

# Building Blocks for Regional Resilience

LAND OF SKY REGION

REGIONAL RESILIENCE WORKSHOP ONE

SPEAKERS



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## ERICA ANDERSON, Director, Community and Economic Development, LOSRC



Erica Anderson joined LOSRC in the spring of 2010 and became the Economic & Community Development Director in 2013. She has 15 years of experience working with communities to implement appropriate development initiatives in the fields of planning, transportation, and economic development. Erica leads the Planning, Transit, and Transportation Department divisions and manages a budget of over \$4 million. Erica holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech University.

## MARY RODERICK, Regional Planner, LOSRC



Mary Roderick is a regional planner with a background in watershed planning and stormwater management, as well as water and sewer infrastructure systems. She completed her doctorate at the University of Washington, where her research focused on geodesign-based, multi-scalar and multi-functional green infrastructure planning through the lens of community resilience-building. She is currently coordinating the LOSRC Regional Resilience Assessment, and supported the western region resilience workshops for the NC Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan.

## JIM FOX, Senior Resilience Associate, NEMAC+FernLeaf



James (Jim) Fox is a Senior Resilience Associate with NEMAC+FernLeaf. Jim has over 40 years of experience in helping people understand and make decisions in a complex and changing world. The NEMAC+FernLeaf team is known nationally for its significant role in the development and ongoing management of the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit in collaboration with NOAA's Climate Program Office. Jim led the development of two important site features: the Steps to Resilience, the nationally adopted framework for resilience planning; and the Climate Explorer, an interactive map and graph viewer that allows any community in the U.S. to explore its risk exposure. Since the development of the public-private partnership, Jim has helped develop and deliver community resilience assessments that include climate for West Palm Beach (FL), Tallahassee (FL), Charleston (SC), Asheville and the surrounding region (Land of Sky COG), North Carolina's Triangle region (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill/Cary), and the State of North Carolina Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan.

### **MATT HUTCHINS, Services Lead/Senior Resilience Analyst, NEMAC+Fernleaf**



Matt Hutchins is Services Lead and Senior Resilience Analyst with NEMAC+FernLeaf. Matt has over a decade of experience supporting groups and communities in planning and making informed decisions. He has specialized expertise in quantitative resilience assessments supported by GIS, and working with communities to develop action plans for building resilience. Based in Asheville, NC, Matt has worked with communities in the Mountain, Piedmont, and Coastal regions of North Carolina and across the Southeast, most recently in South Florida and Charleston, SC.

### **AMBER WEAVER, Sustainability Officer, City of Asheville**



Amber Weaver has been the Sustainability Officer for the City of Asheville's Office of Sustainability since June 2015. Previously, Mrs. Weaver was in Atlanta, Georgia, where she worked in state and local government applying principles of sustainability to generate environmental action and awareness. Mrs. Weaver received her undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia for Environmental Economics and Management. Her expertise is in creating policy around the subjects of watershed protection, beautification, waste reduction and recycling, and sustainability.

### **NATHAN SLAUGHTER, ESP Consulting**



Mr. Slaughter has over 20 years of experience in hazard mitigation planning, disaster recovery planning, business development, and project management. He specializes in planning, risk assessment, and mitigation action identification, and has assisted in the development of hazard mitigation plans and disaster recovery plans for over 1,000 municipalities, county, state, and tribal government clients across the country. He is currently serving as the project manager for 12 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates in North Carolina.