

# The Pew Charitable Trusts

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# Flood-Prepared Communities



Our goal is to address the current shortcomings of U.S. policy to reduce the effect of weather-related catastrophes such as floods and hurricanes on the economy and the environment



### Fact Based – Research Focused





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### Profiles in Flood Mitigation: Overcoming Barriers to Designing and Implementing Effective Policies

 $\circ$  Lack of Resources, Knowledge

 $_{\odot}$  Where to begin?

 $\circ$  How will it be funded?

o How do we know it will work?





## Overcoming Burdens

o Dedicating Existing Funds to Resilience

o Generating New Revenue

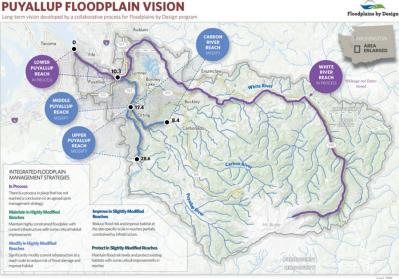
Smart Development

## Dedicating Existing Funds to Resilience

o Grant programs with appropriated funds

o Tax incentives

• Rebate programs







### **Generating New Revenue**

o Revolving loan fund

 $\circ$  Bonds



• Stormwater utility fees

Local sales tax





### **Smart Development**

o Zoning Ordinance

#### **o Floodplain Regulations**



#### o Green Infrastructure in Stormwater Permits







## **Trends**

Tight Budgets? Low Cost
Options

o Studying the Risks

### $\circ$ IMPLEMENTATION

Opportunity Knocks

Yesterday's decisions, today's problems





- Tight Budgets? Low Cost Options
  - Revolving Loan Fund
- Opportunity Knocks
  - o Permanent CDBG-DR Authorization
  - Resilience Officers state and federal level

#### o Smart Growth

o NFIP Floodplain Management Capacity Grant

#### o Studying the Risks

- Federal Highway Administration Pre-Disaster Funds
- o Asset Management Plans

#### **o** IMPLEMENTATION

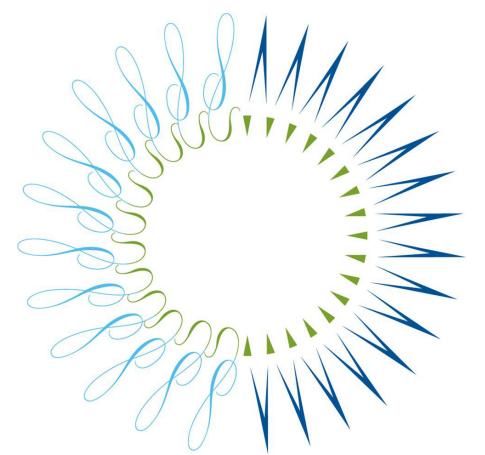
o Public and political buy-in



### Conclusion







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