

# County-Level Risk Assessment: Kankakee County, Illinois

## Guide to the Report

**Table 1:** This table contains basic statistics of the county as a whole which helps set the context for the rest of the analysis and visualizations as described below.

**Table 2:** This table describes the number of census tracts grouped by their computed resilience levels. The basic resilience values of each tract are grouped into 5 quantiles (resilience levels), where 5 (very high resilience) covers counties having resilience values in the top 20

**Table 3:** This table contains the Indicator Group Rankings, which contain a five-point rating across five indicator themes: housing, economy, community health, infrastructure, and environment. It shows where the current county falls compared to other counties in the state (Low Risk means the resilience value for the current county is in the top 20

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**Table 5:** This table contains the Indicator Group Rankings computed across all tracts in the county which correspond to urban areas, similar to Table 3. The resilience values across all tracts are aggregated at the county level, which is then converted into quantiles which serve as rankings.

**Table 6:** This table describes the Census Places in the county grouped by their resilience categories. This is similar to Table 2, the resilience values are categorized into 5 levels and aggregated over all the Census Places over the county.

**Table 7:** This table contains the Indicator Group Rankings computed across all census places in the county, similar to Table 3. The resilience values across all census places are aggregated at the county level, which is then converted into quantiles which serve as rankings.

**Figure 1:** This maps plots each census tract in the entire county and color-codes each tract with its computed resilience levels.

**Figure 2:** This pie chart shows the composition of the county on the basis of percentage of census tracts in each resilience category.

**Figure 3:** This map shows the urban resilience of all tracts which are classified as 'urban', i.e. they are assigned a USDA RUCA code of 1. Urban resilience is only computed across all urban tracts in the entire state, whereas overall resilience is computed across all tracts.

**Figure 4:** This map shows the rural resilience of all tracts which can be classified as 'rural', i.e. they are assigned a USDA RUCA code different from 1. Rural resilience is computed across all rural tracts in the state, similar to urban resilience.

**Figure 5:** In this map, the census places within the state are shown and the subject county is highlighted using a red border that outlines the county boundary.

**Figure 6:** This figure is a map of the subject county showing all the census places inside it, color coded with the places resilience levels. Place resilience is computed across all census places in the state, similar to rural and urban resilience.

**Figure 7:** This is a pie chart and table showing composition of the county on the basis of percentage of census places in each disaster resilience category.

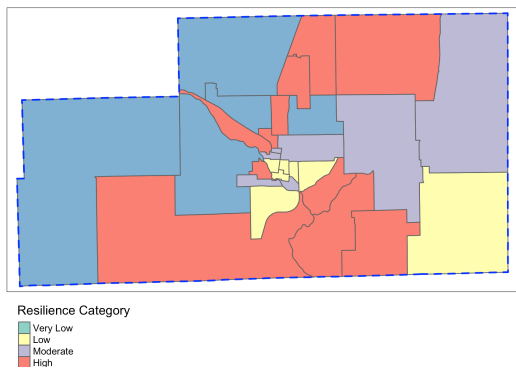
**Appendix A:** This table contains the different indicators used in the analysis, their definition, what it means when the indicator is said to be at low or high risk, and the risk level computed for this indicator at the county level. The risk level is computed by comparing the value of the indicator across all counties in the state and converting the raw values into quantiles: Very High, High, Moderate, Low, and Very Low.

**Appendix B:** This table contains the different indicators used in the analysis and their computed risk level for all rural, urban census tracts as well as the census places present inside the county. The risk level is computed across all counties in the state and converted into quantiles: Very High, High, Moderate, Low, Very Low.

**Disclaimer:** Variables from County health patterns, EQI and County transportation patterns might have aggregation errors at the tract, urban, rural and census place levels owing to unavailability of data beyond the county level.

## Census Tracts within Kankakee County, Illinois

Figure 1



## Basic Statistics

Table 1: Basic Statistics (County level)

| Information                   | Value          |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Population                    | 109924 persons |
| Area sq. miles                | 677.78 sqm     |
| Gross Density(persons/sq mil) | 162 p/sqm      |
| Avg HH Size                   | 2.59 persons   |
| Median HH Income              | 59370 USD      |

## Count of Tracts in each Category

Figure 2

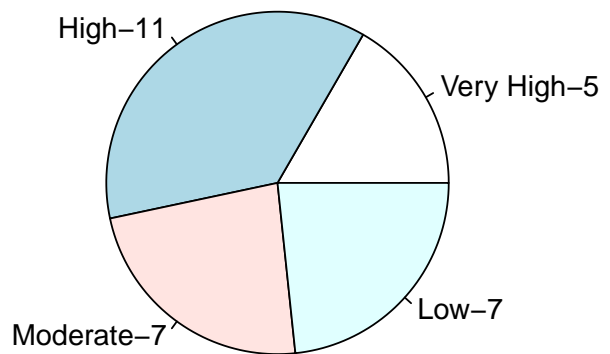







Table 2: Percentage of Census Tracts under each Resilience Category(County level)

| Very High | High | Moderate | Low | Very Low |
|-----------|------|----------|-----|----------|
| 17        | 37   | 23       | 23  | 0        |

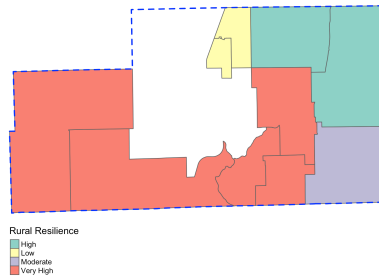
## Indicator Group Rankings

Table 3: Overall Indicator Group Rankings

| Indicator Group                                                                                              | High Risk Areas                                                                              | Low Risk Areas                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Community</b><br>        |                                                                                              | Percent BachelorsDegree,<br>Physically Unhealthy Days,<br>Food Environment Index,<br>PrimaryCare Physicians Rate,<br>COVID-19 death rate                                                                                 |
| <b>Economy</b><br>          |                                                                                              | UnstableEmployment percent,<br>LowIncome Percent, Service<br>LQ, Others, Gender Pay Gap.x                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Housing</b><br>          | Percent Children in Poverty.y,<br>Percent income required for<br>childcare expenses.y        | MobileHomes                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Environment</b><br>      | co, pct nematode acres, pct<br>harvested acres, insecticide,<br>NO3Ave, SO4Ave, W<br>BENZOAP | Facilities Rate, Pct BS, Kave,<br>ClAve, W Ba, W FL, W NO3,<br>W ENDRIN, W<br>METHOXYCHLOR, W<br>DALAPON, W DEHA, W<br>SIMAZINE, W DEHP, W<br>PICLORAM, W DINOSEB, W<br>24D, W PCP, W PCB, W DBCP,<br>W EDB, W CHLORDANE |
| <b>Infrastructure</b><br> |                                                                                              | Protective Services, Percent<br>BroadbandAccess                                                                                                                                                                          |

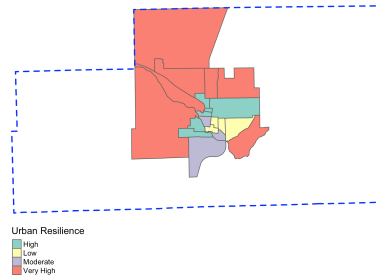
## Rural Resilience within Kankakee County, Illinois

Figure 3



## Urban Resilience within Kankakee County, Illinois

Figure 4








## Rural Indicator Rankings

Table 4: Rural Indicator Group Rankings

| Indicator Group           | High Risk Areas                                                                                    | Low Risk Areas                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Community</b><br>      |                                                                                                    | Young percent, Educated percent, Elderly growth percent, Percent Commuters, COVID-19 death rate                                        |
| <b>Economy</b><br>        |                                                                                                    | WorkNearby percent, MBS LQ, Service, Service LQ, Info LQ, Others, Gender Pay Gap.x, CommuteTime                                        |
| <b>Housing</b><br>        | Renter MHFI, Percent Children in Poverty.y, Percent income required for childcare expenses.y       | Renters Cost IncomeRatio, GroupQuarters                                                                                                |
| <b>Environment</b><br>    | co, pct nematode acres, pct harvested acres, insecticide, ALLNPDESperKM, NO3Ave, SO4Ave, W BENZOAP | pct disease acres, std metal prim pop, std sandandgravel prim pop, Facilities Rate, Kave, ClAve, W HG, W NO3, W NO2, W ATRAZINE, State |
| <b>Infrastructure</b><br> | No CommunicationSources                                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |

