**Implementation Storytelling Exercise**

## [Purpose](#_[Name_of_Chapter)

To help your core team, community groups, and other local government agencies implement actions intended to build equitable resilience.

## What you will need

**Who:** core team, invited participants

**Where:** in-person or virtual meeting

**How long will it take:** 1-1.5 hour

**Materials:** storytelling prompt (below)

## Instructions

1. Break up into groups of three. Each person takes turns being the storyteller, notetaker, and listener.
2. Give everyone five minutes to prepare their stories. Then take turns sharing, listening, and taking notes. If you have time, go through a second round of prompts in the same or different groups.
3. **Prompt:** Talk 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 at work or with an organization you belong to?
4. **Optional Prompt:** 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?
5. Wrap up with a discussion as a large group on the following: 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 a list of key considerations to incorporate (or avoid) as part of the implementation planning process.
   1. Possible themes: financial cost, maintenance, grant requirements, opportunity costs, political will, team dynamics, local opposition

## What to do next

Return to the ERB and input your Key Takeaways from this activity. Then, move onto the next activity: Define Action Areas.