

## 2. The Social Context for Community Resilience

### 2.1. Introduction

Achieving community resilience is a social process; hazard events can damage the built environment, making it difficult for the community to function. This framework provides communities with a methodology to plan for resilience by prioritizing buildings and infrastructure systems based on their importance in supporting the social and economic functions in the community. In other words, *the social and economic functions of a community drive the requirements of the built environment.*

For the purpose of this framework, a community is defined as “people who live, work, learn, and/or play together under the jurisdiction of a governance structure, such as a town, city or county.” However, it is acknowledged that “community” can also refer to groupings of people based on a number of other factors, including geography, demographics, values, common interests or goals, and economics. For example, the five frameworks within the National Preparedness Goal<sup>1</sup> define community as “groups that share goals, values, and institutions. They are not always bound by geographic boundaries or political subdivisions. Instead, they may be faith-based organizations, neighborhood partnerships, advocacy groups, academia, social and community groups, and associations.” However, there is value in defining community by the presence of a local governance structure. It is within this structure that community leaders (both public and private) can come together to make decisions and take steps that improve the resilience of their community.

This chapter can guide community thinking on the social and economic drivers for community resilience of the built environment. This chapter describes the social dimensions of communities, highlighting the needs of community members and the ways in which communities can organize to meet these needs (i.e., via social institutions, or the pattern of beliefs and behaviors that meet basic individual and household needs), while acknowledging that any type of organizational system can foster inequalities among people within a community. This chapter discusses a process of prioritizing social institutions, and in turn, the built environment, when planning for resilience, by identifying the ways social institutions rely on each other and the built environment to function. In an attempt to help communities plan for resilience, this chapter also provides examples of communities that experienced extreme disasters and implemented their own prioritization processes for restoration, reconstruction, and recovery. The chapter concludes with a discussion of the importance of community engagement during the resilience planning process.

### 2.2. Social Dimensions of a Community

The term, community, as defined in this framework, is situated between neighborhoods (which are made up of individuals and families) and states, regions and/or provinces, and the nation. Figure 2-1 shows this organization. Although communities often interact with state, regional, and national entities, this chapter focuses on individuals and families who live within neighborhoods and interact with their local systems, services, and the entities that exist in their communities to meet their needs.

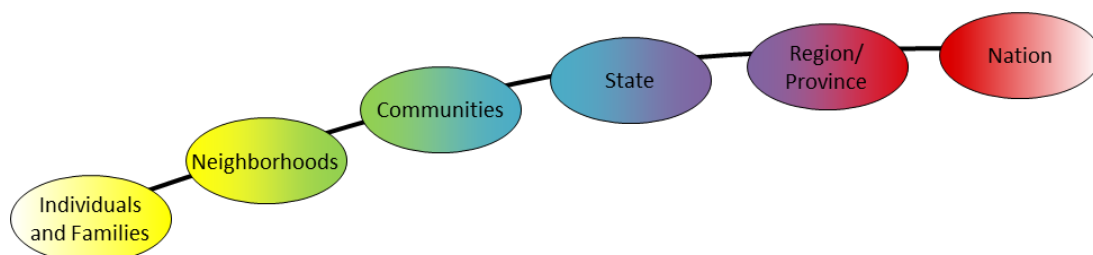


Figure 2-1: Levels of a Community (Adapted from John Plodinec, CARRI, redrawn here)

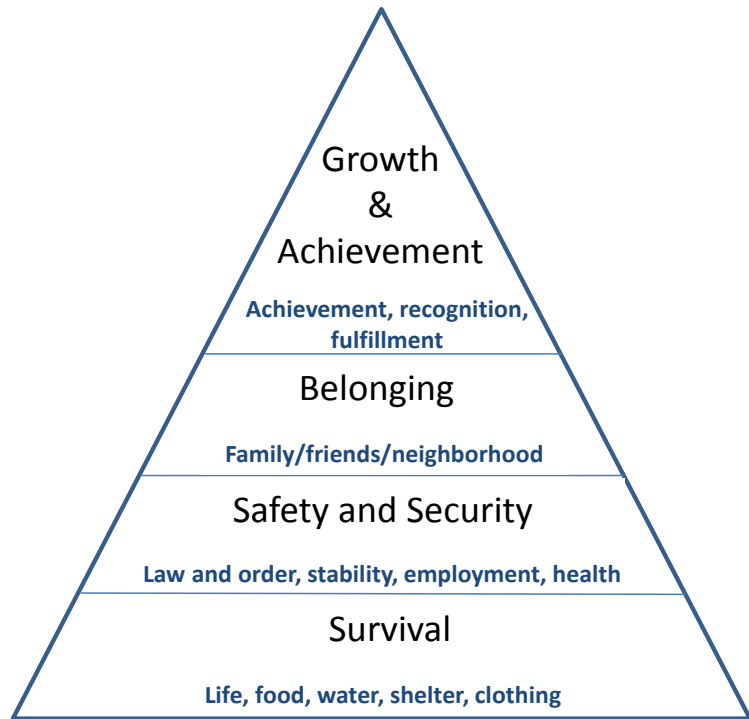
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-goal>

38 **2.2.1. Understanding Needs of Community Members**

39 Individuals and households in any community have a set of needs they strive to meet on a daily basis.  
 40 Figure 2-2 presents these individual/household needs in a hierarchical manner, showing the most  
 41 fundamental needs at the bottom (survival).<sup>2</sup> Although there are more detailed conceptual models that  
 42 discuss human needs (e.g., see Max-Neef 1991) this approach – adapted from Maslow’s Hierarchy of  
 43 Needs (1943) – captures the most essential dimensions with which this chapter is concerned.

44 The first and most fundamental need is  
 45 that of survival. Survival includes  
 46 necessary physical requirements, such  
 47 as air, water, food, shelter, and  
 48 clothing. If these needs are not met, the  
 49 human body cannot sustain life –  
 50 people cannot live longer than 5 days  
 51 without water and 6 weeks without  
 52 food (assuming inadequate water  
 53 supply).<sup>3</sup> Survival also includes  
 54 protection of life from the  
 55 aforementioned disasters.

