Accelerating Local Climate Resilience: Building the Case for Strong Federal Support

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Federal Policy Recommendations from Solutions in Practice

- Community at the Forefront
- Land Use and Development
- Cultural Heritage
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience Data
- Disaster Preparedness
- Financing Adaptation and Resilience

Six Guiding Principles
30 Policy Recommendations (with Examples) Across Six Themes

Eight Policy Levers

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Water pump across a closed road in Strong City, Kansas. Courtesy: Steve Samuelson

Kahauiki Micro-grid in Hawaii. Courtesy: GEM$
Federal Policy Levers

**So, what can Congress do?**

- Amend an existing agency, office, or program authorization
- Appropriate funding
- Commission a report
- Create a new agency, office, or program
- Establish interagency and intra-agency coordination
THANK YOU