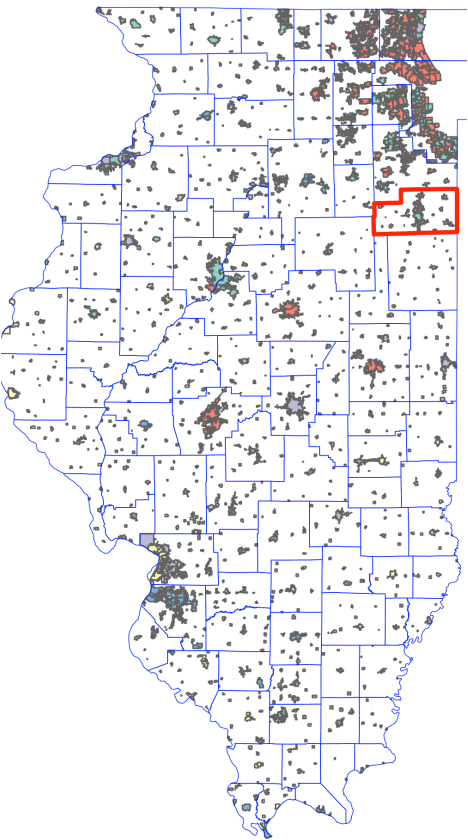
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Table 5: Urban Indicator Group Rankings

| Indicator Group                                                                                              | High Risk Areas                                                                                        | Low Risk Areas                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Community</b><br>        | Percent LanguageBarrier                                                                                | NonWhite Percent, Females Percent, PrimeWorkingAge percent, Percent NoHealthIns, Food Environment Index, Percent Exercise Access, Social Association Rate                                                |
| <b>Economy</b><br>          |                                                                                                        | MBS LQ, Service, PT, Agri, Retail LQ, Edu, Arts LQ, Others LQ                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Housing</b><br>          | Cost IncomeRatio                                                                                       | Percent Section8                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Environment</b><br>      | PCT IRRIGATED ACRES, pct nematode acres, pct harvested acres, std nonmetal prim pop, SO4Ave, W BENZOAP | pct defoliate acres, std metal prim pop, W Ba, W HG, W ENDRIN, W METHOXYCHLOR, W DALAPON, W DEHA, W SIMAZINE, W DEHP, W PICLORAM, W DINOSEB, W ATRAZINE, W 24D, W PCP, W PCB, W DBCP, W EDB, W CHLORDANE |
| <b>Infrastructure</b><br> |                                                                                                        | No Pubtrans                                                                                                                                                                                              |

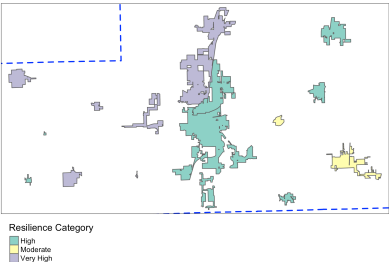
State-Level Places Map

Figure 5



Places Map within Kankakee County, Illinois County, IL

Figure 6



Count of Places in each Category

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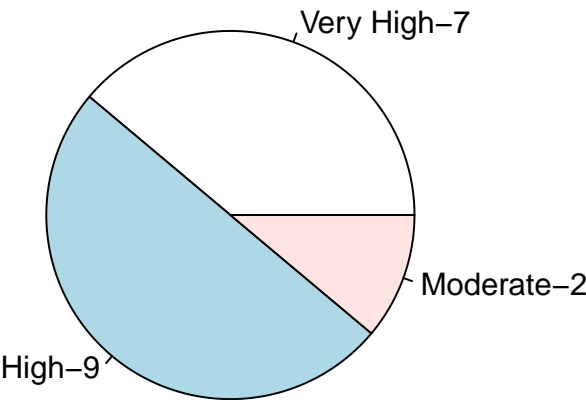


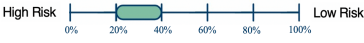


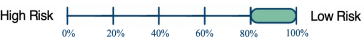

Table 6: Percentage of Census Tracts under each Resilience Category(County level)

| Very High | High | Moderate | Low | Very Low |
|-----------|------|----------|-----|----------|
| 39 %      | 50 % | 11 %     | 0 % | 0 %      |



## Places Indicator Rankings

Table 7: Places Indicator Group Rankings

| Indicator Group                                                                                              | High Risk Areas                                                                                       | Low Risk Areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Community</b><br>        |                                                                                                       | FemaleHeaded HHs Percent,<br>Working Nonworking ratio,<br>HelperPool, Percent<br>BachelorsDegree, Percent<br>Commuters, Physically<br>Unhealthy Days, Food<br>Environment Index,<br>PrimaryCare Physicians Rate,<br>COVID-19 death rate |
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## Relevant Resources

The following represent key areas of concern (in order of importance) at the county level:

- **Housing**
- **Environment**

The resources below have been extracted from the Disaster Planning Library to facilitate planning for high-risk areas observed through the assessment. Please go through the following tools as a starting point for your planning process and feel free to search the Disaster Planning Library for further information, if required. The resources here are included to facilitate the process of hazard mitigation planning, through the Planning for a Purpose Model of Illinois Extension (see Toolkit).

## Housing

### Buildings and Codes

- **Partial Implementation Of The Federal Flood Risk Management Standard For Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs (Interim)**

Organization : FEMA

Year : 2021

Document\_type : Planning Tool, Policy

Disasters : Flood

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Plan\_Components : Strategies, Planning Processes

- **Building Codes Toolkit**

Organization : FEMA

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- **Resilience Toolkit**

Organization : ICC (International Code Council)

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Document\_type : Planning Tool, Example Ordinances and Codes

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Organization : GREENSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

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Plan\_Components : Strategies, Funding Mechanisms, Information

- **State Of Illinois Illinois Department Of Natural Resources Model Stormwater Management Ordinance**

Organization : Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Year : 2015

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Plan\_Components : Tools, Green Infrastructure, Information

- **Zoning And Disaster Recovery**

Organization : American Planning Association

Year : 2021

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research

Disasters : Tornado, Flood, Extreme Weather, Earthquakes, Man-Made Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides

Abstract : What if substantial portions of your community were suddenly and severely damaged by a catastrophic flood, earthquake, industrial accident, or other disaster? What role would the local planning agency play in the rebuilding and recovery process? What challenges would you face as you attempted to help residents and business owners rebuild their lives and livelihoods? How effective would your efforts be?

An effective recovery process means more than merely rebuilding what existed before. Disasters also provide important opportunities for proactive planning in which the community emerges more resilient to subsequent hazard events. This opportunity is fleeting, and local policies and ordinances like the zoning code can either facilitate or impede effective and resilient recovery.

This issue of Zoning Practice summarizes some of the zoning-related challenges planners face in post-disaster situations, discusses how communities might think about preparing now for future disasters, and highlights what other communities have achieved by modifying zoning procedures and standards.

Plan\_Components : Strategies, Information

## **Floods and Disaster Mitigation**

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resource for counties and municipalities to use when drafting or revising their own stormwater ordinances. While local development, review, and approval processes are unique, IDNR/OWR provides this document as a template containing the minimum requirements for an effective ordinance and suggestions for more advanced stormwater protection

Plan\_Components : Tools, Green Infrastructure, Information

- **Zoning And Disaster Recovery**

Organization : American Planning Association

Year : 2021

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research

Disasters : Tornado, Flood, Extreme Weather, Earthquakes, Man-Made Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides

Abstract : What if substantial portions of your community were suddenly and severely damaged by a catastrophic flood, earthquake, industrial accident, or other disaster? What role would the local planning agency play in the rebuilding and recovery process? What challenges would you face as you attempted to help residents and business owners rebuild their lives and livelihoods? How effective would your efforts be?

An effective recovery process means more than merely rebuilding what existed before. Disasters also provide important opportunities for proactive planning in which the community emerges more resilient to subsequent hazard events. This opportunity is fleeting, and local policies and ordinances like the zoning code can either facilitate or impede effective and resilient recovery.

This issue of Zoning Practice summarizes some of the zoning-related challenges planners face in post-disaster situations, discusses how communities might think about preparing now for future disasters, and highlights what other communities have achieved by modifying zoning procedures and standards.

Plan\_Components : Strategies, Information



## Environment

### Environmental Resources

- **Branching Out: Agroforestry As A Climate Change Mitigation And Adaptation Tool For Agriculture**

Organization : Journal of Soil and Water Conservation

Year : 2012

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research, Planning Tool

Disasters : Flood, Drought, Extreme Weather, Man-Made Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides, Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : US and Canadian agricultural lands are being pressed to provide more environmental and economic services, while at the same time their capacity to provide these services under potential climate change (CC) is being questioned (Field et al. 2007; CAST 2011). Producers are already experiencing weather patterns outside of climate norms (e.g., the 2011 droughts in Texas, and flooding along the Missouri River in the United States and

along the Red River in Canada) that have had significant impacts on production. Predictions of future climate conditions for the US Midwest include longer growing seasons that could potentially increase crop yields but also increase heat waves,

floods, droughts, and insect and weed issues that may then adversely impact production (USGCRP 2009). Climate change drives many stressors and interacts with many non-climatic stressors. This makes it difficult to forecast outcomes in any general way other than many existing threats to agricultural production, such as erosion and pests, which will most likely be exacerbated under shifting climate (Field et al. 2007; USGCRP 2009). Creating profitable and healthy operations under this unpredictable interplay of factors driven by shifting climate (and, along with it, shifting markets) will be a daunting task.

It will be essential that farmers, ranchers, and even communities have a variety of land management options to minimize the risks and maximize services under such uncertain conditions.

Plan\_Components : Strategies

- **Green Infrastructure: Smart Conservation For The 21st Century**

Organization : Renewable Resources Journal

Year : 2002

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research, Planning Tool

Disasters : Flood, Man-Made Disasters

Abstract : “Green infrastructure” is a term becoming more commonly used among natural resource professionals. While it means different things to different people, depending on the context in which it is used, for the purposes of this article, green infrastructure is an interconnected network of green space that conserves natural ecosystem values and functions and provides associated benefits to human populations. Green infrastructure is the ecological framework needed for environmental, social and economic sustainability- our nation’s natural life support system. Planning utilizing green infrastructure differs from conventional open space planning because it looks at conservation values in concert with land development, growth management and built infrastructure planning. This article introduces green infrastructure as a strategic approach to land conservation that addresses the ecological and social impacts of sprawl and the accelerated consumption and fragmentation of open land. It describes the concept and value of green infrastructure and presents seven principles for successful green infrastructure initiatives.