56 The second need, safety and security,  
 57 includes all aspects of personal,  
 58 financial (economic) security, and  
 59 health and well-being. People require  
 60 safety and security in their personal  
 61 lives from situations of violence,  
 62 physical/verbal abuse, war, etc. They  
 63 also must know their families and  
 64 friendship networks are secure.  
 65 Individuals need financial safety (e.g.,  
 66 job security, a consistent income,  
 67 savings accounts, insurance policies,  
 68 and other types of financial safety nets). Studies of disasters during the recovery phase<sup>4,5</sup> show that people  
 69 are likely to relocate to another community in search of new employment<sup>6</sup> and/or economic gain (e.g.,  
 70 higher wages)<sup>7</sup>, or because they lost access to their non-liquid assets (e.g., farm land or fishing boats).<sup>8,9</sup>



**Figure 2-2: The hierarchy of human needs (Adapted from Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs – a psychological perspective)**

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs – from a psychological perspective

<sup>3</sup> Scientific American. <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-long-can-a-person-sur/>

<sup>4</sup> Dickinson, Simon Bernard. 2013. *Post-Disaster Mobilities: Exploring household relocation after the Canterbury Earthquakes*. M.S. Thesis, Department of Geography, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ.

<sup>5</sup> Binder, Sherri Brokopp. 2014. *Resilience and Postdisaster Relocation: A study of New York’s home buyout plan in the wake of Hurricane Sandy*. PhD Thesis, Department of Psychology, University of Hawaii, US.

<sup>6</sup> Sanders, S., Bowie, S., & Bowie, Y. (2003). Lessons learned on forced relocation of older adults: The impact of Hurricane Andrew on health, mental health, and social support of public housing residents. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 40 [4], 23-35; Fraser, J. C., Doyle, M. W., & Young, H. (2006). Creating Effective Flood Mitigation Policies. *Eos*, 87(27), 265–270; Hunter, L. M. (2005). Migration and Environmental Hazards. *Population and environment*, 26(4), 273–302. doi:10.1007/s11111-005-3343-x.

<sup>7</sup> Belcher, J., & Bates, F. (1983). Aftermath of natural disasters: Coping through residential mobility. *Disasters*, 7 [2], 118-128.

<sup>8</sup> Black, R., Kniveton, D., Skeldon, R., Coppard, D., Murata, A., & Schmidt-Verkerk, K. (2008). *Demographics and Climate Change: Future Trends and their Policy Implications for Migration*. Retrieved from <http://r4d.dfid.gov.uk/PDF/Outputs/MigrationGlobPov/WP- T27.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> Gray, C., Frankenberg, E., Gillespie, T., Sumantri, C., & Thomas, D. (2009). *Population Displacement and Mobility in Sumatra after the Tsunami*. Retrieved from <http://iussp2009.princeton.edu/papers/90318>.

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71 These studies emphasize the importance of providing employment and financial security to those within a  
72 community. Finally, people require safety from negative health conditions, so they can enjoy life and  
73 consistent well-being in their communities.

74 The third need is belonging, which can represent belonging and acceptance among various groups of  
75 people (e.g., family, friends, school groups, sports teams, work colleagues, religious congregation) or  
76 belonging to a place or location. In relation to groups of people, experts often discuss the concept of  
77 social capital within a community. Social capital describes the networks and relationships that connect  
78 members of a community<sup>10</sup>, including the extensiveness and interconnectedness of social networks within  
79 the community, levels of civic engagement, and interpersonal, inter-organizational, and institutional  
80 trust.<sup>11,12</sup> Research into disaster recovery shows that the likelihood of people leaving a community  
81 increases when social networks are lost<sup>9</sup>, showing the importance of a sense of belonging within a  
82 community.

83 In relation to place, disaster research demonstrates that individuals benefit from a strong sense of  
84 belonging to a place, which inhibits their desire to relocate after a disaster.<sup>13,14</sup> A strong place attachment  
85 or sense of belonging to a place can be influenced by, for example, home ownership or having strong,  
86 extensive social networks within the community.

87 *[Note to reviewers: In a future draft, this section will be expanded, especially the importance of social*  
88 *capital within a community and what that might mean for different places around the U.S.]*

89 The fourth need, at the top of Figure 2-2, is labeled “growth and achievement.” Humans need to feel a  
90 sense of achievement and that they are respected in society. In the figure, this need is accompanied by a  
91 need for continual growth and exploration within society, including an individual’s ability to realize  
92 his/her full potential – to accomplish all that he/she can – within his/her lifetime. Although these needs  
93 may seem less tangible than others, growth and achievement are as important as other needs, often being  
94 accomplished through educational achievement and/or participation in arts and recreation.

95 Maslow’s hierarchy, supported by research studies from disaster recovery, identifies the functions of a  
96 resilient community.<sup>15</sup> For example, based on the hierarchy of needs, a resilient community: 1) safeguards  
97 human life; 2) delivers basic needs; 3) provides safety and security from a personal, financial, and  
98 health/well-being perspective; 4) facilitates human relationships and identification (with groups and to a  
99 place); and 5) supports growth and achievement. Communities perform all of these functions through  
100 social institutions.

#### 101 **2.2.2. Social Institutions Common to all Communities**

102 A social institution is a complex, organized pattern of beliefs and behaviors that meets basic individual  
103 and household needs. Traditional studies identify five major institutions as common to all societies: 1)  
104 family, 2) education, 3) government, 4) religion, and 5) economy – each of which is overlapping and  
105 interdependent. Recent conceptualizations include broader notions of each institution, identifying  
106 additional types of social institutions. This chapter describes eight social institutions:

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<sup>10</sup> Reference the work of Robert Putnam and Daniel Aldrich’s book on the topic Building Resilience.

<sup>11</sup> National Research Council of the National Academies. 2006. Facing Hazards and Disasters; Understanding human dimensions, National Academies Press, Washington, DC.

<sup>12</sup> Aldrich, D.P. and M.A. Meyer. 2014. “Social Capital and Community Resilience” American Behavioral Scientist, Published online 1 October 2014.

<sup>13</sup> Groen, J. A. and A.E. Polivka. 2009. *Going Home after Hurricane Katrina: Determinants of Return Migration and Changes in Affected Areas*. Working Paper 428. BLS Working papers, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>14</sup> Cutter, S.L., K.D. Ash, C.T. Emrich. 2014. “The geographies of community disaster resilience” *Global Environmental Change*, Volume 29, Pages 65-77.

<sup>15</sup> City Resilience Framework. April 2014. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959378014001459>.

