



WORKSHOP AGENDA

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**Location:
Little Rock Marriott
Downtown Little
Rock, Arkansas**

Day One • Tuesday, November 18

8:30 am Registration and Breakfast Meet & Greet

9:00 am Welcome and Introductions

- Megan McConville, Program Manager, National Association of Development Organizations, Washington, DC
- Brett Schwartz, Program Manager, National Association of Development Organizations, Washington, DC
- Allen Dodson, County Judge, Faulkner County, Conway, AR
- Wayne Rickard, Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator, FEMA Region VI, Denton, TX

9:15 am Opening Plenary: Lessons from the Storm

The workshop will kick off with inspiring remarks from three leaders who have seen their regions through natural disasters and helped them rebuild in ways that are more sustainable, vibrant, and resilient to future extreme weather.

- Carol Pedigo, Executive Director, AIA Middle Tennessee, Nashville, TN
- David Perkes, Director, Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, Biloxi, MS
- Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, Mad River Valley Planning District, Waitsfield, VT

- 10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:45 am** **Small Group Discussions on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development**
Participants will gather in small groups to share successes and challenges related to their work on disaster resilience, recovery, hazard mitigation, climate adaptation, sustainable community development, and similar topics.
- 12:15 pm** **Lunchtime Activity: Build Your Resilientville**
During this interactive tabletop exercise, participants will work in teams to brainstorm neighborhood- and community-based approaches to prepare for natural disasters and other unforeseen challenges. Attendees will emerge with a stronger understanding of how to tap into local assets and relationships to build resilience.
- Daniel Homsey, Director, Neighborhood Empowerment Network, San Francisco, CA
- 2:00 pm** **Break and Meet Outside for Tour**
- 2:15 pm** **Bus Tour of Mayflower and Vilonia**
The small towns of Mayflower and Vilonia, north of Little Rock, were hit hard by a tornado in April 2014, which barreled down their main streets, destroyed residents' homes, and devastated businesses and public buildings. Local leaders will share the challenges they have faced over the past several months and their compelling visions for rebuilding and recovering from the recent tornado as well as a previous one in 2011 and a 2013 pipeline rupture and oil spill.
- 5:00 pm** **Return to Hotel, Adjourn Day One**

Day Two • Wednesday, November 19

- 8:00 am** **Breakfast and Networking**
- 8:30 am** **Walking Tour of Downtown Little Rock's Creative Corridor**
City leaders and staff will showcase the exciting, recently-revitalized Creative Corridor, which has brought new life to Little Rock's historic Main Street, attracted cultural institutions and a tech startup incubator to the downtown core, incorporated leading-edge green infrastructure and complete streets practices, and created a vibrant neighborhood complete with homes, shopping, businesses, and entertainment.
- 10:00 am** **Return to Hotel**
- 10:15 am** **Designing Communities to Accommodate Natural Hazards**
Local and regional leaders will share forward-thinking efforts to plan and build communities that minimize the impacts of natural hazards while supporting economic competitiveness, enhancing quality of life, and strengthening local identity.
- Robert Klobberdanz, Chairman, Charles City Park Board, Charles City, IA
 - TBA

- 11:45 am** **Lunch Presentation: Imagine Central Arkansas**
Learn about Imagine Central Arkansas, a planning effort to expand transportation choices that contribute to quality growth and economic development while preserving the region's rich culture, history, and resources. The initiative—funded by a HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning Grant—is also being leveraged to support Mayflower and Vilonia's recovery from the recent tornadoes.
- Richard Magee, Deputy Director, Metroplan, Little Rock, AR
 - Brad Lonberger, Principal, Gateway Planning, Dallas, TX
- 1:15 pm** **Breakout Sessions**
- Building Economic Resilience**
This session will explore how communities and regions are positioning their businesses and overall economies to succeed through natural disasters and the effects of climate change. Topics will include post-disaster economic recovery, assessing economic vulnerabilities, protecting critical industries and employers, diversification, identifying economic opportunities related to disaster resilience, breaking down silos between emergency management and economic development, and more.
- Josh Human, Director, Center for Hazards Research and Policy Development, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
 - Melanie Jewett Army, Supervising Planner, Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program, Providence, RI
 - Robin Keegan, Director of Community Resiliency, GCR Inc., New Orleans, LA
- Rebuilding and Preserving Affordable Housing**
This session will examine the impacts natural disasters can have on affordable housing stock and highlight local and regional approaches to rebuilding this important asset post-disaster, providing it safely in disaster-prone communities, and dealing with difficult public engagement challenges around housing, recovery, and local character.
- Cherre Palenius, Housing Development Manager, Minnesota Housing Partnership, St. Paul, MN
 - John O'Brien, Mayor, Town of Lyons, Lyons, CO
 - TBA
- 2:45 pm** **Wrap-up**
- 3:00 pm** **Adjourn**

This is a preliminary draft agenda. It will be updated as speakers and topics are confirmed. Contact Megan McConville at mmcconville@nado.org with any questions.