The Pew Charitable Trusts

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Our goal is to address the current shortcomings of U.S. policy to reduce the effect of weather-related catastrophes such as floods and hurricanes on the economy and the environment.
FLOOD

INFRASTRUCTURE

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

DISASTER
Fact Based – Research Focused
Profiles in Flood Mitigation:
Overcoming Barriers to Designing and Implementing Effective Policies

- Lack of Resources, Knowledge
  - Where to begin?
  - How will it be funded?
  - How do we know it will work?
Overcoming Burdens

- Dedicating Existing Funds to Resilience
- Generating New Revenue
- Smart Development
Dedicating Existing Funds to Resilience

- Grant programs with appropriated funds
- Tax incentives
- Rebate programs
Generating New Revenue

- Revolving loan fund
- Bonds
- Stormwater utility fees
- Local sales tax
Smart Development

- Zoning Ordinance
- Floodplain Regulations
- Green Infrastructure in Stormwater Permits
Trends

- Tight Budgets? Low Cost Options
- Opportunity Knocks
- Yesterday’s decisions, today’s problems
- Studying the Risks
- IMPLEMENTATION
- **Tight Budgets? Low Cost Options**
  - Revolving Loan Fund
- **Opportunity Knocks**
  - Permanent CDBG-DR Authorization
  - Resilience Officers – state and federal level
- **Smart Growth**
  - NFIP Floodplain Management Capacity Grant

- **Studying the Risks**
  - Federal Highway Administration Pre-Disaster Funds
  - Asset Management Plans

- **IMPLEMENTATION**
  - Public and political buy-in
Keep in touch!

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