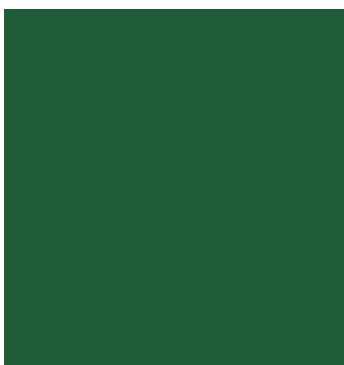


2020
Colorado

RESILIENCY

Framework



Framework History

In 2015, the Colorado Resiliency Office (CRO), housed in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, released the inaugural Colorado Resiliency Framework against a backdrop of the historic 2012 wildfires and 2013 floods that impacted communities in 24 of Colorado's 64 counties. It was an award-winning, nationally recognized Framework that showcased Colorado's ability and determination to bounce forward from adversity with a resiliency strategy.

In the five years since, the State of Colorado and local communities have made considerable progress in implementing the initial strategies, including establishing the Colorado Resiliency Working Group, developing the Planning for Hazards Guide, and launching the Colorado Resiliency Resource Center.

With the 2020 update to the Framework, the CRO is establishing a 5-year review cycle to:

- Assess new and emerging risks and vulnerabilities.
- Demonstrate leadership, innovation, and proactive action.
- Gain stakeholder and public input to shape the Framework's goals and strategies.
- Track and report metrics and targets that demonstrate progress on strategy implementation and resiliency.
- Maintain the Framework as a living document, enabling Colorado to be responsive as conditions change.

This first Framework 5-year update builds on the successes and momentum of the original Framework, providing refreshed ideas and innovative approaches to keep it relevant and actionable.

RESILIENCY DEFINED

The ability of communities to rebound, positively adapt to, or thrive amidst changing conditions or challenges – including human-caused and natural disasters – and to maintain quality of life, healthy growth, durable systems, economic vitality, and conservation of resources for present and future generations.

– Colorado House Bill 18-1394

Our Success Depends on Collaboration and Collective Action

The extensive public and stakeholder engagement process to update the Framework marks the beginning of Colorado's renewed commitment to resiliency. Collaboration and collective action is needed to successfully implement the Framework.

The CRO will continue to lead the charge by convening and coordinating diverse stakeholders across the state; creating opportunities for education and sharing information, progress, and lessons learned; and inspiring and supporting others in the work ahead. All Coloradans are also encouraged to take an active role in elevating the resiliency priorities and implementing resiliency strategies in their community, organization, or household.

We invite you to review the full Framework and to get involved!



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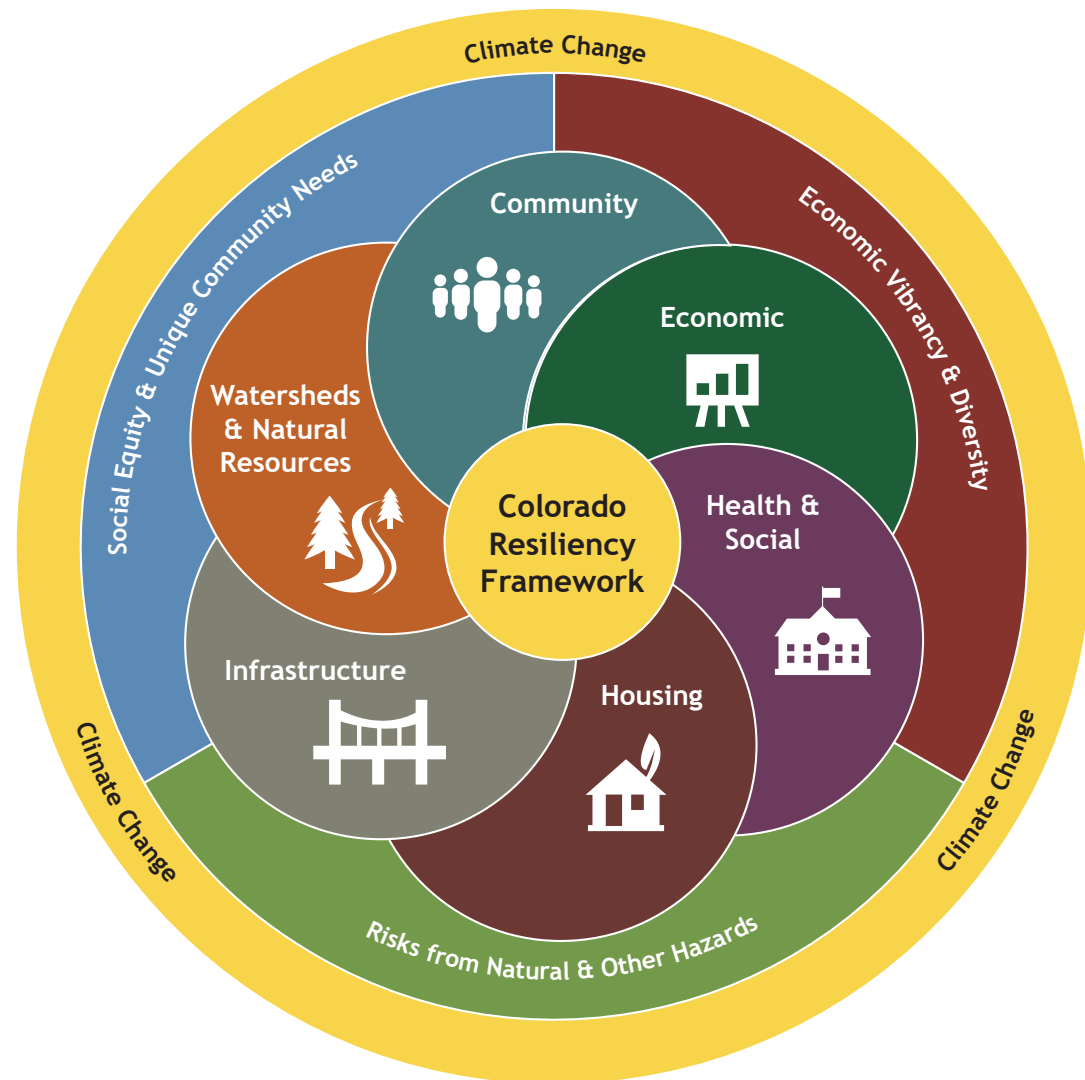
Looking at Risks and Vulnerabilities Holistically