Plan\_Components : Planning Processes

- **Emergency Support Function #11**

Organization : Department of Agriculture

Year : 2016

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research

Disasters : Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : Emergency Support Function (ESF) #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources organizes and coordinates Federal support for the protection of the Nation’s agricultural and natural and cultural resources during national emergencies. ESF #11 works during actual and potential incidents to provide nutrition assistance; respond to animal and agricultural health issues; provide technical expertise, coordination and support of animal and agricultural emergency management; ensure the safety and defense of the Nation’s supply of meat, poultry, and processed egg products; and ensure the protection of natural and cultural resources and historic properties  
 Plan\_Components : Strategies

- **Questions And Answers About Drainage Water Management For The Midwest**

Organization : Purdue Extension

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research

Disasters : Flood, Drought, Man-Made Disasters, Biological Disasters, Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : Subsurface tile drainage is an essential water management practice on many highly productive fields in the Midwest. However, nitrate carried in drainage water can lead to local water quality problems and contribute to hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico, so strategies are needed to reduce the nitrate loads while maintaining adequate drainage for crop production. Practices that can reduce nitrate loads on tile-drained soils include growing winter forage or cover crops, fine-tuning fertilizer application rates and timing, bioreactors, treatment wetlands, and modifying drainage system design and operation. Drainage water management is one of these practices and is described in this fact sheet. Answers given here apply specifically to Midwest corn and soybean cropping systems, and not to perennial or winter annual crops.

Plan\_Components : Strategies, Funding Mechanisms

- **Cover Crop Decision Tool**

Organization : Midwest Cover Crop Council

Year : 2021

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research, Manual for an Local Organization

Disasters : Biological Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides, Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : Decision tool for deciding what cover crop to use.

Plan\_Components : Strategies

- **Buffers And Vegetative Filter Strips**

Organization : EPA

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research

Disasters : Flood, Drought, Biological Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides

Abstract : Buffers have been found to be most effective in trapping particulate pollutants. In addition, the export of soluble pollutants is expected to decrease when infiltration is maximized. Narrow buffers have also been shown to be effective in reducing the export of particulate pollutants when the integrity of the system is maintained. This highlights that one of the primary functions of buffers is to slow surface water movement which reduces the export of pollutants, particularly 2 particulate pollutants, and narrow strips of dense grass can function in this capacity and provide water quality benefits (Dabney et al. 2006). Also, these narrow strips could be used in-field as vegetative barriers to slow pollutant movement in-field and control concentrated flow erosion.

To maximize infiltration of runoff, wider buffers or a greater buffer area to source area should be used. Research has found a significant range in buffer performance with reported sediment trapping efficiencies ranging from 41% to 100% and infiltration efficiencies ranging from 9% to 100%.

Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments

- **Aquifer Storage And Recovery**

Organization : FEMA

Document\_type : Manual for an Local Organization

Disasters : Flood, Drought

Abstract : FEMA is encouraging communities to incorporate methods to mitigate the impacts of climate change into

eligible Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funded risk reduction activities by providing guidance on

mitigating flood and drought conditions. FEMA has developed initial guidance on flood and drought mitigation

activities including green infrastructure methods, expanded ecosystem service benefits, and three flood reduction and drought mitigation activities: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), Floodplain and Stream

Restoration (FSR), and Flood Diversion and Storage (FDS).

Plan\_Components : Strategies

- **The Regional Conservation Partnership Program**

Organization : USDA

Year : 2022

Document\_type : Web-based Resource, Funding Opportunities

Disasters : Flood, Man-Made Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides, Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination of NRCS conservation activities with partners that offer value-added contributions to expand our collective ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Through RCPP, NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to the resource concerns they seek to address.

Plan\_Components : Strategies, Funding Mechanisms, Green Infrastructure

- **Volunteer Fire Assistance Program**

Organization : IDNR

Year : 2022

Document\_type : Web-based Resource, Funding Opportunities

Disasters : Wildfires

Abstract : The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry administers the USDA Forest Service's VFA funds. The funds are for rural and small fire departments. The grant funds fire projects at 50% of the cost of a project up to \$10,000 per department. Forestry's portion is up to \$10,000, the Department may spend as much as they need to complete the project. No one item can be \$5,000 or more. The funds can only be used for fire projects, EMS, HazMat or crash rescue are not eligible. The funds are awarded based on competitive applications. Applications will be posted on Forestry's web site. The Office of the State Fire Marshall will send out a blast email and post it on their web site and the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) will also post it on their web site. Once the application is posted, Departments will have three months to submit their applications. The types of projects that have been funded in previous grants include radios, hose, SCBA, turn out gear, wildland PPE, hand tools, chainsaws, backpack blowers, modifying federal excess vehicles and equipment and other equipment. For more information Contact Forestry's Wildland Fire Program Manager 217/782-8774.

Plan\_Components : Strategies, Funding Mechanisms, Tools

- **Wildland Fire Fighter Program**

Organization : IDNR

Year : 2022

Document\_type : Web-based Resource

Disasters : Wildfires

Abstract : Information about the Wildland Fire Fighter Program.

Plan\_Components : Information

- **Comprehensive Environmental Review Process Manual**  
 Organization : IDNR  
 Year : 2014  
 Document\_type : Manual for an Local Organization, Funding Opportunities  
 Disasters : Man-Made Disasters, Biological Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides, Agricultural Disasters, habitat destruction, invasive species,  
 Abstract : The Comprehensive Environmental Review Process (CERP) is an internal IDNR process to review:  
 actions that the Department performs or funds,  
 actions that the Department approves and a tax incentive is provided,  
 actions that occur on IDNR-owned or leased land.  
 An action is any activity that may change  
 existing physical, chemical or biological  
 conditions of air, land, or water.  
 Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments, Strategies, Green Infrastructure, Information
- **Community Flood Resilience In Vinton: Engaging Residents Affected By The Floods Of 2008 And 2016**  
 Organization : Iowa Watershed Approach, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
 Year : 2020  
 Document\_type : Planning Tool, Manual for an Local Organization  
 Disasters : Flood  
 Abstract : Vinton was selected to be included in the Iowa Watershed Approach's Flood Resilience Program, which recognizes that social resources are often absent or minimally evident when it comes to flood resiliency. The program strives to improve the use of social resources in watersheds by connecting local partners and stakeholders, enhancing the presence of social resources in watershed planning efforts, and increasing the awareness and communication about established and novel flood resilience initiatives.  
 Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments, Strategies, Planning Processes, Case Studies
- **All Hazards**  
 Organization : Iowa State Univesity  
 Year : 2018  
 Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research, Web-based Resource, Planning Tool  
 Disasters : Tornado, Flood, Drought, Extreme Weather, Wildfires, Man-Made Disasters, Biological Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides, Agricultural Disasters  
 Abstract : The educational materials found on this site are the compilation of many resources currently available on-line. The information has been gathered from federal agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management System (FEMA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Many non-governmental groups, such as the American Red Cross and the National Safety Council, as well as various Cooperative Extension agencies also have resources and information for preparedness that are provided through this website.  
 Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments, Planning Processes, Tools, Information
- **Upper South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed Improvement Plan**  
 Organization : Applied Ecological Services Inc.  
 Year : 2021  
 Document\_type : Specific Plan  
 Disasters : Flood, Man-Made Disasters, Soil Erosion/Landslides, Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPPER SOUTH BRANCH KISHWAUKEE RIVER IMPROVEMENT WATERSHED PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DEKALB COUNTY, IL

Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments, Strategies, Planning Processes, Green Infrastructure

- **Kane County 2040 Green Infrastructure Plan**

Organization : Kane County Board, Quality of Kane, Greening Infrastructure, IDNR

Year : 2012

Document\_type : Specific Plan

Disasters : Flood, Soil Erosion/Landslides

Abstract : The ultimate goal of the Kane County 2040 Green Infrastructure Plan is to lay the groundwork for green infrastructure planning and projects at the regional, community, neighborhood and site levels addressing current issues of water resource management, biodiversity, conservation, water supply, public health, climate change and economic development.

Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments, Planning Processes, Funding Mechanisms, Green Infrastructure, Information

- **State Of Illinois Illinois Department Of Natural Resources Model Stormwater Management Ordinance**

Organization : Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Year : 2015

Document\_type : Planning Tool, Manual for an Local Organization, Policy

Disasters : Flood, Drought, Extreme Weather, Soil Erosion/Landslides

Abstract : In June 2015, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) issued a report for the Urban Flooding Awareness Act. The report recognizes that combating the damages of urban flooding requires a coordinated approach from state and local governments. A critical component in that effort is for local governmental entities to adopt sound, comprehensive stormwater management ordinances that incorporate best practices. To that end, IDNR/OWR and the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) developed this Model Stormwater Management Ordinance as a

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Plan\_Components : Tools, Green Infrastructure, Information

- **Kishwaukee River Corridor Green Infrastructure Plan**

Organization : Chicago Wilderness, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Year : 2013

Document\_type : Specific Plan, Policy

Disasters : Flood, Soil Erosion/Landslides

Abstract : The Kishwaukee River Corridor Green Infrastructure Plan is based on an area in Winnebago County that has significant natural and recreation resources and has been identified for a new industrial development corridor. The assets and opportunities presented at this location made it an ideal site to incorporate green infrastructure into development plans. Chicago Wilderness recognized this opportunity, and Boeing funded a project to provide green infrastructure consulting and technical assistance to municipalities with jurisdiction over the development corridor. The result was a series of meetings and presentations over the past year and a half with municipalities, landowners, environmental organizations, press, and interested local citizens. During these meetings, consultants and environmental organizations explained green infrastructure and its benefits, presented examples, inventoried and mapped local resources, identified opportunities and challenges of local ordinances, listened to concerns and needs, and

provided recommendations for protecting valuable assets and incorporating green infrastructure. This

plan documents this process and provides a compilation of inventories, reviews, and recommendations.  
Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments, Strategies, Green Infrastructure, Information

