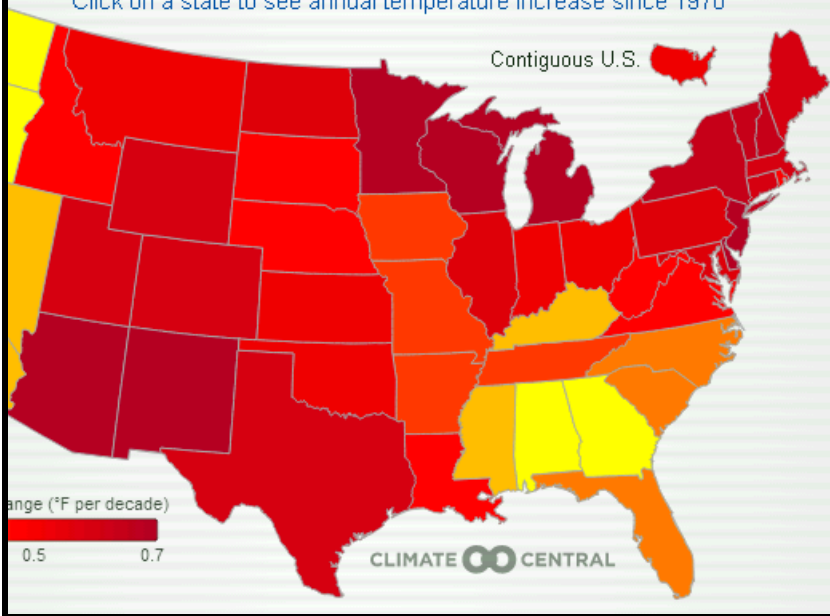


Percentage Change in Very Heavy Precipitation



### Some States Warming at Twice Global Rate

Click on a state to see annual temperature increase since 1970





# Quick Review of Hazards



**Coastal Storms**

**more severe**

**Floods**

**more extensive**

**Severe Thunderstorms**

**more severe**

**Wind**

**increase intensity**

**Winter Storms**

**less snow, more flooding**

**Extreme Heat/Drought**

**more severe and intense**

**Sea Level Rise**

**increased threat**

**Air Quality**

**lower quality and increase risk**

# Planning



# Baltimore's Unique Approach



All Hazard Mitigation Plan

(Current and Historical Hazards)