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- 107 1. Family and Kinship
- 108 2. Economic
- 109 3. Government
- 110 4. Health Care
- 111 5. Education
- 112 6. Community Service Organizations
- 113 7. Religious Organizations and Others that Support Belief Systems
- 114 8. Media

115 Generally, these institutions satisfy the basic needs of society by defining dominant social values,  
116 socializing individuals, establishing patterns of social behavior, and providing roles for individuals. In  
117 doing so, institutions contribute to the welfare of society by preserving social order and supporting other  
118 institutions.<sup>16</sup> Sections 2.2.2.1 through 2.2.2.8 summarize the socially-based purposes and functions each  
119 institution serves in communities, as well as the human needs they meet in the context of Maslow's  
120 hierarchy.

#### 121 **2.2.2.1. Family and Kinship**

122 Family is the first institution to which we are exposed within a community. Within a family, an individual  
123 can learn about the world and the importance of love, care, and a sense of belonging. The family unit is  
124 typically defined as a relationship between two or more people who are related by birth, marriage, or  
125 adoption. However, it is difficult to define fully what is meant by the term "family," since our  
126 understanding varies across cultures and over time. We might consider only those within our family of  
127 origin as part of our family unit, even limiting the family unit to those living in the same residence.<sup>17</sup>  
128 More often, however, our definition of family broadens to include extended family members (e.g.,  
129 grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins), or even long-time friends, friends of family, or other individuals  
130 who are not related by blood or marriage. Tight, close-knit bonds are developed within family/kinship  
131 units that, among other factors, can determine a community's level of resilience in response to a  
132 hazard/disaster event.<sup>18</sup>

133 Proximity of family members to one another is also an important consideration. Family members may  
134 live within the same residence or different residences within the same community, providing larger  
135 numbers of close-knit groups within a community to respond and recover from an event. In other cases,  
136 family members may live in different geographical parts of the world. While such distance may decrease  
137 the opportunity for social capital, it provides additional sheltering options to family members who wish to  
138 evacuate a community that has been disrupted by a hazard event, either temporarily or permanently.

139 Family or kinship units exist to support all human needs in Maslow's hierarchy, from the very basic needs  
140 to the need for growth and achievement. It is the responsibility of the family or kinship unit to provide

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<sup>16</sup> Notably, this description is primarily a functionalist characterization of social institutions, which may be met with some criticism. For example, the functionalist perspective tends to dismiss the role of human agency with respect to institutions and focuses on maintenance of the status quo – which are necessary in creating and supporting resilience. Readers are encouraged to consider social institutions to better understand which ways social needs are linked to and rely upon the built environment, rather than employing a strict functionalist approach.

<sup>17</sup> "The Concept of The Family: Demographic and Genealogical Perspectives" by Charles B. Nam: <http://www.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday/v22/family.htm>

<sup>18</sup> Aldrich, D.P. and M.A. Meyer. 2014. "Social Capital and Community Resilience" American Behavioral Scientist, Published online 1 October 2014. Ritchie, L.A. and Gill, D.A. Forthcoming. "The Role of Social Capital in Community Disaster Resilience." Invited book chapter for *The Resiliency Challenge: Transforming Theory to Reality*. Virginia Tech Center for Community Security and Resilience.

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141 support and resources to meet survival, safety and security, belonging and acceptance, and growth and  
142 achievement needs.

143 **2.2.2.2. Economic**

144 Economic institutions facilitate the allocation of scarce resources across society. Producers and suppliers  
145 combine factors of production (e.g., land, labor, and capital) to create goods and services that meet the  
146 needs and desires of consumers. The availability of production factors, along with the demand of  
147 consumers, determines the final mix of goods and services produced, supplied, and consumed.

148 The economy is a mechanism by which most human needs are satisfied. While not all needs are provided  
149 for, the economy produces goods and services that fulfill some element of survival, safety and security,  
150 belonging, and growth and achievement from Maslow’s hierarchy. Some needs are met through the direct  
151 consumption of goods and services (e.g., food and shelter). Other needs are satisfied as a result of a  
152 functioning economy. For example, employment affords individuals the means to provide, but also can  
153 afford opportunities for (career) growth and achievement. Further, many commercial and for-profit  
154 venues (such as colleges, shopping malls, barbershops, and restaurants) facilitate the social gatherings of  
155 individuals with shared interests and life experiences, providing people with a sense of belonging. It is  
156 obvious then, that the pursuit of economic interests also creates values that have no market; yet, these  
157 potentially large, non-market values are also vulnerable to disasters.

158 **Good Production and Service Supply.** Industries within the economy are classified by their production or  
159 supply role. Three economic sectors exist: primary, secondary, and tertiary.

- 160 • *Primary Economic Sector:* this sector includes producers of raw materials, such as the  
161 agriculture, forestry, fishing, and mining industries. In 2011, these industries represented 3.1% of  
162 U.S. gross domestic product.<sup>19</sup>
- 163 • *Secondary Economic Sector:* This sector includes producers of goods, such as the manufacturing  
164 and construction industries. In 2011, these industries represented 15.9% of U.S. gross domestic  
165 product.
- 166 • *Tertiary Economic Sector:* This sector includes suppliers of services, such as utilities, wholesale  
167 and retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, professional and  
168 business services, education services, health care and social assistance, leisure and hospitality,  
169 other services, and federal, state, and local government. In 2011, these industries represented  
170 81.0% of U.S. gross domestic product.

171 **Labor Supply.** Of the 316 million people in the U.S. in 2013, approximately 144 million were employed,  
172 with around 11 million, aged 16 and over, unemployed (Table 2-1). Unemployed individuals are those  
173 that do not have a job, have recently looked for work, and are able to work. Industries that have low  
174 unemployment and high weekly hours might find it difficult to handle a disruption. For example, mining,  
175 quarrying, and oil and gas extraction has few unemployed individuals, who are likely spread out over a  
176 large area. Additionally, they work long hours compared to other industries. This situation might make it  
177 difficult for this industry to adapt to a disruption as few workers can fill in and the workers in place could  
178 not increase their hours by as much as other industries.

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<sup>19</sup> Gross domestic product (GDP) is the market value of goods and services produced by labor and capital in a country. In 2011, U.S. GDP measured \$15.1 trillion.