- **Mchenry County Green Infrastructure Plan**

Organization : McHenry County, Chicago Wilderness, Grand Victoria Foundation

Year : 2012

Document\_type : Specific Plan

Disasters : Flood

Abstract : The McHenry County 2030 Comprehensive Plan, adopted in April 2010, makes recommendations for the development and adoption of a green infrastructure plan for the county. To that end, and with the continued support of the County Board and Planning and Development Committee, this plan was undertaken in late 2010 by the Department of Planning and Development with the assistance of the Chicago Wilderness Sustainable Watershed Action Team (SWAT) and green infrastructure expert Dennis Dreher, who provided project coordination and technical and policy guidance

Plan\_Components : Surveys/Assessments, Strategies, Planning Processes, Green Infrastructure, Information

- **Impacts Of Natural Disasters On Agriculture, Food Security, And Natural Resources And Environment In The Philippines**

Organization : ERIA Research Project Report

Year : 2012

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research, Scientific Article

Disasters : Flood, Drought, Extreme Weather, Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : This study quantitatively and qualitatively analyzed the impacts of natural disasters (particularly typhoons, floods and droughts) on agriculture, food security and the natural resources and environment in the Philippines. It aimed to propose recommendations as to how best to respond to the impacts of natural disasters and to suggest further studies that can be undertaken. In general, the study found that: a) typhoons, floods and droughts have an insignificant impact on overall agricultural production at the national level, yet typhoons may have a significant negative impact on paddy rice production at the provincial level; b) typhoons, as exemplified by Ondoy and Pepeng in 2009, have a significant negative impact on the food security of the households in the affected areas; c) households have varying consumption and non-consumption strategies to cope with the impacts of typhoons; and d) the different impacts of typhoons, floods and droughts on the natural resources and environment have not been quantitatively assessed in detail, however available evidence suggests that these are also substantial. Based on its results and findings, the study recommends the following: a) Since typhoons may have significant negative impacts on rice production at the local level as opposed to the national level, assistance for rice farmers and the agriculture sector as a whole should be made more site-specific, zeroing in on the affected areas that actually need it; b) Those assisting affected households and areas in overcoming the resulting ill-effects of natural disasters should consider not only consumption strategies, such as the provision of emergency food aid, but also non-consumption strategies, such as the provision of post-disaster emergency employment; and c) While the available evidence suggests that the natural resources and environment sector is significantly affected by natural disasters, it is currently less considered, as attention is presently focused on agriculture. It may now be high time to provide concrete assistance to this sector, in particular the provision of defensive investments and rehabilitation expenditures to cope with these natural disasters.

Plan\_Components : Research

- **Environmental Benefits Of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Green Infrastructure Projects**

Organization : EPA

Year : 2018

Document\_type : General Resource/ Foundational Research, Funding Opportunities

Disasters : Flood, Man-Made Disasters

Abstract : Across the United States there is increasing awareness of the need to address pollution generated by stormwater runoff. As stormwater moves through the landscape it captures and carries trash, bacteria, heavy metals, and other pollutants from the urban environment. These pollutants degrade the quality of receiving waters and threaten public health. Stormwater can also cause erosion and flooding, damaging wildlife habitat, property, and infrastructure. This resource offers case study examples of different practices throughout the country using green infrastructure to help mitigate flooding and stormwater runoff.

Plan\_Components : Funding Mechanisms, Case Studies, Green Infrastructure

- **2010 – 2035 Comprehensive Plan**

Organization : Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Year : 2011

Document\_type : Specific Plan

Disasters : Tornado, Flood, Drought, Extreme Weather, Earthquakes, Soil Erosion/Landslides

Abstract : The plan is designed to show the Village's past and present conditions and also to highlight scenarios that the Village may pursue to further enhance our community in the future years. We have studied the plan and have worked to offer long term guidance in the critical planning areas that will enhance our community.

Plan\_Components : Planning Processes, Green Infrastructure

- **Impacts Of Natural Disasters In Agriculture, Rangeland And Forestry: An Overview**

Year : 2005

Document\_type : Scientific Article

Disasters : Extreme Weather, Agricultural Disasters

Abstract : Natural disasters play a major role in agricultural development and the economic cost associated with all natural disasters has increased 14 fold since the 1950s. Natural disasters are classified into hydro-meteorological and geophysical disasters. Definitions of various types of hydrometeorological disasters such as floods, droughts, cyclones, forest fires, heatwaves were presented. Evidence available from different parts of the world showed that there is a rising trend in the occurrence of natural disasters from 1993 to 2002. Impacts of droughts, cyclones, floods, forest and bush fires on agriculture, rangeland and forestry were described with suitable examples. While the predominant impacts from these disasters are negative, there are some positive impacts as well. Environmental degradation is one of the major factors contributing to the vulnerability of agriculture, forestry and rangelands to natural disasters because it directly magnifies the risk of natural disasters. Some methodological issues concerning the characterization of the impacts of natural disasters in agriculture, rangeland and forestry were described. There is an urgent need to mitigate the effects hydro-meteorological disasters through improved use of climate and weather information and forecasts, early warning systems, and appropriate methods of management of land and natural resources.

Plan\_Components : Research

## Appendix A

### Interpretation of High Risk and Low Risk Areas at County Level

| Indicator        | Definition                                                                        | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Risk Level |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Population       | Total Population                                                                  | A small number of people will be affected by a disaster                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | A large number of persons will be affected by the disaster                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Very High  |
| Young_percent    | Percentage of Young Persons                                                       | A small percentage of children would mean less vulnerability to disasters                                                                                                                                                                                                             | A large percentage of children would indicate a greater vulnerability to disasters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Very High  |
| Old_percent      | Percentage of Elders**                                                            | A lower percentage population of elders indicates a lower vulnerability.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | A higher percentage of elder population indicates a greater vulnerability, owing to physical infirmities, functional limitations and care needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Very Low   |
| NonWhite_Percent | Percentage of Non-White Population**Minority Populations, add Hispanic Population | A lower population of ethnic minorities might indicate a less diverse population. However, in case of disaster vulnerability, a lower population of racial minorities has been represented as a lower vulnerability, owing to its correlations with poverty and health care outcomes. | Race and ethnicity are highly correlated with poverty and thus often with health outcomes. Owing to historical, systemic and structural barriers, racial minorities are often more susceptible to disasters and often lack the support mechanisms required to cope. As a result, a higher population of racial or ethnic minorities might (in conjunction with income, poverty, employment, education and other indicators) represent a greater vulnerability. | Very High  |



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| Indicator                  | Definition                                       | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                              | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Risk Level |
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| Females__Percent           | Percentage of Females                            | A good percentage of women represent a stable sex ratio for the area and is therefore a positive indicator                                                                                                                           | A low percentage of women could indicate an unstable sex ratio, thereby showing that there are fewer opportunities for women in the area. This could have negative consequences during a disaster                                          | Low        |
| NotMarried__Percent        | Percentage of Unmarried Persons                  | A lower percentage of unmarried individuals could indicate a lower vulnerability to disasters owing to the availability of social support that comes with having a family                                                            | A higher percentage of unmarried individuals could indicate lack of family and social support.                                                                                                                                             | Very High  |
| Disabled__Percent          | Percentage of Disabled Persons                   | A lower percentage of disabled individuals in the community indicates a lower risk owing to reduced requirements for preparation, disaster and accessibility planning                                                                | A higher percentage of disabled individuals is associated with a high risk. They are disproportionately affected owing to inaccessible evacuation, response and recovery efforts and could often be left behind.                           | High       |
| FemaleHeaded__HHs__Percent | Percentage of Households with Female Householder | A lower percentage of female headed households indicates a lower disaster risk, a more stable family and household structure, greater social integration and family support, and higher socio-economic status at the community level | A higher percentage of female headed households could indicate a higher disaster risk owing to greater chances of poverty, and particular risk from housing shocks and stresses, hunger and food insecurity owing to gender discrimination | Low        |

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| Indicator            | Definition                                           | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                        | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Risk Level |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| LargeFam_Percent     | Percentage of Large Families as part of all Families | In case of smaller family sizes, a greater investment of the family's resources is possible leading to greater achievements. Therefore a smaller proportion of big families is a reduced social vulnerability during disasters | In case of large families, the same limited resources are shared by a large group of individuals owing to less investment per person. This can result in differential academic achievements and occupational performance. Thus prevalence of a bigger family size would indicate a higher disaster risk. | Very High  |
| SingleParent_Percent | Percentage of Single Parent Households               | A lower proportion of single parent households indicates a lower disaster vulnerability, owing to lesser probability of financial, academic and behavioural problems which have been correlated with single parent households. | Children living in single-parent households have greater risks to their physical and social health and wellbeing compared with other family structures such as two parent or grandparent headed households. Thus, a greater proportion of single parent households represents a higher disaster risk     | Very High  |
| Educated_percent     | Percentage of Educated Persons                       | A greater person of educated individuals is interpreted as low disaster risk                                                                                                                                                   | Lack of education is associated with social marginalization, lack of preparation and disaster planning. Therefore a lower percentage of educated individuals is interpreted as high risk.                                                                                                                | High       |

