

YES, IT COULD HAPPEN TO US!

NONPROFIT PARTNERING FOR NATURAL DISASTERS AND COMMUNITY-BASED CLIMATE RESILIENCE

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015 7:30-9:30 AM

Networking Breakfast 7:30-8:00 AM

Disaster Resiliency Presentation and Discussion 8:00-9:30 AM

Hosted at Hypertherm, 71 Heater Road, Lebanon, NH



Sponsored by the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup, Hypertherm, & the NH Charitable Foundation

Climate change may feel a long way off, but the Upper Valley is already experiencing more frequent and intense rainfall, snow, hurricanes, high winds, flooding, power outages, and impassable roads and bridges. For busy nonprofit leaders, it's hard to make time to plan, especially if the risks are unknown and seem far off. But recent natural disasters have made us realize that it's not just about whether our agency gets flooded. What if there's a sudden increase in demand for services? What if our employees can't get to work, and neither can our clients or suppliers? Who do we depend on, and who depends on us? How might the ripple effects in the community affect us, too? Tropical Storm Irene and Hurricane Sandy showed us that nonprofit collaboration is a powerful lever in natural disaster recovery. By building plans and relationships in advance, our agencies and our communities will be ready to make the best decisions when crisis comes.

7:30 **Breakfast and nonprofit networking time**

8:00 **Welcome:** UVAW co-chairs Sherry Godlewski (NHDES) & Alex Jaccaci (Hypertherm)

Lessons learned from Irene and Sandy: Anne Duncan Cooley, Upper Valley Strong

So we think we're prepared? Bonnie Canal, Managing Partner, The Resiliency Institute, New Orleans, LA

Resiliency exercise: What would it take to weather the storm?

ABCs of disaster planning & collaboration: Take-home tips for planning and partnering

9:30 **Adjourn** - *Tours of Hypertherm's new facility are available after the workshop.*

Question? contact lizann.peyton@valley.net, 802-738-3544
RSVPs are helpful for a headcount, but not required



About Our Featured Speaker

National disaster expert Bonnie Canal, founder of The Resiliency Institute in New Orleans, is coming to the Upper Valley on May 1st to help us think together and trade ideas for practical plans that don't overwhelm. She's lived through Katrina and the Gulf oil spill, and brings communities practical ways to ask the right questions and plan for the real risks.



Bonnie Canal is a nationally recognized leader in community resilience innovations and strategies, and is the founder and Managing Partner of The Resiliency Institute, LLC (TRI) in New Orleans. Bonnie provides her resiliency consulting for nonprofits, communities, and small and medium size businesses while traveling the US engaging in the conversation at the community level. She is a proud native of New Orleans and has worked in the field of Community Resiliency for 5 years and with small and medium size businesses for 25 years. Bonnie serves as the National Board Chair for the Association of Contingency Planners.

This workshop is designed for nonprofit and community agency executive directors, staff, and board members.