Building a Resilient Future

10 Square miles underwater
Evacuation of jail and hospital
25,000 evacuated

Council of Governments
- EDA funding - RLF
- Business funding
- Homeowner funding
- 50% first round
- 46% second round

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Keys to recovery
Communicating recovery is long term
Whole community - RRT
Engagement of business community
Long-term planning - planning fatigue
Leadership transition
Open to a completely different future

Watershed Management
Multiple jurisdictions
- Cedar River Watershed Coalition
- Upper Cedar River
- 12 towns
- 80 square miles
- 19 reservoirs and 6 dams

National Academy of Sciences - Real-World America
- Resilience
- Disasters, Cities, and Counties
- We have to learn

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Watershed Management
Multi-jurisdictional
- Cedar River Watershed Council
- Upper Cedar River
- 10,000 acres
- 15 miles
- 100 storm water outflows

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National Academy of Sciences - Real Est. America
Resilience
- Charles G. Elkan
- U.S. Army Corps. of Eng.
- What we have to learn

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Iowa population
3 million
Linn County -
210,000
Cedar Rapids -
126,000
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Equity Management

- 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
Council of Governments

EDA funding - RLF
- Business funding
- Homeowner funding
- $3M first round
- $6M second round
Watershed Management

Multi-jurisdictional

• Cedar River Watershed Coalition
• Upper Cedar River
• 1 million+ acres
• 1,700 sq miles
• 35 counties and 2 states
Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority

State funded
Broad community engagement
Citizen ownership
Behavior changes
Rural vs. Urban
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Multiple jurisdictional
- Cedar River Watershed
- Upper Cedar River
- 12,000 acres
- 100 year floodplain
- 100 year floodplain

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- Business funding
- Homesteader funding
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National Academy of Sciences - Real Land America
Resilient Communities: Higher Carbon, Higher Quality, More Resilient
What we hope to learn

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Roundtable
Charleston, SC, Linn County, IA and Seattle, WA
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