



ACCELERATING CLIMATE RESILIENCE: THE RESILIENCE PLAYBOOK, A GUIDE TO LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION *FORWARDING POLICIES THAT BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE NOW*

THE OPPORTUNITY:

California is one of the most climate-stressed places in the world. Low income and communities of color are hit especially hard due to historic exclusionary zoning and a lack of resources and staff capacity for the planning and implementation of solutions to emerging climate hazards. More guidance and support is needed to ensure people and our natural resources are safe and can bounce back quickly from climate disasters that are sure to strike. That's why Greenbelt Alliance is creating a Resilience Playbook, which will serve as a critical resource that Bay Area cities can use to build climate resilience.

THE RESILIENCE PLAYBOOK:

We are developing the Resilience Playbook to be a one-of-a-kind, user-friendly resource that includes policy and planning guidance, template language, and innovative example ordinances that local decision makers and community leaders can use to accelerate their adaptation to multiple climate risks. These strategies will leverage natural and working lands as defense mechanisms to absorb floodwaters, sequester carbon, protect water supply, and provide buffers to wildfires. Through a collaborative process with a range of stakeholders, Greenbelt Alliance will enable dialogue with local jurisdictions and communities hit hardest by the impacts of climate change, laying the foundation for implementing nature-based solutions. With the Resilience Playbook in hand, local leaders will be able to accelerate adapting to flooding, fires, and drought—allowing communities to thrive under a changing climate.

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

Local communities have access to tools, information, and best practices to make informed, forward-looking planning decisions.

- ▶ An innovative, user-friendly toolkit, the Resilience Playbook is shared with elected officials, city/county staff and community members.
- ▶ Advocacy and training activities will be hosted by Greenbelt Alliance with at least 30 local and regional decision makers, leaders, and community advocates.

Greenbelt Alliance advances its on-the-ground advocacy to raise awareness and the adoption of the Resilience Playbook in local planning processes.

- ▶ Greenbelt Alliance will track city and county land-use and planning updates to help identify opportunities and needs that will be addressed in the Playbook.
- ▶ The Resilience Playbook guides planning processes including: General Plans, Climate Action Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, and growth management policies such as Urban Growth Boundaries.