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| Indicator                | Definition                                 | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                  | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Risk Level |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Skilled_Percent          | Percentage of Skilled Persons              | A higher number of skilled individuals represents a lower disaster risk                                                                                  | Lack of occupational skill is associated with lower incomes and employment benefits and therefore less resources for disaster recovery. Therefore, a lower percentage of skilled workers indicates a greater disaster risk.             | Moderate   |
| Elderly_growth_percent   | Growth Percent of Elderly Population       | A lower percentage of older adults represents a lower disaster risk.                                                                                     | Older adults are more vulnerable to disaster risks owing to functional problems, health and medication concerns. A greater percentage of older adults represents a higher risk.                                                         | High       |
| Working_Nonworking_Ratio | Ratio of Working to Non-working Population | A high ratio indicates lower risk                                                                                                                        | This ratio indicates the amount of labor resources available in the market, and signals unemployment, income and other economic factors. A low ratio indicates a lower economic resilience to market shocks and is therefore high risk. | High       |
| HelperPool               | Percentage of Helpers in a time of crisis  | A higher proportion of helpers indicates a lower risk, since a greater number of persons will be available for disaster recovery and mitigation efforts. | A good number of participants in the helper pool could indicate greater support and emergency management in the community. A lower percentage of helpers represents a high risk.                                                        | Very Low   |

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| Indicator                | Definition                                     | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Risk Level |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| FemaleLaborforce_percent | Percentage of Labor Force constituted by Women | A higher participation of females in the workforce indicates increased incomes, and lowers or leads to sharing of unpaid care-work with other members of the family, leading to a more economically resilient community. Thus a higher female workforce participation indicates a low disaster risk | A lower participation of women in the labour force is associated with lower household incomes and poverty. Therefore a lower female workforce participation means a higher disaster risk owing to lower economic support.                        | Low        |
| PrimeWorkingAge_percent  | Percentage of population in Prime Working Age  | A greater number of persons of working age indicates a greater labour pool available for the local economy. Therefore a higher ratio indicates a lower risk.                                                                                                                                        | A lower number of persons of working age represents a greater number of dependents on the existing workforce and is hence a high risk.                                                                                                           | Very High  |
| Avg_HHsize               | Average Household Size                         | A smaller average household size indicates a greater proportion of household resources available to every individual in the household and is therefore a lower risk                                                                                                                                 | Household sizes relate with the distribution of resources among individuals with the household. A greater average household size indicates a lesser proportion of resources available to individuals and is therefore interpreted as a high risk | Very High  |

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| Indicator               | Definition                                       | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Risk Level |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Percent_BachelorsDegree | Percentage of Population with Bachelors' Degree  | A greater proportion of persons with bachelors' degree indicates a greater likelihood of being employed by a variety of employers, along with a higher concentration of high skilled high income positions. Therefore it is interpreted as a lowrisk | A lower porportion of persons with a bachelor's degree indicates a lower number of persons with skills for career advancement. It indicates lack of skilled labour in the workforce and tehrefore lower incomes and social mobility. Therefore it is interpreted as a high risk factor | Moderate   |
| Percent_LanguageBarrier | Percentage of Population facing Language Barrier | A lower proportion of persons with language problems indicates greater accessibility to disaster relief efforts and is therefore an area of lowe risk                                                                                                | A higher proportion of persons with language barriers could indicate a higher percentage of people suffering due to communication problems, interpretation of instructions and emergency rescue operations. Therefore it is interpreted as a high risk                                 | Low        |
| Percent_AssistanceNeed  | Percentage of Population with Assisstance Need   | A lower percentage of people withfood assistance indicates higher incomes and economic resilience, and is therefore a low risk area                                                                                                                  | A high proportion of persons with assistance needs indicates poverty and lack of socio-economic resilience. Therefore it is interpreted as a high risk.                                                                                                                                | Very High  |

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| Indicator                    | Definition                                                                                   | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                   | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Risk Level |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Percent_Commuters            | Percentage of Population who Commute to work regularly                                       | A lower percentage of commuters indicates that most workers live near where they work and can continue their jobs irrespective of transportation network disruptions. Therefore it is an area of low risk | Natural disasters invariably affect transportation routes and make it difficult for persons requiring commutes to their workplace to continue their employment. Therefore a greater proportion of commuters indicates a disaster risk                                    | Very High  |
| Percent_NoHealthIns          | Percentage of Population without Health Insurance                                            | Greater health insurance coverage is correlated with better health conditions and higher economic productivity. Therefore a higher number of persons with health insurance is a low risk                  | Lack of health insurance coverage has negative impacts on health as patients are less likely to receive preventive health care, or affordable medical care during a disaster. A greater proportion of persons without health insurance indicates a higher disaster risk. | Low        |
| Physically_Unhealthy_Average | Average number of physically unhealthy days per year for the population                      | A Lower value is associated with low risk                                                                                                                                                                 | A higher value is associated with high risk because people are more prone to being affected by disaster risks                                                                                                                                                            | Moderate   |
| Food_Environment_Index       | Index of factors that contribute to a healthy food environment, from 0 (worst) to 10 (best). | A higher value is associated is low risk                                                                                                                                                                  | A poor food environment reduces the physical and mental vitality of a community. A lower value is associated with high risk.                                                                                                                                             | Moderate   |

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| Indicator                  | Definition                                                                        | Low Risk Interpretation                  | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                | Risk Level |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Percent_Exercise_Access    | Percentage of population with adequate access to locations for physical activity. | A higher value is associated is low risk | Lower physical exercise increases health risks with age. A lower value is associated with high risk                                                                                                     | Very Low   |
| PrimaryCare_Physician_Rate | Ratio of population to primary care physicians.                                   | A higher value is associated is low risk | A lower proportion of physicians indicates that community members may not have access to medical help during disasters and have to rely on external support. A lower value is associated with high risk | Moderate   |
| MentalHealth_Provider_Rate | Ratio of population to mental health providers.                                   | A higher value is associated is low risk | A lower proportion of physicians indicates that community members may not have access to mental health resources during disasters. A lower value is associated with high risk                           | Moderate   |
| Percent_Vaccinated         | Percentage of Households vaccinated against Covid-19 and other diseases           | A higher value is associated is low risk | A high proportion of vaccination indicates that the community is safe against the Covid-19 pandemic. A lower value is associated with high risk                                                         | Low        |
| Social_Association_Rate    | Number of membership associations per 10,000 population.                          | A higher value is associated is low risk | A high rate of social associations indicates healthy relationships and community life. A lower value is associated with high risk                                                                       | Very High  |

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| Indicator                              | Definition                                                                                                                 | Low Risk Interpretation                   | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                      | Risk Level |
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| Violent_Crime_Rate                     | Number of reported violent crime offenses per 100,000 population.                                                          | A Lower value is associated with low risk | A high of crimes indicates safety issues within the community. A higher value is associated with high risk                                                                    | High       |
| Inadequate_Facilities                  | Percentage of households with inadequate infrastructure within their housing unit                                          | A Lower value is associated with low risk | Inadequate infrastructure within the household lowers quality of life and residents' health. A higher value is associated with high risk                                      | High       |
| COVID-19_death_rate                    | All deaths occurring between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 due to COVID-19, per 100,000 population (age-adjusted). | A Lower value is associated with low risk | A greater number of deaths owing to Covid-19 indicates pre-existing health conditions and comorbidities within the community. A higher value is associated with high risk     | Moderate   |
| Percent_Food_Insecure                  | Percentage of population who lack adequate access to food.                                                                 | A Lower value is associated with low risk | Access to food indicates community health. A higher value is associated with high risk                                                                                        | Moderate   |
| Percent_Limited_Access_to_Healthy_Food | Percentage of population who are low-income and do not live close to a grocery store.                                      | A Lower value is associated with low risk | Persons who are low income lack access to healthy food, especially if they live away from grocery stores and lack transportation. A higher value is associated with high risk | Moderate   |



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| Indicator                 | Definition                                                                             | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                   | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Risk Level |
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| Percent_DisconnectedYouth | Percentage of teens and young adults ages 16-19 who are neither working nor in school. | A Lower value is associated with low risk                                                                                                                                 | Teens and young adults need to either be in school, or part of the workforce, to be able to cultivate a healthy, self-sufficient lifestyle, involved hopeful and forward looking endeavours. Disconnected youth have been positively associated with poverty, unemployment and crime. A higher value is associated with high risk | Very High  |
| Percent_rural             | Percentage of population living in rural areas                                         | A Lower value is associated with low risk                                                                                                                                 | Rural areas often lack access to resources and are geographically isolated. A higher value is associated with high risk                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Low        |
| Agro_Percent              | Percentage Employment in Agriculture and related Sectors                               | A lower percentage of workers in the agricultural sector indicates a greater economic diversity, lower dependence on weather conditions, higher resilience and lower risk | Agricultural sector is most directly affected by natural disasters and extreme weather events such that their productivity goes down drastically. Therefore a predominantly agrarian economy represents lower economic resilience and greater disaster risk                                                                       | High       |