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*Table 2-1: U.S. Employment Characteristics, 2013 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015)*

	Employed (Thousands)	Unemployed (Thousands)	Avg Wkly Hours	Avg Hourly Earnings
Agriculture and related	2 130	141	-	-
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	1 065	64	43.90	29.73
Construction	9 271	935	39.00	26.12
Manufacturing	14 869	1 019	40.80	24.35
Wholesale and retail trade	19 653	1 463	35.05 *	22.13 *
Transportation and utilities	7 415	406	40.45 **	28.77 **
Information	2 960	175	36.70	32.90
Financial activities	9 849	424	37.10	30.15
Professional and business services	16 793	1 284	36.10	28.52
Education and health services	32 535	1 098	32.70	24.44
Leisure and hospitality	13 554	1 379	26.00	13.50
Other services	7 127	445	31.70	21.40
Public administration/Government	6 708	851	-	-
Self-employed, family, and other	-	1 774	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>143 929</b>	<b>11 458</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

\* Average of wholesale trade and retail trade

\*\* Average of transportation/warehousing and utilities

181 *Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Current Population Survey. <www.bls.gov>*

182 **Consumer Demand.** In 2013, personal consumption expenditures amounted to \$11.5 trillion or 68% of  
183 GDP, while investment amounted to \$2.6 trillion (16% of GDP). Government consumption amounted to  
184 \$3.1 trillion (19% of GDP), and net exports were \$-508.2 billion. As seen in Table 2-2, approximately a  
185 third of personal consumption expenditures went toward goods, while the rest went towards services.

*Table 2-2: Consumption Expenditures as a Percent of Total, by Type of Product (2013)*

Goods	34%	Services	66%
• Durable goods	11%	• Household consumption	64%
▪ Motor vehicles and parts	4%	▪ Housing and utilities	18%
▪ Furnishings and household equipment	2%	▪ Health care	17%
▪ Recreational goods and vehicles	3%	▪ Transportation services	3%
▪ Other durable goods	2%	▪ Recreation services	4%
• Nondurable goods	23%	▪ Food services and accommodations	6%
▪ Food and beverages (off-premises)	8%	▪ Financial services and insurance	7%
▪ Clothing and footwear	3%	▪ Other services	9%
▪ Gasoline and other energy goods	4%	• Consumption expenditures of nonprofit institutions serving households	3%
▪ Other nondurable goods	8%		

187 **2.2.2.3. Government**

188 Governments exist at the national, state, and local levels to write, execute, and interpret and enforce laws  
189 and regulations. The government acts as a mechanism by which human needs are satisfied, many of  
190 which are not provided for in the private market due to inefficiencies. The government's roles and  
191 functions are typically divided across the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Laws, regulations,  
192 and services provided by the government protect life and property, preserve peace and well-being,  
193 strengthen group identity and norms, and define social and economic goals for the future. In response to a  
194 disaster, the government may provide for many of Maslow's needs, starting with the necessities of food,  
195 water, and shelter and extending through safety and security. However, the governmental entity providing

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196 service may shift during a disaster from federal to local, or even necessitate change from private to public,  
197 for example; and such shifts could alter local reliance on the built environment.

198 Local governments, which are the focus of this framework, are made up of general and specific purpose  
199 entities. General purpose entities include county, municipal, and township governments. Specific purpose  
200 entities are more singular in function, such as school districts. In 2012, there were 90,059 local  
201 governments, with 43% serving a general purpose.<sup>20</sup>

202 **Community Development.** Community development is a major issue for local communities. Community  
203 development largely consists of attracting and retaining businesses and jobs, enhancing local amenities,  
204 addressing poverty and inequality, and maintaining the quality of the local environment. Communities  
205 that cannot attract and retain businesses and jobs tend to fare more poorly after disasters than  
206 communities that can. Generally, a community that cannot attract and retain businesses and jobs is in  
207 decline.

208 For most cities, local revenue sources consist of some combination of property and sales tax. Sales tax  
209 revenue is increased by attracting commercial businesses and jobs. Property tax revenue is generally  
210 increased by rising property values. Improving disaster resilience can help increase property values, since  
211 a reduction in losses that a property owner will suffer increases the value of that property to the owner.

212 **Poverty & Income Distribution.** Poverty and income distribution are also a major concern of local  
213 communities. Many projects communities pursue are aimed at decreasing poverty in their neighborhoods;  
214 and many external funding sources available to communities are aimed at alleviating poverty. These  
215 issues intersect with disaster resilience in that the disadvantaged are often most vulnerable to disasters.  
216 Improving disaster resilience often starts with protecting the disadvantaged.

217 Local communities often hope to improve the quality of life for residents by developing and improving  
218 local amenities. Often communities hope that improving local amenities will indirectly attract and retain  
219 businesses and jobs. Providing local services is a core function of local governments. In particular, local  
220 governments typically supply schools, roads and public safety. Public safety and roads directly impact the  
221 resilience of a community in the face of hazards. Schools serve as an amenity that can attract jobs and  
222 businesses.

223 **Sustainability.** Local governments are interested in ensuring their communities are sustainable, via two  
224 distinct ideas. First, local governments hope to protect and improve their environments. Being “green”  
225 and maintaining a small footprint are important to local communities. In turn, these can impact disaster  
226 resilience. Second, local governments strive for a vibrant and thriving economy. Communities with weak  
227 economies tend to fare poorly, relative to those with stronger economies, after disasters.

#### 228 **2.2.2.4. Health Care**

229 Health is a “state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of  
230 disease or infirmity.”<sup>21</sup> Health care is the social institution within a community that specializes in  
231 promoting, monitoring, maintaining, and restoring health.<sup>22</sup> According to the World Health Organization,  
232 regardless of how they are organized, all health systems have to carry out six basic functions: 1) provide  
233 health services; 2) develop health workers; 3) develop a functioning health information system; 4) provide  
234 equitable access to essential medical products, vaccines, and technologies; 5) mobilize and allocate  
235 finances; and 6) ensure leadership and governance.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> [http://www2.census.gov/govs/cog/g12\\_org.pdf](http://www2.census.gov/govs/cog/g12_org.pdf)

<sup>21</sup> Preamble to the Constitution of the World Health Organization as adopted by the International Health Conference, New York, 19-22 June, 1946; signed on 22 July 1946 by the representatives of 61 States (Official Records of the World Health Organization, no. 2, p. 100) and entered into force on 7 April 1948.

<sup>22</sup> WHO framework: [http://www.who.int/healthsystems/strategy/everybodys\\_business.pdf](http://www.who.int/healthsystems/strategy/everybodys_business.pdf).

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236 The health care institution primarily meets the survival, and safety and security needs of Maslow's  
237 hierarchy. However, a community may consider that, through obtaining a higher level of well-being for  
238 its members, a strong community-based health care system can assist with the need for belonging as well  
239 as growth and achievement.

