



NYS ADAPTATION PRACTITIONERS NETWORK

ABOUT US

As the practice of climate adaptation grows organically across New York State, the planning and implementation of climate resilience measures remains challenging. Outdated frameworks, small budgets and lack of adequate staffing makes it hard for local governments to face a changing climate.

In order to adequately prepare our communities for the future, we need cohesive climate mitigation and adaptation plans, policies, and practices which address greenhouse gas emissions, smart growth, zoning reform, long-term infrastructure, and protection of waterways.

Federal and state agencies play key roles in shaping our response to this need, but local and regional stakeholders—NGOs, academic institutions, community groups, etc.—are also critical in developing and executing effective strategies for climate adaptation.

The NYS Adaptation Practitioner’s Network is an effort which seeks to:

1. Connect and build relationships among non-profit organizations advising local governments on climate adaptation;
2. Share knowledge and develop the professional practice in a variety of contexts (e.g., rural to urban);
3. Identify adaptation-related processes, models, and tools that are scalable and replicable.

The network works on issues such as the implementation of New York State’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, helping the State move towards its climate targets. It will also continue to advocate for the approval and implementation of the \$4.2 Billion Environmental Bond Act, which focuses on equitable and sustainable interventions to climate change through flood risk reduction, open space and land conservation, greening buildings, and water quality improvements.

As resilient infrastructure opportunities become available through the Bond Act, federal infrastructure investments, or traditional budget cycles, the Network – with its embedded State agency partners – is well positioned to advise the state on policy development and equitable implementation, through the lens of our collective principles of Resilient and Climate Forward Infrastructure.

The NYS Adaptation Practitioner’s Network currently brings together over 50 individuals representing 32 organizations or institutions from Buffalo to Long Island, as well as select State government policy-makers who have oversight of climate resilience-related programs. The outputs of these efforts take the form of policy development, advocacy, and capacity building.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Network or would like to refer someone else, please email info@rebuildbydesign.org or sign up [here](#).

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