The 2020 Framework is based on successes and lessons from the last five years, plus new ideas to address a broader range of potential risks and vulnerabilities. Emerging challenges and the realities of interrelated and cascading impacts underscore the need for collective and coordinated action.

This Framework examines and addresses risks and vulnerabilities across four themes:

- Adapting to our changing climate
- Understanding risks from natural and other hazards
- Addressing social inequities and unique community needs
- Pursuing economic diversity and vibrancy

In the spirit of holistic thinking, we tapped into the expertise of six sector teams to identify emerging challenges and new opportunities for Colorado. The sector teams provided invaluable perspectives about how to think bigger and address our most pressing challenges.



Framework Orientation

The Framework includes a hierarchy of components to drive action and progress toward expanding Colorado’s resiliency. This section provides a summary of each major Framework component.

VISION

Colorado creatively implements forward-thinking solutions that are sustainable and resilient to changing conditions and result in strong, equitable communities that can adapt to and thrive in the face of adversity.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Expand Knowledge

Build Community

Be an Advocate

Provide Flexibility & Creativity

GOALS

Identify and mitigate risk to Colorado communities.

Enhance resiliency planning and capacity in Colorado communities through equitable engagement and regional collaboration.

Develop, align, and streamline policies to empower resiliency.

Create a culture of diversity, inclusivity, and equity that fosters resiliency, engagement, and holistic solutions, and an inherent sense of responsibility to one’s community.

Ingrain equity and resiliency into investments in Colorado.

RESILIENCY PRIORITIES



Future-Ready Economy & Workforce

Fortify Colorado’s workforce to support a future-ready, regenerative, circular economy.



Climate & Natural Hazard Resiliency

Reduce Colorado’s risk from climate change and natural hazards through integrated land use, ecosystem, and natural resource planning, management, and investment.



Building & Infrastructure Sustainability

Reimagine and modernize Colorado’s built environment to be both climate and hazard resilient and environmentally sustainable.



Agriculture & Food Security

Cultivate a robust state and local food system, from agriculture to distribution and consumption.



Housing Attainability

Increase the supply of attainable housing throughout Colorado, including affordable housing options for vulnerable and workforce populations.



Community Capacity

Empower Colorado communities to improve local resilience, equity, and capacity.

Strategies & Prioritization Criteria

The Framework details 29 strategies that will move these priorities forward. In addition, the Framework details nine resiliency prioritization criteria designed to enable State departments and agencies to prioritize resiliency efforts:

- Co-Benefits
- Innovation
- High Risk and Vulnerability
- Adaptive Capacity
- Economic Benefit-Cost
- Harmonize with Existing Activity
- Social Equity
- Long-Term and Lasting Impact
- Technical Soundness

These criteria help ensure strategies and projects produce multiple benefits when using limited available resources.

For more information on the Framework and to learn how to get involved, visit:

www.coresiliency.com.



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