+

= Resilience

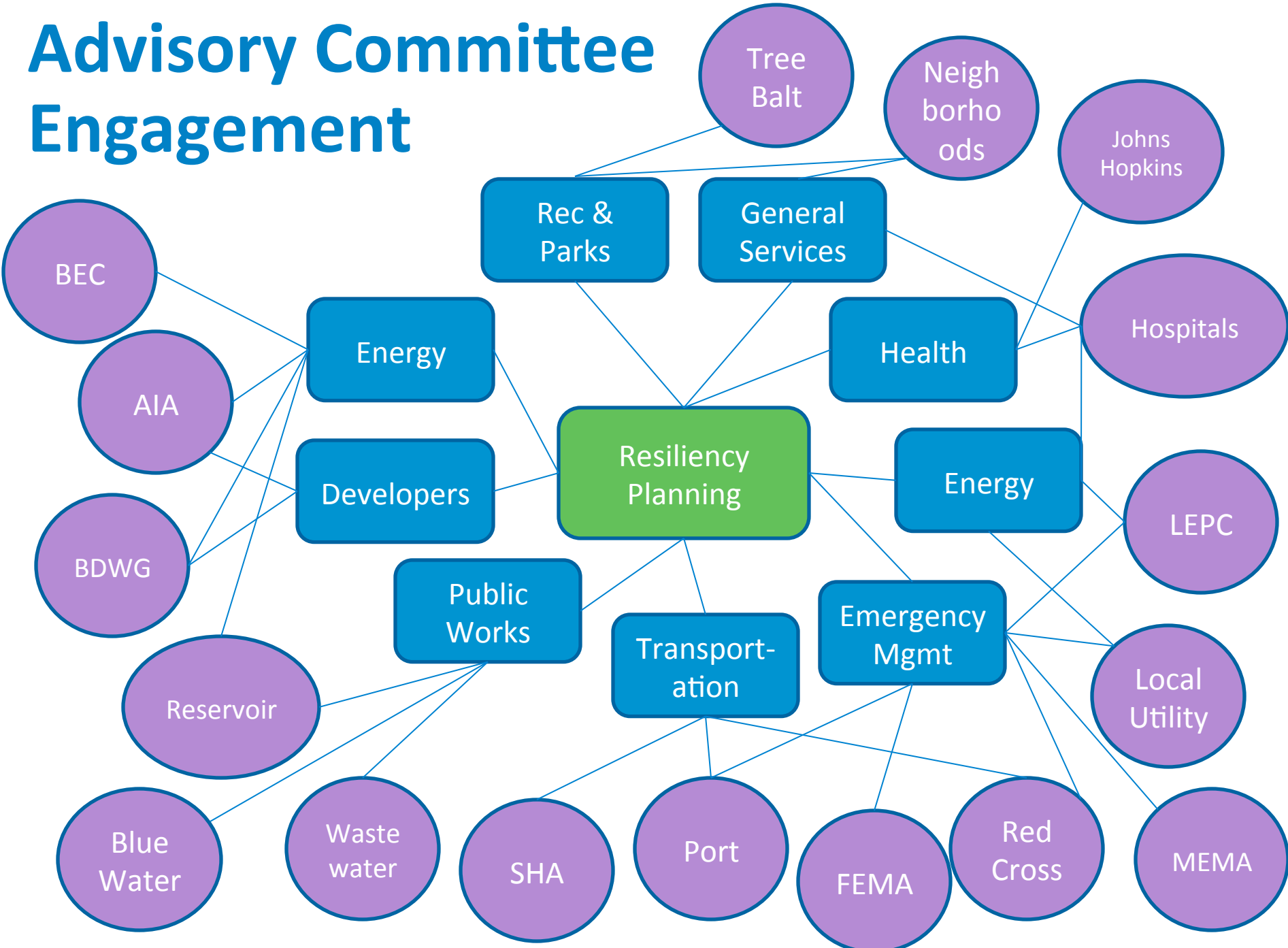
Climate Adaptation Plan

(Adapt to new and predicted climate conditions)





# Advisory Committee Engagement



# Process



## Risk Assessment



### Hazard Identification

- Hazard Identification
- Review Historical Impacts
- Conduct an Asset Inventory

### Vulnerability Assessment

- Determine likelihood
- Determine economic, social, legal & environmental consequence

### Impacts Assessment

- HAZUS Modeling
- Integrate projected climate conditions
- Identify weaknesses

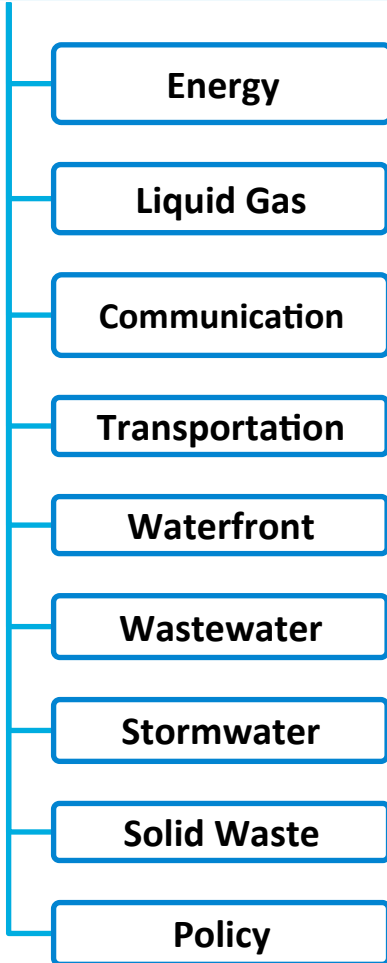
### Plan Development

- Vision, Goals, Strategies, Actions
- Prioritization
- Integration
- Plan for implementation & monitoring