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| Indicator            | Definition                                           | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                               | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Risk Level |
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| LowIncome_Percent    | Percentage Low Income Population                     | A lower proportion of low income families indicates a greater access to resources for preparation and recovery from disasters and is hence a low disaster risk                                        | A higher proportion of low income households lack of adequate access to resources to prepare for and recover from disasters, contingency funds, personal vehicles and abilities to arrange for alternate housing arrangements during disasters. It is therefore a high risk. | Moderate   |
| poverty              | Percentage Below Poverty Line                        | A lower poverty indicates less exposure to disaster risks and greater accessibility to exigency funds. It is therefore a low risk                                                                     | Poverty can be both a cause and consequence of disaster risk. A greater poverty is associated with a higher risk                                                                                                                                                             | Low        |
| Unemployment_percent | Percentage of Unemployed Persons                     | A lower rate of unemployment indicates a more stable and resilient economic environment and is therefore associated with lower disaster risks                                                         | A high rate of unemployment could indicate a range of socio-economic vulnerabilities and political struggles. It indicates lower economic resilience during disasters and is therefore associated with high risk                                                             | Very High  |
| WorkNearby_percent   | Percentage Workers who live near their place of work | A greater proportion of persons who live near their place of work indicates a lower dependence on commute and transportation networks and a more robust resilient economy. Therefore it is a low risk | A lower proportion of persons who live near their place of work indicates a high dependence on transportation networks for economic activities and a greater risk of disruption during disasters. It is therefore a high risk                                                | Low        |

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| Indicator  | Definition                                                          | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                | Risk Level |
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| MBS        | Percentage Employed in Management, Business and Science Occupations | Management, Business and Science jobs are invariably correlated with greater incomes, social mobility and lower dependence on place-based work. Therefore they are more resilient during disasters and higher employment in these sector represent lower risks            | A lower proportion of employees in Management, Business and Science professions indicates lower incomes and a low skill economy and is therefore indicative of higher disaster risks    | Very Low   |
| MBS_LQ     | Location Quotient of Management, Business and Science Occupations   | A high Location Quotient for Management, Business and Science professions indicates a more specialized, high income economy. It is indicative of low disaster risk                                                                                                        | A low LQ for Management, Business and Science professions indicates a less specialized economy and is therefore indicative of lower economic diversity, lower incomes and high risk     | Low        |
| Service    | Percentage Employed in Service                                      | Service sector is a huge contributor to the economic productivity and bolsters the primary and secondary economic sectors as well and provides a huge source of employment. A higher employment in the service sector signals greater economic resilience and lower risk. | A lower proportion of workers in the service sector indicates a less developed and resilient economy with greater dependence on place-based work. It is therefore an area of high risk. | Very Low   |
| Service_LQ | Location Quotient of Service Occupations                            | A higher LQ for the service sector indicates a high risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | A lower LQ for the service sector indicates a lower resilience and higher risk                                                                                                          | Moderate   |

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| Indicator       | Definition                                                       | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Risk Level |
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| Sales           | Percentage Employed in Sales Occupations                         | Employment in sales is associated with higher pay greater skills and organizational support. It signals greater economic resilience and low risk                                                                                                                                              | A lower employment in sales industries could indicate a less entrepreneurial economy, lower resilience and therefore higher disaster risk                                                                                             | Very Low   |
| Sales_LQ        | Location Quotient of Service Occupations                         | A higher LQ for the service sector indicates a low risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | A lower LQ for sales industries is associated with high risk                                                                                                                                                                          | Very Low   |
| construction    | Percentage Employed in Construction Occupations                  | Construction and allied industries represent possibilities for robust economic growth and government investment. A greater employment in the construction industry also signals potential for development of local infrastructure. A higher employment in this sector is therefore a low risk | Lower employment in the construction sector indicates lower investment in built environment and infrastructure and high disaster risks                                                                                                | Very Low   |
| construction_LQ | Location Quotient of Construction Occupations                    | A higher LQ for the construction industry indicates a low disaster risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | A lower LQ for the construction industry indicates a high disaster risk                                                                                                                                                               | Very High  |
| PT              | Percentage Employed in Production and Transportation Occupations | A lower concentration of production and transportation industries indicates a lower dependence of the economic base on land, location and natural resources. It is therefore more economically resilient and a low risk                                                                       | Both production and transportation industries are dependent on availability of local natural resources and are therefore more susceptible to natural disasters. A higher employment in such industries signals greater disaster risk. | Very High  |

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| Indicator        | Definition                                                     | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                   | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Risk Level |
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| PT_LQ            | Location Quotient of Production and Transportation Occupations | A lower concentration of the production and transportation industry indicates a low risk                                                                                  | A higher LQ for the Production and Transportation Industry indicates a high risk                                                                                                                                                                            | High       |
| Agri             | Percentage Employed in Agricultural Occupations                | A lower percentage of workers in the agricultural sector indicates a greater economic diversity, lower dependence on weather conditions, higher resilience and lower risk | Agricultural sector is most directly affected by natural disasters and extreme weather events such that their productivity goes down drastically. Therefore a predominantly agrarian economy represents lower economic resilience and greater disaster risk | Very High  |
| Agri_LQ          | Location Quotient of Agricultural Occupations                  | A lower LQ for the Agricultural Sector indicates a low risk                                                                                                               | A higher LQ for Agricultural Businesses indicates a higher risk                                                                                                                                                                                             | High       |
| Manufacturing    | Percentage Employed in Manufacturing Occupations               | A lower concentration of manufacturing industries/employment indicates lower chances of disruption during disasters. It is therefore an area of low risk                  | Manufacturing industries are directly affected by natural disasters. Extreme events cause great damage to the manufacturing units and their associated supply chains. A higher concentration of Manufacturing Industries is associated with high risk       | Very High  |
| Manufacturing_LQ | Location Quotient of Manufacturing Occupations                 | A lower LQ for manufacturing industries indicates a low risk                                                                                                              | A higher LQ for manufacturing industries indicates a high risk                                                                                                                                                                                              | High       |

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| Indicator    | Definition                                       | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Risk Level |
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| Wholesale    | Percentage Employed in Wholesale Trade           | A lower employment in wholesale businesses signals a greater economic resilience and low risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Wholesale and retail businesses are more vulnerable to natural disasters and are more likely to close after disasters. They are also more likely to be low mitigators. A higher proportion of employment in the wholesale industry signals a high disaster risk | Very High  |
| Wholesale_LQ | Location Quotient of Wholesale Trade Occupations | A lower LQ in wholesale industries is associated with low risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | A higher LQ is associated with high risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Very High  |
| Retail       | Percentage Employed in Retail Occupations        | Although prone to natural disasters, retail industries generally show a higher resilience to natural disasters than wholesale industries. This is because they are less likely to be low mitigators and often associated with having a plan unlike wholesale industries. Thus a higher employment in retail industries is associated with low risk. | A lower employment in retail industries signals lower economic resilience and is associated with higher risk                                                                                                                                                    | Very Low   |
| Retail_LQ    | Location Quotient of Retail Occupations          | A higher LQ in retail industries is associated with low risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | A lower LQ in retail industries is associated with high risk                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Low        |

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| Indicator    | Definition                                           | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                              | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                  | Risk Level |
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| Transport    | Percentage Employed in Transportation Occupations    | Like retail, transportation businesses are often associated with having business plans, more structurally sound and meets standards. Thus a higher employment in transportation indicates a low risk                 | A lower employment in transportation business could mean that the businesses are not widely spread out and less economically resilient. It is interpreted as a high risk.                 | Very Low   |
| Transport_LQ | Location Quotient of Transportation Occupations      | A higher LQ in transportation industries is associated with low risk                                                                                                                                                 | A lower LQ in transportation industries associated with high risk                                                                                                                         | Moderate   |
| Info         | Percentage Employed in Information-based Occupations | Information industries are positively associated with mitigation planning and have the ability to shift to remote working during a disaster. Therefore, such a higher employment in such industries poses a low risk | A lower employment in information industries signals a less diverse economic base and a higher susceptibility to natural disasters. It is therefore associated with higher disaster risks | Very Low   |
| Info_LQ      | Location Quotient of Information-based Occupations   | A lower LQ in the information sector signals a low risk                                                                                                                                                              | A lower LQ in information sector signals a high risk                                                                                                                                      | Very Low   |

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| Indicator     | Definition                                    | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                             | Risk Level |
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| Finance       | Percentage Employed in Finance Occupations    | Finance, real estate, etc. jobs are positively correlated with high incomes, job security and high economic resilience during disasters. Therefore a greater employment in such industries poses a low risk and indicates a diverse economic base. A higher employment in such industries is associated with a low risk | A lower employment in finance, real estate etc. signals lower incomes and less resilient jobs. Therefore, a lower employment in this sector is associated with high risk             | Very Low   |
| Finance_LQ    | Location Quotient of Finance Occupations      | A high LQ in finance, real estate, etc. signals a low risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | A low LQ in finance, real estate, etc. signals a high risk                                                                                                                           | Low        |
| Management    | Percentage Employed in Management Occupations | Management, Business and Science jobs are invariably correlated with greater incomes, social mobility and lower dependence on place-based work. Therefore they are more resilient during disasters and higher employment in these sector represent lower risks                                                          | A lower proportion of employees in Management, Business and Science professions indicates lower incomes and a low skill economy and is therefore indicative of higher disaster risks | Moderate   |
| Management_LQ | Location Quotient of Management Occupations   | A higher LQ in management, business, or science indicates a low risk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | A lower LQ in Management, business or science indicates a high risk                                                                                                                  | Very High  |



