**Storytelling for Implementation**

**Why storytelling?**

It can sometimes be a challenge to transition between developing a resilience plan and implementing that plan. We suggest using storytelling to help your core team, community groups, and other local government agencies implement actions intended to build equitable resilience. Storytelling is a way of learning about what has or hasn't worked with implementation other types of actions for your community and the people who work on resilience and equity already. This storytelling prompt could be done as a core team activity and/or as part of a taking action workshop.

**Who should participate in this exercise?**

Core team and others that are key to implementation

**Team Storytelling Instructions**

Break up into groups of 2-3. Each person takes on a role, switching roles with each turn:

**Storyteller:** Share an experience that addresses one of the topics

**Notetaker**: Take notes on important points of the story

**Listener:** Listen; after the storyteller is done, you may ask follow-up questions

Give everyone 5 minutes to prepare their stories. Then take turns sharing, listening, and taking notes.

1. Tell about an experience you have had with a previous planning process (for resilience, equity, or other topic) where actions were successfully implemented. You might tell a story about a time when you planned at work or with an organization you belong to or your family?
2. Think about a previous planning process (for resilience, equity or other topic) where actions were not successfully implemented. If you had a magic wand, what would you have changed about this process?

**Wrap up and synthesis**

What are the biggest considerations we need to keep in mind for successfully implementing resilience plans? Share lessons and discuss key themes that were identified during the storytelling exercise. Identify alist of key considerations to incorporate (or avoid) as part of the implementation planning process