240 Health care systems consist of a complex and diverse set of players. Many individuals and organizations  
241 are involved in the health care system, including educational and research institutions, medical suppliers,  
242 insurers, health care providers, payers (e.g., commercial insurers and employers), claims processors, and  
243 regulators/policy makers.<sup>23</sup> Within the health care system, many of these groups can fall under other  
244 institutions that are discussed in this section, including education, the economy, and government.

245 The different types of services delivered by health care providers within a community, however, are  
246 unique to the healthcare institution:<sup>23,24</sup>

- 247 • **Preventative care** – aims to prevent future injury or illness, including blood pressure, diabetes  
248 and cholesterol tests, cancer screenings, counseling on topics such as quitting smoking or losing  
249 weight, routine vaccinations, counseling, screening and vaccinations to ensure healthy  
250 pregnancies, and flu shots<sup>25</sup>
- 251 • **Primary care** – provides integrated health care services aimed at providing the patient with a  
252 broad spectrum of preventative and curative care over a period of time<sup>26</sup>
- 253 • **Specialized care** – provides specialized care by physicians trained in a particular field (e.g.,  
254 neurology, cardiology, dermatology, etc.), usually upon referral from primary care<sup>27</sup>
- 255 • **Chronic or long-term care** – addresses pre-existing or long-term illness
- 256 • **Sub-acute care** – needed by a patients who do not require hospital care (acute care), yet need  
257 more intensive skilled nursing care<sup>28</sup>
- 258 • **Acute care** – addresses short-term or severe illness with a shorter timeframe (i.e., emergency  
259 care)
- 260 • **Rehabilitative care** – aids a person in restoring lost skills or function from an injury or illness  
261 (physical or mental)
- 262 • **End-of-life care** – care for those facing a life-limiting illness or injury
- 263 • **Mental or behavioral health care** – treating health conditions that “are characterized by  
264 alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with distress  
265 and/or impaired functioning.”<sup>29</sup> Depression is the most common mental illness. Experts believe  
266 depression will be the second leading cause of disability throughout the world by 2020.<sup>30</sup>

267 An element of each of these services can include prescription of medication to patients, highlighting the  
268 increasing importance of pharmacy services and staff.

269 One important difference among all health care services is the urgency of care. Some services, for  
270 example, acute and chronic or long-term care (i.e., assisted living facilities, nursing homes, adult homes),

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<sup>23</sup> Shi, Leiyu and Douglas A. Singh 2008. Delivering Health Care in America: A systems approach. Jones & Bartlett Learning, ...

<sup>24</sup> Module 5: Healthcare Systems, US Healthcare Delivery Systems (Appropriate reference needed for this presentation), link:  
<http://www.aptrweb.org/?page=module5>.

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/rights/preventive-care/>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.medicinenet.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=5042>

<sup>27</sup> [http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/patient\\_care/pay\\_bill/insurance\\_footnotes.html](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/patient_care/pay_bill/insurance_footnotes.html)

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/SubacuteCare.aspx>

<sup>29</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General*. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, 1999.

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/basics.htm>



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271 provide patients with critical, life-saving care. Each community must assess health care services provided  
272 to its members and assign priority to those services rated as most critical.

#### 273 **2.2.2.5. Education**

274 Education is the primary social institution dedicated to the transfer of knowledge, skills, and values from  
275 one individual or group to another. Typically, when one thinks of education, formal education comes to  
276 mind. Formal education can begin in nursery school, and continues through primary and secondary school  
277 – often referred to as elementary, middle, and high schools. Formal education also includes higher  
278 education in colleges and universities.

279 Formal education typically exposes young people to societal norms, customs, and ideologies; provides a  
280 means for cultural innovation and social integration; and facilitates their understanding of social roles. By  
281 its very nature, formal education serves the secondary, but equally important, functions of providing  
282 childcare for one-parent or two-career families and establishing social networks.

283 Knowledge, skills, and values transfer in other ways within the education institution, including adult  
284 education (or continuing education), special education, and informal education. Adult education provides  
285 educational programs or courses for adults who are out of the formal education system. Adult education  
286 ranges from basic literacy to personal fulfillment (e.g., culinary or language classes) to attainment of an  
287 advanced degree.<sup>31</sup> Special education provides “specifically-designed instruction to meet the unique needs  
288 of a child [or adult] with a disability.”<sup>32</sup> Finally, informal education can include any other means of  
289 knowledge, skills, or value transfer, including visiting museums, reading books, attending book clubs, or  
290 participating in recreational classes or demonstrations.

291 The educational institution primarily meets the growth and achievement needs of Maslow’s hierarchy.  
292 However, attending any of the forms of education, described in the preceding paragraphs, satisfies an  
293 individual’s need for belonging. Additionally, formal educational institutions provide meals to children in  
294 nursery, primary, and secondary schools, meeting the survival need.

#### 295 **2.2.2.6. Community Service Organizations**

296 Community service organizations (CSOs) are non-profit and non-governmental entities of varying sizes  
297 and missions that provide services to individuals around the U.S. It is important to note here that, while  
298 organizations such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army – which are active in disaster-related  
299 response and recovery efforts – may be considered CSOs, this section also considers organizations that do  
300 not necessarily have a disaster-related focus as part of their missions. Generally speaking, these  
301 organizations tend to operate at a local level, often relying on volunteers to support minimal full-time  
302 staff. CSOs typically focus in the arenas of human services, natural environment conservation or  
303 restoration, and urban safety and revitalization.<sup>33</sup> At the most fundamental level, CSOs may assist  
304 individuals in meeting basic needs, such as shelter, food, and clothing, as well as provide emotional and  
305 mental health support. They may also enhance the overall quality of life in a community by engaging in  
306 work related to neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, food security, accessible transportation,  
307 senior citizens associations, community sustainability, humanitarian/disaster response, medical relief  
308 funds, after school programs, youth homes and centers, skill building and education, and civic  
309 engagement.