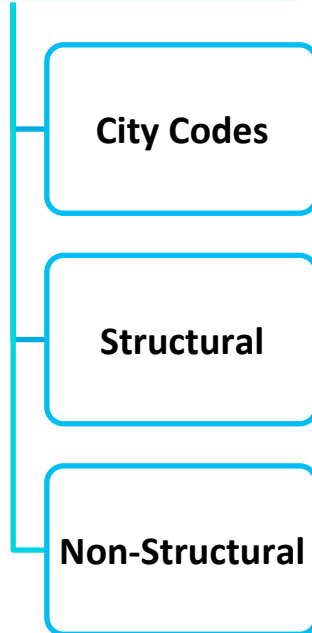
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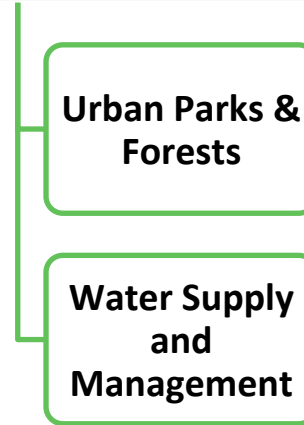
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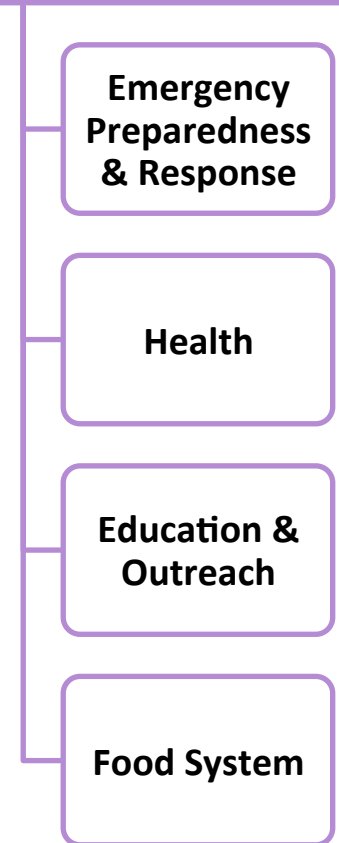
## Buildings



## Natural Systems



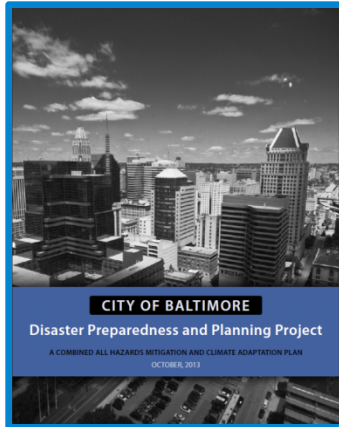
## Public Services





# Disaster Preparedness Plan

Adopted unanimously in October, 2013

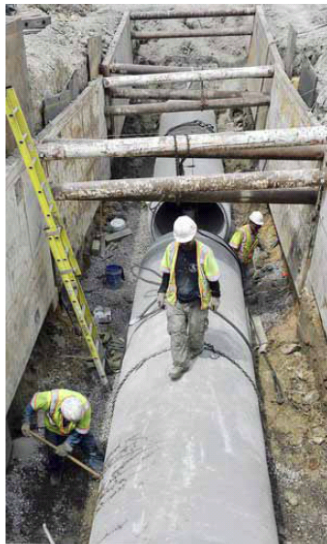


DESIGN AND PLANNING PROJECT

STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS 191

ment that evaluates and improves all pipes' ability to withstand cold

System is dated and in need of upgrades. It is important to build extreme weather resilience and disaster prevention into water and wastewater systems by using both adaptation and mitigation actions. Additionally, structural and infrastructural upgrades must be made to reduce loss of water supply from the distribution system.



Baltimore Water Pipe

Source: BaltimoreSun

1. Replace old and malfunctioning pipes with new pipes or retrofit existing pipes with new lining

Pipes that have already begun experiencing problems, or older pipes which are more vulnerable to the impacts of hazards, should be upgraded using the best available technology.

2. Evaluate and utilize new technology that allows for greater flexibility in pipes as they are replaced

It is essential to prepare for future changes in hazard events and proactively upgrade pipe systems to prevent cracking and bursting.

#### IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

Lead Agency	DPW
Stakeholders	DOT, DPW, Water and Wastewater Utilities
Alignment with Goals	Goal 3
Connection with Existing Efforts	 CAP; CRS; MD DNR; ESF-3; ESF-4
Timeframe	

## STORMWATER

### IN-16 Enhance and expand stormwater infrastructure and systems

Future changes in precipitation frequency and intensity may require reconsideration of the design of existing stormwater infrastructure systems.

Increase resiliency and disaster prevention measures related to stormwater systems by enhancing drainage systems in stream corridors and improving and repairing stormwater conveyance pipes and outfalls.

1. Implement the requirements of Baltimore's MS4 (separate stormwater and sewer system) permit (S)
5. Review and revise storm drain design on a continuous basis, to accommodate projected changes in intense rainfall (O)

The City of Baltimore operates under a Municipal Separate Stormwater and Sewer System (MS4) permit, which protects water-quality and requires that Baltimore prevents pollution as much as possible. It is critical that the requirements of these permits are fully met.

The City's storm drains will require continual revision to incorporate new and projected changes in intense rainfall. This will ensure that the storm drains maintain adequate capacity.

