ABSTRACT(S) IN THIS SESSION

URISA Community Resilience Taskforce: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

**ABSTRACT TEXT:** Much has been done by the GIS community in recent years to encourage and facilitate actions that improve community resilience to disaster. However, there remain many challenges that must be overcome to fully realize the potential GIS offers for improving community resilience. The URISA Community Resilience Taskforce is leveraging and expanding on the work of other GIS stakeholder groups, such as NSGIC, over recent years to address the following questions.

- What data need to be collected to inform aspects of community resilience that are currently not available?
- What are the current impediments to data collection and dissemination that support community resilience and what best practices could be implemented that address these issues?
- What mechanisms exist or can be developed to increase awareness and collaboration opportunities between resilience researchers and GIS practitioners?
- How can private GIS providers work effectively with public and non-profit entities to create communities that are more resilient?

Panelists will share findings made by the Taskforce to date as well as solicit input from the audience that will guide the continuing work of the Taskforce.

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