Implementation Storytelling Exercise

## [Purpose](#_[Name_of_Chapter)

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.

## What you’ll Need

**Who:** Core Team, invited Participants

**Where:** In-person or virtual

**How long will it take:** 1 Hour

**Materials:** Storytelling prompt (below)

## Instructions

1. Break up into groups of 3. Each person takes turns being the storyteller, notetaker, and listener.
2. Give everyone 5 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:** 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?
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.

## **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.