

Mobilizing Local Communities: A Resilient Community is a Strong Community

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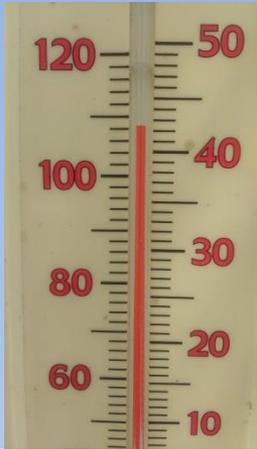
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The Climate is Changing

There will be more extreme weather events



We are already responding!



Weatherizing our Homes

Recovering from Disasters

Using Alternative Energy
& Fuel Efficiency

Preparing for Future Impacts

“Mitigation”

“Adaptation”

What Does 'Community' Provide?

- Different skill sets make community stronger
 - Create solutions
 - Provide security
 - Share dedication



- Kinship, Unity, and Identity

- The stronger your community grows, the more power you have to influence change...

- The stronger your community is, the more resilient you are!



Community Strength

- Every community has unique qualities
- Knowing your community
 - Helps during recovery from storms
 - Builds momentum for community based actions
- After a storm event
 - Community efforts are most effective & comforting
 - Help each other, don't wait for 'the government' to help
 - FEMA never 'fixes' things 100%





Decrease contribution
to climate change

Prepare for &
respond to impacts

Stronger, More
Resilient Communities

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- We must manage the unavoidable through adaptation, but



- We must avoid the unmanageable through mitigation!



- The Best Adaptation Strategy is Mitigation!



If you want to go fast,
go alone.

If you want to go far,
go together...

- African proverb

