

RISE TO RESILIENCE

OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR FUTURE

Who we are

We are a coalition of residents, leaders in business, labor community and justice, volunteer organizations, scientists, environmental advocates, and design professionals collectively calling on our federal, state, and local governments to make building climate resilience an urgent priority in 2020 and beyond.

Why we're taking action

The climate crisis is here. We're still unprepared. Eight years after Hurricane Sandy, as the New York and New Jersey region suffers from the COVID-19 catastrophe, we have been tragically reminded yet again of our vulnerability to crisis—and how disasters like these have too often been borne unequally by those with the fewest resources. Now is the moment to address the greatest threat to our region's future: our vulnerability to the climate crisis.

What unites us

We believe to improve the health of our region's people and environment, we must have clear leadership, approach the problem holistically, and fund and finance community- and science-based solutions in a way that is transparent, and prioritizes equity and justice in everything we do.

For us, this means:

1 Infrastructure and housing must be safe and resilient to future conditions.	2 Information needs to be transparent and accessible—we all have the right to know our climate risk.	3 Adaptation strategies must be based in science and community-driven.
4 Public and private investments in resilience must flow to all, but especially those at greatest risk: low income communities and communities of color.	5 Well-paying, locally-hired, long-term green jobs are the basis of a resilient economy for all.	6 Solutions need to address both human needs and protect and restore wildlife and their habitats.

What we're fighting for

And an approach that is

Now we must take action. Will you join us?

A Plan

Establish regional and state-wide planning frameworks for advancing comprehensive resilience; integrate resilience into our decision-making around how and where we build infrastructure and where we retrofit or relocate.

Funding and Jobs

Establish reliable, robust long-term sources of funding for flood resilience and green, well-paying jobs; invest in integrated flood protection, ecosystem restoration, and workforce development that puts our region to work building a resilient future for our communities.

Transparent

Pass enforceable flood risk disclosure laws to help us plan for our futures and build awareness about risk. It's our right to know.

Equitable and Just

Improve the resilience of public and private housing developments and infrastructure. Develop a forward-looking and proactive approach to reducing risk, and consider need and equity in distribution of funds. Ensure retreat and relocation strategies are viable and just.

Green

Invest and plan for ecological resilience, monitoring, and restoration so that our communities, wildlife, and ecosystems are healthy for generations to come. Prioritize natural and nature-based solutions to climate change and sea level rise, especially those that restore floodplains and ecosystems, and provide public access and open space.

The future of our communities, jobs, safety, health, infrastructure, wildlife and natural habitats are all at risk from coastal flooding and other impacts associated with climate change. We need bold, inclusive, community- and evidence-based action from policymakers at every level of government. We're building a broad-based movement to make it happen. **Join us in the fight for the future of New York and New Jersey by signing up at rise2resilience.org.**

Is your organization interested in becoming a coalition partner? Reach out!

Partnership indicates endorsement of and commitment to our points of unity ("what unites us") and platform ("what we are fighting for"), but does not mean that all views/positions of the coalition are endorsed by the partner organization. Partners will be listed on the Rise to Resilience website and have the opportunity to collaborate in advocacy and event activities with the coalition.

We look forward to working with you!

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