

ALLIANCE FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Resilience requires a whole community approach. The Alliance for National & Community Resilience is developing the tools to assist communities in evaluating and improving their resilience.

ANCR'S APPROACH TO RESILIENCE

Citizens and businesses rely on multiple functions present in their community to facilitate daily life. In the face of hazards, many of these community functions become even more important. Additionally, communities function as a complex, interconnected system of systems. Individual systems rarely operate in isolation from one another.

Most communities do not have the tools or resources to effectively evaluate the resilience of these functional areas and thus their overall resilience. ANCR aims to provide the information that communities need to understand and benchmark their current level of resiliency, identify and understand options available to fill gaps and increase resiliency, and to understand the future benefits to be gained by investing in advance of the next hazard event.

Through the development of Community Resilience Benchmarks (CRBMs) for 19 key community functions, ANCR will provide communities with a coordinated, comprehensive tool to help facilitate decision making. Businesses and people can also utilize the tool to decide where to invest and where to live.

These benchmarks are being developed by a team of subject matter experts (SMEs) in each of the functional areas. Where practical, the benchmarks utilize existing standards and guidance to support broad applicability and ease of use.

ABOUT ANCR

ANCR, founded by the International Code Council, U.S. Resiliency Council and the Meridian Institute, is a 501(c)(3) national coalition of public and private sector stakeholders working to advance community resilience. ANCR's primary objective is the development of a system of community benchmarks—the first system of its kind in the United States—that will allow local leaders to easily assess and improve their resilience across all functions of a community. ANCR intends to give communities a voluntary, transparent, usable, and easily understandable self-assessment that helps to showcase their whole community resilience and to provide a simple gauge of how their resilience continues to strengthen.

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Defining (and then achieving) community resilience requires the engagement and commitment of all stakeholders. ANCR seeks financial and technical support from corporations, foundations and organizations that share our recognition that resilient communities are ideal places to live and work. Strong, resilient communities mean that following a hazard event employees are prepared to go back to work, consumers maintain their purchasing power, government continues to provide services, and life gets back to normal.

To join ANCR in its mission to improve the social, organizational and infrastructure resilience of communities, please visit our website (resilientalliance.org) or contact us at ANCR@resilientalliance.org.



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