



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

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# About EESI



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-  **NON-PROFIT**  
Founded in 1984 by a bipartisan Congressional caucus as an independent (i.e., not federally-funded) non-profit organization
-  **NON-PARTISAN**  
Source of non-partisan information on energy and environmental policy development
-  **DIRECT ASSISTANCE**  
In addition to a full portfolio of federal policy work, EESI provides direct assistance to utilities to develop “on-bill financing” programs
-  **SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES**  
Focused on win-win solutions to make our energy, buildings, and transportation sectors sustainable and resilient.

*A Resilient Future for Coastal Communities*

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## A RESILIENT FUTURE FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Federal Policy  
Recommendations from  
Solutions in Practice



### Six Guiding Principles



### 30 Policy Recommendations (with Examples) Across Six Themes

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



### Eight Policy Levers

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## Capacity



Water pump across a closed road in Strong City, Kansas.

Courtesy: Steve Samuelson

## Finance



Kahauiki Micro-grid in Hawaii.

Courtesy: GEM\$

## Coordination



Community visioning session.

Courtesy: Washington Sea Grant

# Federal Policy Levers

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## 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

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