310 With respect to Maslow’s hierarchy, CSOs address human needs related to survival, safety and security,  
311 belonging, and growth and achievement. The nature of the needs met by any given CSO depends on its  
312 mission and the people it serves. In many cases, CSOs fulfill daily needs of survival, safety and security,

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<sup>31</sup> <http://adulthood.about.com/od/whatisadultlearning/p/whatisadulteducation.htm>

<sup>32</sup> <http://idea.ed.gov/explore/view/p/.root,regs.300.A.300%252E39>,

<sup>33</sup> <http://eder671nonprofit.pbworks.com/w/page/18541471/CBOs%20-%20Introduction>

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313 belonging, and growth and achievement for the elderly, people living in poverty, racial and ethnic  
314 minority groups, people with disabilities, and those suffering from chronic debilitating illness. These  
315 needs may not otherwise be met by traditional family and kinship groups. Other types of CSOs, such as  
316 civic, social, and recreational clubs (e.g., Rotary Clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs, after school programs) are  
317 more likely to meet, on a regular basis, the needs associated with belonging and growth and achievement,  
318 rather than meeting basic needs. CSOs that comprise this social institution depend upon other social  
319 institutions, as well as on the built environment.

#### 320 **2.2.2.7. Religious Organizations and Others that Support Belief Systems**

321 This section addresses social institutions, including religious organizations, as well as other groups that  
322 support various belief systems, such as philosophies, ideologies, and science. From a traditional  
323 sociological perspective, religion is one of society's fundamental institutions.

324 As an institution, religion involves shared patterns of beliefs and behaviors that bring people together,  
325 helping them to understand the meaning and purpose of life. Religion is additionally characterized as  
326 groups that provide a sense of solidarity and common purpose.<sup>34</sup> Generally, the institution of religion  
327 facilitates social cohesion, emotional support, and social control, in addition to serving as an instrument  
328 for socialization and providing answers for unexplained natural phenomena. Organizations, other than  
329 religious, that support belief systems serve a similar function.

330 As an institution, organizations that support belief systems primarily meet the belonging and growth and  
331 achievement needs identified by Maslow. In some cases, they also address basic survival needs by  
332 providing food and shelter.

#### 333 **2.2.2.8. Media**

334 Mass media refers to the channels of communication that, in some way, disseminate information to large  
335 numbers of people. A channel or form of communication is often referred to as "one-to-many" in that one  
336 person (for example, the author of a book) communicates his/her information to an audience of many. The  
337 communication is one-way, as there is rarely an ability to provide feedback to the author.<sup>35</sup> Mass media  
338 requires a vehicle – often print media (e.g., newspaper, books, magazines), radio, television, cable, and  
339 telecommunications (e.g., internet sites).

340 Within the last 25 years, the opportunity for many-to-many communication was created with development  
341 of computer networks. Internet chatrooms, peer-to-peer networks, and social network media provide  
342 means for mass audiences to simultaneously interact and communicate with each other.

343 The mass media institution has four main functions and four additional sub-functions. The main four  
344 functions are: dissemination of information, education of the masses (directly or indirectly, via  
345 documentaries, interviews, etc.), entertainment, and persuasion. Additional sub-functions include  
346 surveillance (watching society to warn about threatening actions); interpretation (supplying data and facts,  
347 explaining and interpreting events and situations); linkages, joining together other types of social  
348 institutions (Section 2.5.1); and socialization or the transmission of culture.<sup>36</sup>

349 The media connects individuals with information from around the world, the nation, the state, and the  
350 local community. Most communities have local media outlets that disseminate information about local  
351 conditions on a daily basis, via local newspapers, websites, magazines, radio stations, and/or television.  
352 Additionally, some local communities house main offices or headquarters of world-, national-, or state-  
353 level news outlets. For example, CNN's world headquarters is located in Atlanta, GA.

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<sup>34</sup> <https://globalsociology.pbworks.com/w/page/14711247/Religion>

<sup>35</sup> [http://www.sociology.org.uk/media\\_defined.pdf](http://www.sociology.org.uk/media_defined.pdf)

<sup>36</sup> <http://theonlinemedia.blogspot.com/2012/06/functions-of-mass-media.html>

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354 When a hazard event occurs, information about the event can come from any level of mass media.  
355 Depending upon the hazard event's lead or warning time, all levels of news outlets often rush to the  
356 location provide coverage. For hazard events with little or no lead-time, local media broadcasters and  
357 writers are often first on scene; however, within hours or days, media outlets from around the world  
358 converge to cover the story. It is not until days – or even weeks – after an event, when all larger-scale  
359 media outlets have left the area, that the dissemination of response and recovery information falls solely  
360 to local media sources.

361 The media institution, at all levels, meets many of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. First, media meets safety  
362 and security needs, by providing information, interpretation and surveillance to the masses. Additionally,  
363 via its socialization function, it promotes belonging among its audience. Finally, the media institution  
364 meets the need for growth and achievement by educating and entertaining society.

365 **2.2.3. Social Vulnerabilities and Disasters**

366 In thinking about the roles of institutions in a community, it is important to recognize and address social  
367 vulnerability and inequity. Not all people use these systems and/or have access to community systems in  
368 the same ways. Therefore, the needs of everyone likely to be affected in a disaster (or on a day-to-day  
369 basis), such as the elderly, people living in poverty, racial and ethnic minority groups, disabled, and those  
370 suffering from chronic illness, may not be addressed. In addition, renters, students, single-parent families,  
371 small business owners, culturally diverse groups, and historic neighborhoods may not be adequately  
372 represented.<sup>37</sup> Therefore, interactions of individuals/households with community systems can introduce  
373 inequalities among certain subpopulations of a community.

374 These inequalities tend to worsen in the context of a disaster. Specifically, a large and growing body of  
375 empirical research on hazards and disasters shows that risk is not distributed or shared equally across all  
376 groups.<sup>37</sup> Pre-disaster vulnerability, inherent in social institutions, may negatively impact response,  
377 recovery, and resilience following a disaster event. For example, some individuals and groups face greater  
378 risks than others based upon where they are located in the community, the buildings in which they are  
379 located (e.g., inferior housing), or having to rely only on public transportation. These groups are also  
380 more likely to be marginalized from the political process, with little voice in disaster planning, response,  
381 and recovery activities.

382 *[Note to reviewers: Additional text will be added here (i.e., Paton, Phillips Chapter 2, specifically noting*  
383 *that vulnerable populations bring resources to the table – e.g., Community and advocacy groups*  
384 *represent important sources of information and links to particular populations); Will also mention that*  
385 *community engagement and its importance is discussed at length later in this chapter.]*

386 Vulnerability and inequity are mentioned here to ensure all community members and their resources (or  
387 lack of resources) are considered when planning for resilience. Community leaders should identify those  
388 populations who are most affected – not only in and after a disaster, but also on a day-to-day basis, to  
389 make resilience-based decisions that improve life-safety and the well-being of all community members.  
390 Communities can assess their social vulnerability using a variety of tools, including the Social  
391 Vulnerability Index,<sup>38</sup> and obtain further information on vulnerable populations here.<sup>37</sup>

392 **2.3. Prioritization of Social Institutions and their Functions**

393 The previous section (2.2) of this chapter discussed the social dimensions of a community, including  
394 individuals, families, neighborhoods, and the social institutions that exist to support the needs of  
395 community members. Additionally, Section 2.2.3 draws attention to the fact that not all community

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<sup>37</sup> Phillips, Brenda. 2009. *Disaster Recovery*. Boca Raton, FL: Taylor and Francis CRC Press.