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| Indicator | Definition                                           | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                     | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Risk Level |
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| Edu       | Percentage Employed in Education-related Occupations | A higher employment in the education sector signals a more skilled economy, which is typically more resilient to natural disasters. It is therefore a low risk              | A lower employment in the education sector signals a less resilient, less skilled economy, and is therefore associated with high risk                                                                                                   | Very Low   |
| Edu_LQ    | Location Quotient of Education-related Occupations   | A high LQ in the education sector signals a higher economic resilience and low risk                                                                                         | A lower LQ in education sector signals a lower economic resilience and high risk                                                                                                                                                        | Low        |
| Arts      | Percentage Employed in Arts Occupations              | A lower employment in the arts sector could indicate higher resilience to economic shocks and higher incomes and is therefore associated with lower risk                    | Although a higher proportion of artists could signal a greater economic diversity, arts occupations are highly susceptible to natural disasters. Therefore a greater employment in arts industries could signal a higher disaster risk. | Very High  |
| Arts_LQ   | Location Quotient of Arts Occupations                | A low LQ in the arts sector is associated with low risk                                                                                                                     | A high LQ in the arts sector is associated with higher risk                                                                                                                                                                             | High       |
| Others    | Percentage Employed in Other Occupations             | Employment across other sectors represents diversification of the economic base and is therefore positively correlated with economic resilience. It is therefore a low risk | A lower employment in other sectors represents a less diverse and creative economy. It is therefore associated with high risks                                                                                                          | Moderate   |
| Others_LQ | Location Quotient of Other Occupations               | A higher LQ in other industries is associated with low risk                                                                                                                 | A lower LQ in other industries is associated with high risk                                                                                                                                                                             | Very High  |

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| Indicator                       | Definition                                                                   | Low Risk Interpretation                   | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                      | Risk Level |
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| CommuteTime                     | Time it takes from home to go to work in minutes                             | A Lower value is associated with low risk | Time spent in commute is associated with lack of productivity and extra expenses. A lower commute time is associated with a health local economy. A higher value is associated with high risk | Moderate   |
| Walkability_Score               | Walkability score (ordinal)                                                  | A higher value is associated is low risk  | High walkability scores indicate greater community vitality and economic accessibility. A lower value is associated with high risk                                                            | High       |
| Vice_related_business_Rate      | Rate of vice-related businesses per county as proportion of total businesses | A Lower value is associated with low risk | Greater proportion of vice-related business indicate heightened economic instability during disasters. A higher value is associated with high risk                                            | Very Low   |
| Civic_related_business_Rate     | Rate of civic-related business per county                                    | A higher value is associated is low risk  | Civic-related businesses indicate a strong, built-environment and development industry. A lower value is associated with high risk                                                            | Low        |
| Education_related_business_Rate | Rate of education-related business per county                                | A higher value is associated is low risk  | Education-related businesses enable a community to obtain access to education and child development resources. A lower value is associated with high risk                                     | High       |

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| Indicator                     | Definition                                             | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                   | Risk Level |
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| Healthcare_related_Businesses | Business rate healthcare-related businesses per county | A higher value is associated is low risk                                                                                                                               | Availability of health care businesses indicate access to medical resources during disasters. A lower value is associated with high risk                                                   | Moderate   |
| Recreation_related_Businesses | Business rate recreation-related businesses per county | A lower value is associated with low risk                                                                                                                              | Greater proportion of recreation-related business indicate heightened economic instability during disasters. A higher value is associated with high risk                                   | Very High  |
| Total                         | Total Housing Stock                                    | A lower number of housing units indicates less damage during a disaster and is associated with low risk                                                                | A higher number of housing units indicates the possibility of greater risk during disasters                                                                                                | Very High  |
| Homewownership                | Perecentage Homewowners                                | A higher percentage of homeownership is associated with greater income and family stability and greater access to relief during a disaster. It is therefore a low risk | A lower percentage of homeownership signals lower incomes and support during disasters. It is therefore a higher risk.                                                                     | Very High  |
| OldHomes                      | Percentage of Old Homes as part of Total Housing Stock | A lower proportion of old homes signals new construction that is more structurally resilient to natural disasters. It is therefore associated with low disaster risk   | A higher proportion of houses that are built more than 30 years ago signals an old housing stock in need of repair and reconstruction. It is therefore associated with high disaster risk. | Low        |

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| Indicator          | Definition                                                | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                           | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                       | Risk Level |
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| NewHomes           | Percentage of New Homes as part of Total Housing Stock    | A higher proportion of new homes indicates a greater structural resilience to natural disasters and is associated with a low risk                                                                                 | A lower proportion of new homes indicates the possibility of greater structural damage during disasters. It is therefore associated with a high risk                                                           | Low        |
| Rented             | Percentage Renters                                        | A lower proportion of renters signals greater homeownership, higher incomes and access to resources. This is therefore an area of low risk                                                                        | Renters are associated with higher vulnerability during disasters owing to lower incomes, and lesser accessibility to disaster relief. A high proportion of renters is therefore associated with a higher risk | Very High  |
| Vacancy            | Percentage Vacant Units                                   | A lower proportion of vacant units signals greater utilization of available built environment resources, greater maintenance and lower probability of structural damage. It is therefore associated with low risk | A high proportion of vacant units signals a weak economic base and possibilities of blight and structural damage. It is therefore associated with a high risk                                                  | Moderate   |
| Units_SingleFamily | Percentage of Single Family Units                         | A lower proportion of single family units signals greater housing mix, affordability and greater housing resilience. It is therefore associated with low risk                                                     | A greater proportion of single family homes signals lesser housing diversity and therefore higher risks for low income populations. It is associated with higher risk                                          | Low        |
| MobileHomes        | Percentage of Mobile Homes as part of Total Housing Stock | A lower proportion of mobile homes indicates greater structural resilience of the housing sector and more stable economy                                                                                          | A greater proportion of mobile homes is associated with greater risk owing to structural problems and lower incomes.                                                                                           | Moderate   |

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| Indicator           | Definition                                                     | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                         | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Risk Level |
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| Overcrowding        | Percentage of Overcrowded Homes as part of Total Housing Stock | A lower proportion of overcrowded units signals higher incomes and well-maintained, structurally sound housing units which are resilient to disasters. It is therefore associated with low risk | In an overcrowded housing unit, available resources are distributed among a higher than average number of individuals which could lead to familial, socio-economic and structural inadequacies over a period of time. It is therefore associated with high risk.          | Low        |
| Rental_Overcrowding | Percentage of Rental Units that are Overcrowded                | A lower proportion of overcrowded rental units indicates a more affordable rental housing stock, and a more resilient rental population. It is a low risk                                       | A higher proportion of rental units which are overcrowded signals lower incomes, structural and maintenance issues associated with the rental housing stock. It indicates that the rental stock is inadequate and unaffordable and is therefore associated with high risk | Very High  |
| Cost_IncomeRatio    | Ratio of Housing Cost to Household Income                      | A lower cost to income ratio indicates that households are successfully able to meet their financial demands and are more resilient to disasters. It is therefore a low risk.                   | A higher cost to income ratio indicates that households are unable to meet their financial needs and are more likely to suffer adversely during disasters. It is therefore associated with high risk.                                                                     | Very High  |

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| Indicator                    | Definition                                               | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                          | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Risk Level |
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| Renters_Cost_Income_Ratio    | Ratio of Renter Housing Cost to Household Income         | A lower cost to income ratio for renters indicates that rental households are successfully able to meet their financial demands and are more resilient to disasters. It is therefore a low risk. | A higher cost to income ratio for renters indicates that rental households are unable to meet their financial needs and are more likely to suffer adversely during disasters. It is therefore associated with high risk.                | Very Low   |
| Rental_CostBurden_Helow20000 | Percentage of renters whose incomes are below 20,000 USD | A lower proportion of cost-burdened low income households indicates greater economic resilience among low-income renters. This is an asset during natural disasters and is a low risk area       | A higher proportion of low income rental households who are housing cost burdened signals a higher concentration of highly vulnerable households in the community. This is an area of high risk, structurally, financially and socially | Very High  |
| Renter_MHHI                  | Monthly Household Income of Renters                      | A higher income indicates greater capacity to cope with disasters. It is therefore associated with low risk.                                                                                     | A lower income indicates a lower capacity to cope with disasters and is associated with high risk                                                                                                                                       | Low        |
| MedianHomeValue              | Median Home Value                                        | A higher home value indicates higher incomes, higher accessibility to funds during disaster and is therefore associated with low risk                                                            | A lower home value indicates lower incomes and is therefore associated with high risk                                                                                                                                                   | Very Low   |
| NoVehicle_Pop                | Percentage of Households without a Vehicle               | A lower percentage of households without a vehicle indicates greater socio-economic stability within the community and is therefore associated with low risk                                     | Vehicles count as additional economic assets which add to household mobility. A higher percentage of households without a vehicle is therefore associated with a high risk                                                              | Very Low   |

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| Indicator        | Definition                                                 | Low Risk Interpretation                                                                                                         | High Risk Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Risk Level |
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| GroupQuarters    | Percentage of GroupQuarters as part of Total Housing Stock | A lower concentration of group quarter residents is a low risk owing to greater access to recovery resources and social support | Group quarters consist of unrelated persons sharing a living space, either in institutionalized or non-institutionalized settings. Thus they lack the social support of a family and a high percentage of group quarter population is associated with high risk | Very High  |
| Percent_Section8 | Rate of low-rent + section-eight units in county           | A Lower value is associated with low risk                                                                                       | Greater proportion of low income housing indicates poverty and declining housing quality. A higher value is associated with high risk                                                                                                                           | Moderate   |

