Smart Growth Can Be Safe Growth: Resilience Lessons from Vermont and California

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In this session we will:

- Learn how Vermont and California are working to **create safer, smarter growth**, with help from EPA’s Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program.

- Learn about a **Flood Resilience Checklist** developed in Vermont that communities can use to prepare for future floods.

- Learn about **Safe Growth Strategies** being used in the Bay Area of California to reduce vulnerability to earthquakes, flooding, and sea level rise.

- Discuss how you are using similar approaches in your communities and what tools and resources you need to help you build smarter, safer neighborhoods.
In August 2011, flooding & erosion from Tropical Storm Irene devastated communities across Vermont.

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California faces its own challenges with earthquakes, sea level rise, wildfire, and flooding.
Where and how we build our communities will affect our ability to withstand disasters in the future.

Smart Growth = Safe Growth?
Resources

• Flood Resilience Checklist and the SGIA Project in Vermont: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia_communities.htm#rec1

• Safe Growth Strategies and the SGIA Project with the Association of Bay Area Governments: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia_communities.htm#rec3