<sup>38</sup> Reference to the Social Vulnerability Index (University of South Carolina): <http://webra.cas.sc.edu/hvri/products/sovi.aspx>

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396 members have equal access to social institutions. Overall, this chapter described eight social institutions  
397 in detail, including their functions, services, and the ways they meet particular needs from Maslow’s  
398 hierarchy.

399 It is important to understand the types of social institutions present in a community, especially in  
400 resilience planning, because hazard events can interrupt the functions of these institutions. Hazards can  
401 damage the built environment, making it more difficult for the community, and in turn, its social  
402 institutions, to function. However, social institutions may not all carry the same weight within a  
403 community – in that they meet different needs of communities in different ways, and some needs (as  
404 shown by Maslow’s hierarchy) are more urgent than others, especially immediately after an extreme  
405 event. Therefore, the community must decide which social institutions (or aspects of those institutions)  
406 are required to function without interruption after a disaster (e.g., critical health care), while others can  
407 withstand partial functioning for some previously designated period of time (e.g., education). These types  
408 of decisions are made by the community when planning for resilience.

409 To help communities prioritize their social institutions, functions, and, in turn, their buildings and  
410 infrastructure systems, communities must answer the following questions: 1) *How do social institutions*  
411 *rely on the built environment to function?* and 2) *How do social institutions rely on one another to*  
412 *function?*

413 First, note that not all social institutions rely on the built environment in the same way. Some institutions  
414 rely more heavily on the built environment (for example health care via hospitals or other specialized  
415 buildings), while other institutions are less reliant. A religious congregation, for example, does not require  
416 a building in which to gather or worship.

417 Second, social institutions rely on one another to function as well. This reliance is called  
418 “interdependencies” among social institutions. Even within particular institutions, such as the economic  
419 or government institutions, industries/entities rely on each another to perform their functions.  
420 Communities should understand this interconnectedness when planning for resilience.

421 The following two sections discuss the ways in which social institutions rely on the built environment  
422 (Section 2.3.1) and each other (Section 2.3.2). In each case, for each social institution, we provide  
423 examples of linkages.

424 **2.3.1. Dependence of Social Institutions on the Built Environment**

425 The built environment supports many of the functions of social institutions within a community. It is  
426 important that a community’s own social institutions identify the ways in which the built environment  
427 supports each institution’s functions. Each of the following sections offers several examples of linkages  
428 between social institutions and the built environment, specifically buildings, transportation,  
429 water/wastewater, power/energy, and communication systems under normal circumstances. Additional  
430 examples are provided to explore additional linkages between social institutions and the built  
431 environment in the event of a disaster.

432 **2.3.1.1. Family and Kinship**

433 In meeting the needs of Maslow’s hierarchy, members of the family unit rely on one another and other  
434 social institutions, as well as on the built environment. The family institution relies directly on the built  
435 environment for housing and protection to meet its survival needs. Members of the family unit also rely  
436 on the built environment to communicate with one another, to meet its safety and security, belonging, and  
437 growth and achievement needs.

438 Table 2-1 provides examples of the ways the family and kinship institution relies on the built environment  
439 on a regular, day-to-day basis. In a disaster, additional links between family and the built environment can  
440 be made, including the link between transportation and family for evacuation, or the link between

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441 communication and family to establish situational awareness about family members' safety after a hazard  
442 event occurs. Additionally, transportation and communication can be used to reunite family members  
443 following an event.

#### 444 **2.3.1.2. Economic**

445 The built environment is integral to the U.S. economy. For example, buildings house manufacturing  
446 facilities, raw material processing plants, office space, commercial retail sales points, the workforce, and  
447 consumers. Water and power systems are used to create goods and services. Transportation is used to  
448 distribute raw materials and intermediate goods to producers and final goods to consumers.  
449 Communication networks transmit supply and demand signals. Components of the built environment also  
450 represent some of the final goods produced from economic activity. The built environment supports  
451 functions of the economy *and* is owned and/or created by it.

452 Structures and critical infrastructure often play several roles in supporting economic activity. For  
453 example, roads support the transport of (1) raw materials to production facilities, (2) final goods to retail  
454 stores, and ultimately, to consumers, and (3) workers to their places of employment. Disruptions to  
455 individual components of the built environment have the potential to ripple through the economy.

456 Table 2-2 through Table 2-6 illustrate some of the ways the built environment supports economic activity.  
457 It is important to acknowledge the role many of these assets play during the response and recovery phases  
458 of a disaster. The availability of goods that support survival (e.g., food and water) is critical during the  
459 response phase, suggesting the importance of functioning stores, and the means to access them. Whereas,  
460 places of employment are vital during the recovery phase by keeping the labor force in place while  
461 maintaining the tax base.

#### 462 **2.3.1.3. Government**

463 Structures and critical infrastructure often play several roles in supporting major government functions.  
464 The government functions are grouped by executive, legislative, and judiciary. Table 2-7 through Table  
465 2-9 show their linkages with the built environment.

466 It is also important to acknowledge the role many of these assets play during the response and recovery  
467 phases of a disaster. Some assets may play an elevated role (e.g., emergency operation centers and police,  
468 fire, and EMS stations) while others may support an entirely different function than during ordinary times  
469 (e.g., schools to support government provided services, such as shelters).

#### 470 **2.3.1.4. Health care**

471 The built environment supports many of the functions provided by the health care institution within a  
472 community. Table 2-10 provides examples of the ways in which the health care institution relies on the  
473 built environment on a regular, day-to-day basis. In a disaster, some functions may shift, increasing the  
474 importance of understanding the links between health and the built environment. One example is that  
475 particular health care buildings, like hospitals, could also be used as a shelter during a hazard event.

#### 476 **2.3.1.5. Education**

477 The built environment also supports the functions of the education institution. In today's society, some of  
478 the ways in which we transfer knowledge, skills and values are done via the Internet or virtually, often  
479 without the need to congregate within the same building or structure. However, even in remote situations,  
480 where the need for a particular building is absent, we rely on communications systems to function.

