

# Building a Resilient Future

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Questions?



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- Cedar River Watershed Coalition
- Upper Cedar River
- 1 million+ acres
- 1,700 sq miles
- 35 counties and 2 states

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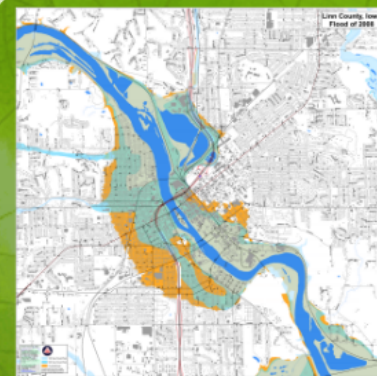
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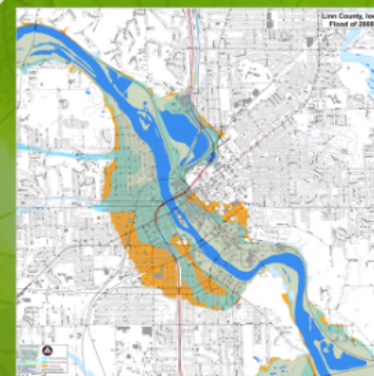
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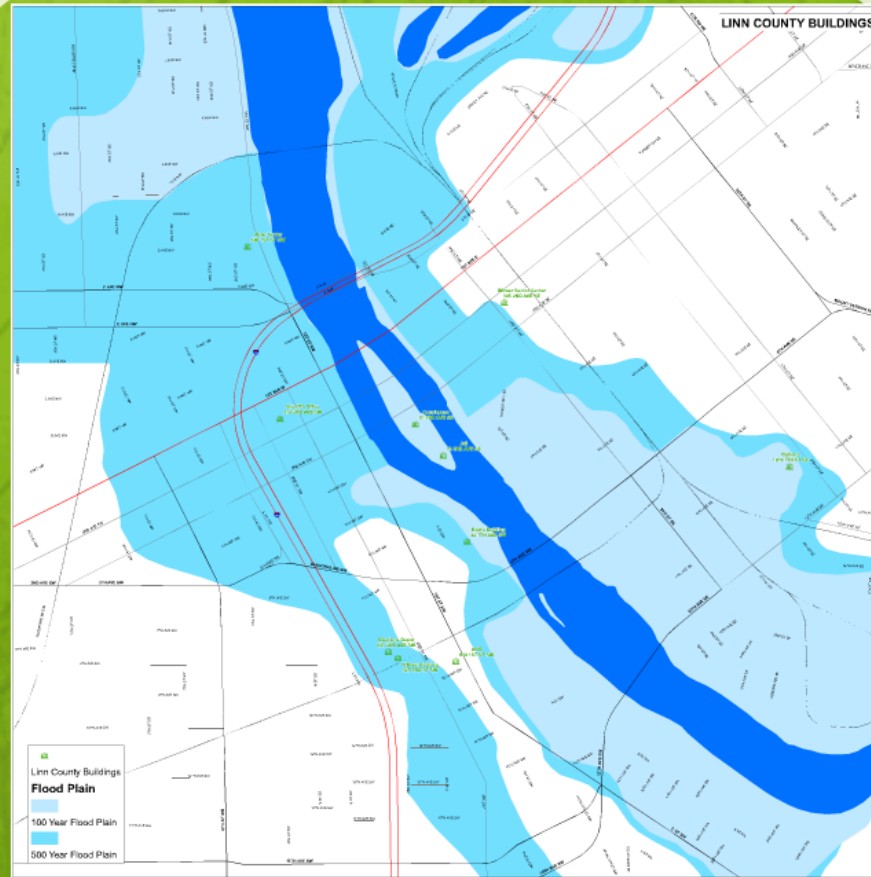
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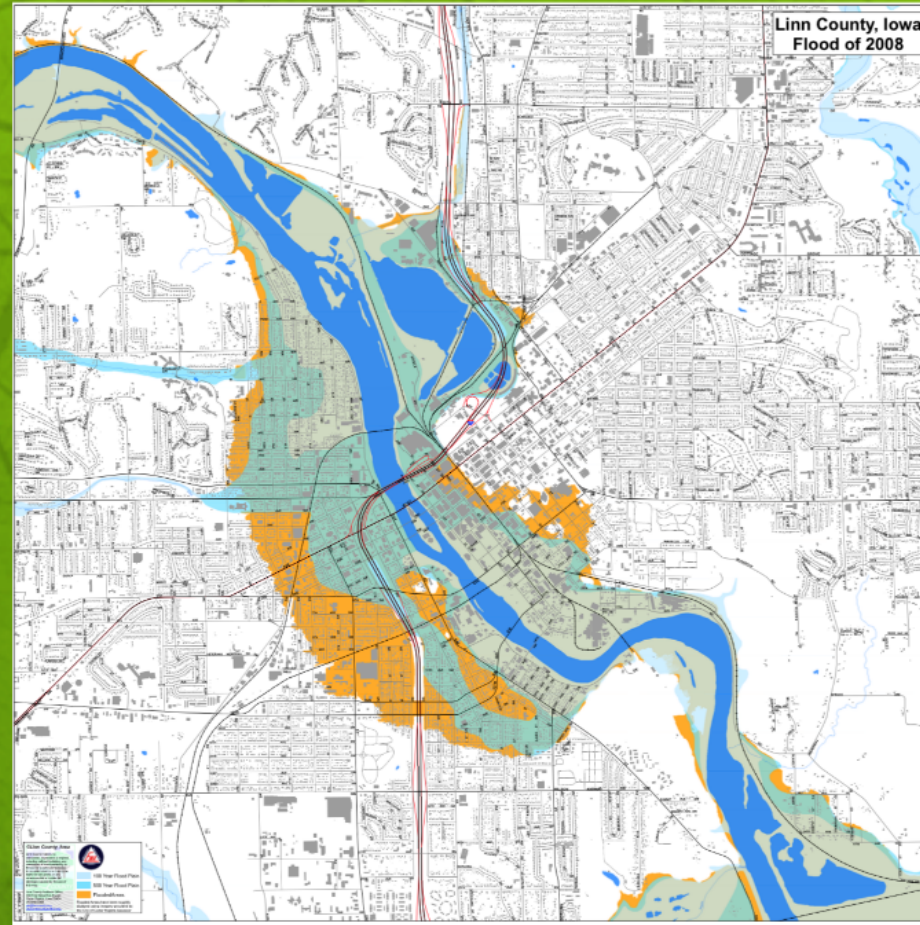
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- **East side West side**
- **Downtown**
- **Business vs residential**