2. Prioritize storm drain upgrades and replacement in areas with reoccurring flooding (S)

While proximity to a floodplain or floodway can increase vulnerability to flooding, certain measures can reduce this vulnerability. Inadequate or older pipes, which cannot accommodate the excessive amounts of stormwater, should be upgraded so as to handle extreme rainfall and storm surge events.

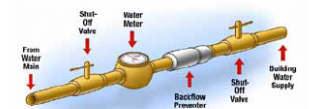
3. Install backflow-prevention devices or other appropriate technology along waterfront to reduce flood risk (M-L)

Backflow-prevention devices are used to ensure that water does not flow back through drainage infrastructure. Through the installation of backflow-prevention devices, the City can improve the performance of the drainage network and prevent risk of flooding impact along the waterfront.

4. Preserve and protect natural drainage corridors (S)

It is important to utilize natural drainage corridors and green infrastructure to capture more stormwater runoff and enhance the ability of the existing infrastructure to cope with environmental changes.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES	
Lead Agency	DPW
Stakeholders	Community Groups, DOT, DPW, MOEM, MDNR, NGOs, Private Developers, Stormwater Utility
Alignment with Goals	Goals 1, 3, and 6
Connection with Existing Efforts	 CRS; MD DNR
Timeframe	



Backflow Preventer

Source: DemarPlumbingNYC





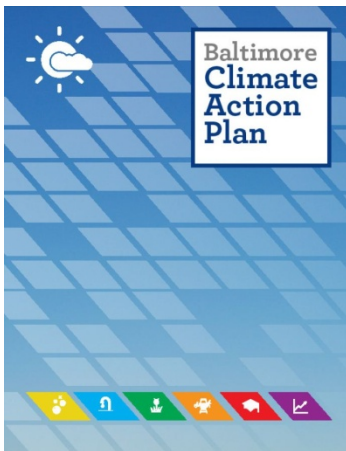


Implementation

# Prioritization



## MITIGATION



Energy Savings and Supply

Land Use and Transportation

Growing a Green City

## RESILIENT + SUSTAINABLE

Drinking water

Renewable Energy

Trees

Building Codes

Energy Grid

Energy Efficiency

Transportation Inf.

## ADAPTATION + HAZARD MITIGATION



Infrastructure

Buildings

Natural Systems

Public Services



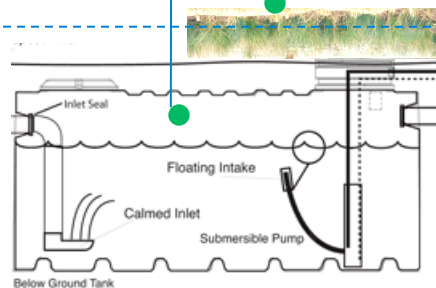
# Whole Block Approach

## Energy

- Cool Roofs
- Weatherization
- Energy Education

## Additional

- Trees and Greening
- Renewable Energy
- Stormwater
- Heat sensors



# Residential Pilot



- Identify neighborhoods most vulnerable to impacts from climate change
- Pilot project- solar on ten row houses in low income area
- Include weatherization and cool roof installation



# Resiliency Hubs



- Effort focused on neighborhoods most vulnerable to high heat and flooding
- Identify community centers and trusted gathering spaces
- Solar with battery backup systems





# Private Partners



## Domino Sugar

76 blue solar panels producing 41,000 kilowatt- hours of electricity per year



## Inner Harbor Waterwheel

On a sunny day, the water wheel can produce 2500 watts of electricity a day which keeps the wheel lifting trash and debris from the water





# Critical Facilities



Back River Wastewater Treatment Plan  
4200 panels on five acres





## Leverage other projects and programs



**Baltimore Energy Initiative (BEI)**, a multi-agency, city-wide program to expand and streamline the City's energy conservation programs and education and outreach efforts.



The **Baltimore Energy Challenge (BEC)** teaches low to no cost ways to save energy to residents, businesses, and nonprofits through a grassroots effort in neighborhoods and schools. We ask everyone to sign a pledge committing to reduce their energy use through behavior change and for that, we thank them with a kit of energy saving products.

# What worked well



- Still in process of taking actions in the DP3 and implementing them
- Starting small and with pilot projects
- Prioritizing areas at most risk
- Focus on projects that take into account anticipated impacts from climate change
- Looking at funding mechanisms
- Identifying co-benefits with adaptation and mitigation



# Questions?

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# Resilient Power Project Upcoming Events & Links

## **Upgrading Distribution Resilience: A DOE-OE Solicitation,**

Tuesday, April 7, 1:30-3pm ET <http://bit.ly/ESTAP-Webinar-4-7-15>

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