## Appendix B

### High Risk and Low Risk Areas at Rural, Urban and Census Place Levels

| Indicator                   | Risk Level (Rural) | Risk Level (Urban) | Risk Level (Places) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Population                  | Low                | Low                | High                |
| Young_percent               | Moderate           | High               | High                |
| Old_percent                 | Low                | Moderate           | Low                 |
| NonWhite_Percent            | Very High          | Moderate           | Very High           |
| Females_Percent             | Very High          | Moderate           | High                |
| NotMarried_Percent          | High               | High               | High                |
| Disabled_Percent            | High               | Very High          | Very High           |
| FemaleHeaded_HHs_Percent    | High               | High               | Moderate            |
| LargeFam_Percent            | High               | High               | Very High           |
| SingleParent_Percent        | Moderate           | Very High          | High                |
| Educated_percent            | Moderate           | Very High          | Moderate            |
| Skilled_Percent             | High               | Very High          | Low                 |
| Elderly_growth_percent      | Moderate           | Moderate           | High                |
| Working_Nonworking_ratio    | High               | High               | Moderate            |
| HelperPool                  | High               | High               | Moderate            |
| FemaleLaborforce_percent    | High               | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| PrimeWorkingAge_percent     | Very High          | Moderate           | Very High           |
| Avg_HHsize                  | Very High          | High               | Very High           |
| Percent_BachelorsDegree     | Very High          | Very High          | Moderate            |
| Percent_LanguageBarrier     | Low                | Very Low           | Moderate            |
| Percent_AssistanceNeed      | High               | High               | High                |
| Percent_Commuters           | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| Percent_NoHealthIns         | Low                | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Physically_Unhealthy_Days   | Moderate           | Very High          | Moderate            |
| Food_Environment_Index      | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Percent_Exercise_Access     | Very Low           | Moderate           | Very Low            |
| PrimaryCare_Physicians_Rate | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| MentalHealth_Provider_Rate  | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| Percent_Vaccinated          | Low                | High               | Low                 |
| Social_Association_Rate     | Very High          | Moderate           | Very High           |



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| Indicator                              | Risk Level (Rural) | Risk Level (Urban) | Risk Level (Places) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Violent_Crime_Rate                     | High               | High               | High                |
| Inadequate_Facilities                  | High               | Very High          | High                |
| COVID-19_death_rate                    | Moderate           | Very High          | Moderate            |
| Percent_Food_Insecure                  | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| Percent_Limited_Access_to_Healthy_Food | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Percent_Disconnected_Youth             | Very High          | Very High          | Very High           |
| Segregation_index                      | Very High          | Very High          | Very High           |
| Percent_rural                          | Low                | High               | Low                 |
| Income                                 | High               | High               | Low                 |
| Agro_Percent                           | High               | Moderate           | High                |
| UnstableEmployment_percent             | Moderate           | Very High          | Low                 |
| LowIncome_Percent                      | Low                | High               | Very Low            |
| poverty                                | Moderate           | High               | Low                 |
| Unemployment_percent                   | Low                | High               | Moderate            |
| WorkNearby_percent                     | Moderate           | High               | Low                 |
| MBS                                    | High               | Very High          | Low                 |
| MBS_LQ                                 | Moderate           | Moderate           | Low                 |
| Service                                | Moderate           | Moderate           | Very Low            |
| Service_LQ                             | Moderate           | High               | Low                 |
| Sales                                  | Very Low           | Low                | Low                 |
| Sales_LQ                               | Low                | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| construction                           | High               | Moderate           | High                |
| construction_LQ                        | High               | Moderate           | High                |
| PT                                     | Moderate           | Moderate           | High                |
| PT_LQ                                  | Moderate           | High               | High                |
| Agri                                   | High               | Moderate           | Very High           |
| Agri_LQ                                | High               | Moderate           | High                |
| Manufacturing                          | Low                | Very Low           | High                |
| Manufacturing_LQ                       | Low                | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Wholesale                              | Very High          | High               | Very High           |
| Wholesale_LQ                           | Very High          | High               | Very High           |

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| Indicator                             | Risk Level (Rural) | Risk Level (Urban) | Risk Level (Places) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Retail                                | Moderate           | High               | Low                 |
| Retail_LQ                             | Low                | Moderate           | Low                 |
| Transport                             | Moderate           | Very High          | Low                 |
| Transport_LQ                          | Moderate           | Very High          | Low                 |
| Info                                  | High               | High               | Low                 |
| Info_LQ                               | Moderate           | Moderate           | Very Low            |
| Finance                               | Very High          | Very High          | Low                 |
| Finance_LQ                            | Very High          | Very High          | Low                 |
| Management                            | Low                | High               | Low                 |
| Management_LQ                         | Very Low           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Edu                                   | Very High          | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Edu_LQ                                | High               | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Arts                                  | Moderate           | Very Low           | Very High           |
| Arts_LQ                               | High               | Moderate           | Very High           |
| Others                                | Moderate           | High               | Very Low            |
| Others_LQ                             | Moderate           | Moderate           | Low                 |
| Percent_Children_in_Poverty.x         | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| Gender_Pay_Gap.x                      | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| Percent_income_required_for_childcare | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| CommuteTime                           | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| Walkability_Score                     | High               | Low                | High                |
| Vice_related_business_rate            | Very Low           | Low                | Very Low            |
| Civic_related_business_rate           | Low                | Moderate           | Low                 |
| Education_related_business_rate       | High               | Moderate           | High                |
| Healthcare_related_business_rate      | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Recreation_related_business_rate      | Very High          | High               | Very High           |
| Total                                 | Very Low           | Low                | High                |
| Homewownership                        | High               | High               | Moderate            |
| OldHomes                              | Moderate           | Very High          | Low                 |
| NewHomes                              | Moderate           | Very High          | Low                 |
| Rented                                | High               | High               | Very High           |
| Vacancy                               | Moderate           | High               | Low                 |

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| Indicator                           | Risk Level (Rural) | Risk Level (Urban) | Risk Level (Places) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Units_SingleFamily                  | High               | Low                | High                |
| MobileHomes                         | Moderate           | Low                | Very Low            |
| Overcrowding                        | Very Low           | High               | Moderate            |
| Rental_Overcrowding                 | Low                | High               | Moderate            |
| Cost_IncomeRatio                    | Very Low           | Very Low           | High                |
| Renters_Cost_IncomeRatio            | Moderate           | Very High          | Moderate            |
| Rental_CostBurden_below20000        | High               | High               | Very High           |
| Renter_MHHI                         | Very Low           | Moderate           | Very Low            |
| MedianHomeValue                     | Very Low           | High               | Very Low            |
| NoVehicle_Pop                       | High               | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| GroupQuarters                       | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| Percent_Children_in_Poverty.y       | Very Low           | Low                | Very Low            |
| Gender_Pay_Gap.y                    | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| Percent_income_required_for_childca | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| Percent_Section8                    | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| Pubtrans_Dependent                  | High               | Moderate           | High                |
| Pubtrans_heavilyDependent           | High               | Very High          | Moderate            |
| No_Pubtrans                         | Low                | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| No_CommunicationSources             | Very Low           | Low                | Very Low            |
| Protective_Services                 | Very Low           | High               | Moderate            |
| Percent_BroadbandAccess             | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| pm10                                | High               | High               | High                |
| pm25                                | High               | High               | Very High           |
| o3                                  | High               | Moderate           | High                |
| so2                                 | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| nox                                 | Very Low           | Moderate           | Very Low            |
| co                                  | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| PCT_IRRIGATED_ACRES                 | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| pct_nematode_acres                  | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| pct_manure_acres                    | High               | High               | Very High           |
| pct_disease_acres                   | Moderate           | High               | High                |
| pct_defoliate_acres                 | High               | Moderate           | High                |

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|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| pct_harvested_acres        | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| pct_au                     | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| fungicide                  | Very Low           | Low                | Very Low            |
| herbicide                  | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| insecticide                | Very Low           | Low                | Very Low            |
| std_coal_prim_pop          | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| std_metal_prim_pop         | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| std_nonmetal_prim_pop      | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| std_sandandgravel_prim_pop | Moderate           | High               | High                |
| std_stone_prim_pop         | Low                | Very Low           | Moderate            |
| Radon                      | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| Facilities_Rate            | Moderate           | Low                | Moderate            |
| Pct_BS                     | Moderate           | Very High          | Moderate            |
| Pct_Unemp_total            | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| Pct_Fam_Pov                | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| Per_TotPopSS               | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| Per_PSWithSW               | Very Low           | Low                | Very Low            |
| D303_Percent               | High               | Very High          | High                |
| ALLNPDESperKM              | Very Low           | Moderate           | Very Low            |
| CaAve                      | Very Low           | Low                | Very Low            |
| Kave                       | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| NO3Ave                     | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| ClAve                      | Moderate           | Low                | Moderate            |
| SO4Ave                     | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| HgAve                      | High               | Low                | High                |
| AvgOfD3_ave                | High               | Very High          | High                |
| W_As                       | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| W_Ba                       | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_Cd                       | Low                | Low                | Low                 |
| W_Cr                       | Low                | Very Low           | Low                 |
| W_CN                       | Low                | Moderate           | Low                 |

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|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| W_FL             | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_HG             | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_NO3            | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| W_NO2            | Moderate           | High               | Moderate            |
| W_SE             | Low                | Moderate           | Low                 |
| W_SB             | Low                | Moderate           | Low                 |
| W_ENDRIN         | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_METHOXYCHLOR   | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_DALAPON        | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_DEHA           | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_SIMAZINE       | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_DEHP           | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_PICLORAM       | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_DINOSEB        | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_ATRAZINE       | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_24D            | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_BENZOAP        | Very Low           | Very Low           | Very Low            |
| W_PCP            | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_PCB            | Low                | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_DBCP           | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_EDB            | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_XYLENES        | Low                | Moderate           | Low                 |
| W_CHLORDANE      | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| W_DCM            | Moderate           | Moderate           | Moderate            |
| County_GEOID_ref | Moderate           | High               | NA                  |