### **Interconnectedness**

- **Knowing who often gets left out**
- **How to deal with the "angry people"**
- **Constantly building and tending to relationships**

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# **Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority**

**State funded**

**Broad community  
engagement**

**Citizen ownership**

**Behavior changes**

**Rural vs. Urban**

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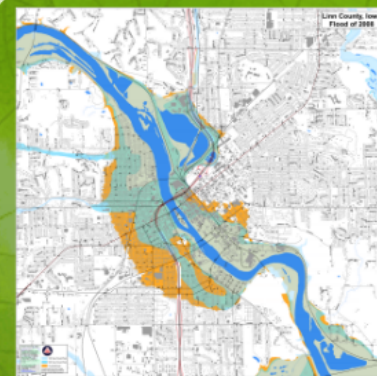
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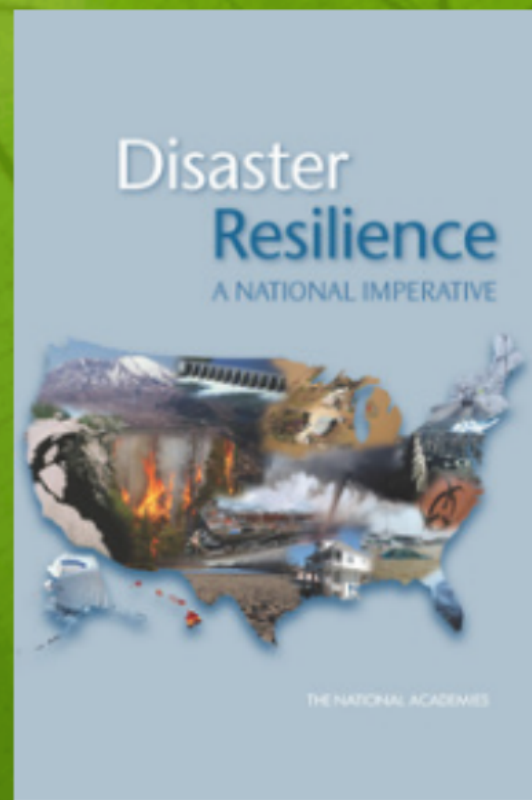
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