481 Table 2-11 provides examples of the ways in which the education institution relies on the built  
482 environment on a day-to-day basis. In a disaster, some functions may shift, increasing the importance of  
483 understanding the links between education and the built environment. One example is that school



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484 buildings could serve as shelters during and after an event. In the aftermath of disasters, school buildings,  
485 in particular, could also emerge as central meeting locations for response and recovery activities.

#### 486 **2.3.1.6. Community Service Organizations**

487 Increasingly, faith-based and other community organizations provide more services to a greater number of  
488 community residents on a daily basis.<sup>39,40</sup> CSOs, particularly those that provide essential services, such as  
489 shelter, food, and basic medical services, rely upon the built infrastructure to meet the basic survival  
490 needs of those they serve.

491 Table 2-12 provides some examples of the ways in which CSOs rely on the built environment on a  
492 regular, day-to-day basis. In the event of a disaster, the role of CSOs, particularly those that provide  
493 essential services, becomes even more critical, and the importance of understanding the links between  
494 CSOs and the built environment increases. As noted by Ritchie et al. (2008) in a comprehensive study of  
495 disaster preparedness among community-based organizations:

496 *After major disasters, frail elderly people living alone still will need meals and other services;*  
497 *low-income disaster victims will need assistance from community clinics; services for people with*  
498 *AIDS and for those with chronic mental illness will need to remain operational; and immigrants*  
499 *still will need aid and support from the same organizations that provide assistance during non-*  
500 *disaster times.*

501 In the event of a disaster, buildings are vital to the protection and safety of staff and clients. It is also  
502 critical that CSOs communicate with their staff, volunteers, emergency providers, as well as those they  
503 serve, to meet safety and security needs. Similarly, CSOs rely upon transportation to ensure that staff and  
504 volunteers can reach their facilities to maintain operations, and that clients can reach the facilities to  
505 obtain services during the days and weeks following a disaster event. In many cases, demands for the  
506 types of assistance provided by CSOs increase substantially following a disaster, as more people seek  
507 assistance. In post-disaster contexts, CSOs of almost any type may adapt and expand their roles and  
508 services to support community disaster response and recovery efforts.

509 In the long term, CSOs also provide settings in which Maslow's belonging and growth and achievement  
510 needs are met after a disaster. Apart from organizations that provide essential services, CSOs such as  
511 civic, social, and recreational clubs (e.g., Rotary Clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs, after school programs)  
512 become increasingly important in community recovery processes by providing opportunities and physical  
513 settings to draw upon, maintain, and to build social capital. For example, buildings that house CSOs may  
514 provide a place for recovery planning. This is an important consideration with respect to understanding  
515 the needs of CSOs as related to the built environment in terms of broader community resilience.

#### 516 **2.3.1.7. Religious Organizations and Others that Support Belief Systems**

517 As mentioned earlier, religious organizations and others that support belief systems rely on the built  
518 environment to function, albeit not as heavily as other social institutions. Examples of linkages between  
519 the religious organizations and others that support belief systems and the built environment are shown in  
520 Table 2-13.

521 As with community service organizations, described in the previous section, the roles of religious and  
522 other organizations may change in the context of a disaster. For example, buildings regularly used for

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<sup>39</sup> Ritchie, L.A., Tierney, K., Austin, D., Beres, M., Bevc, C., Gilbert, B., and Sutton, J. 2008. "Disaster Preparedness Among Community-Based Organizations in the City and County of San Francisco." Boulder, CO: The University of Colorado, Institute of Behavioral Science, Natural Hazards Center.

<sup>40</sup> Ritchie, L.A., Tierney, K., and Gilbert, B. 2011. "Disaster Preparedness among Community-Based Organizations in the City and County of San Francisco: Serving The Most Vulnerable." Pp. 3-39 in D.S. Miller and J.D. Rivera (eds.) *Community Disaster Recovery and Resiliency: Exploring Global Opportunities and Challenges*. Boca Raton, FL: Taylor and Francis.

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523 worship and meetings might serve as evacuation shelters for congregants and members, as well as for  
524 residents from the broader community. In these cases, the buildings may also serve as places that protect  
525 vulnerable populations by continuing to or adapting to provide and house essential services such as food,  
526 water, and medical supplies; they may also protect and preserve religious and cultural artifacts and  
527 documents. In the aftermath of disasters, church buildings, in particular, tend to emerge as central meeting  
528 locations in the days and weeks during response and recovery activities.

529 **2.3.1.8. Media**

530 As with any institution, media relies on the built environment to serve its functions in one way or another.  
531 Table 2-14 provides some examples of the ways the media institution relies on the built environment on a  
532 regular, day-to-day basis. In the event of a disaster, some functions may shift, increasing the importance  
533 of understanding the links between the media and the built environment. For example, a functioning  
534 communication system will allow for communication with the public prior to, during, and after a disaster  
535 (to disseminate response and recovery information).

536 *[Note to reviewers: A future draft will include the importance of situational awareness before, during and*  
537 *after a disaster.]*

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539 *Table 2-1: Family and Kinship: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within the Family/kinship Institution</b>	Provide a place to live, build a family, provide sustenance	Access to and from housing	Provide for safe source of water for drinking/eating, cooking, cleaning, cooling, laundry, fire protection; provide for the removal and treatment of waste	Allow for use of housing (lighting, heating, cooling), use of appliances, charging of electronics	Support communication within and outside of housing
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Housing (single-family, multi-family, etc.)	Roads/bridges, airports, mass transit, sea ports	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones (landline and mobile), computers, TV and radio media

540 *Table 2-2: Production of Raw Materials: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within the Production of Raw Materials</b>	Prepare materials for transport, store materials, house equipment and machinery	Distribute goods for processing	Production input, cool or heat to facilitate production process, fire protection, eliminate production waste	Ability to operate machinery, use building (e.g., lighting)	Obtain market signals, support production and safety activities
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Processing facility, warehouse	Roads and bridges, airports, railways and rail stations, seaports, pipelines	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet

541 *Table 2-3: Production of Goods: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within the Production of Goods</b>	Design and develop goods (buildings and manufactured products), process raw materials, production location, store goods, package and prepare for distribution	Obtain labor and capital, distribute intermediate goods, distribute final goods for sale	Production input, cool or heat to facilitate production process, fire protection, eliminate production waste	Ability to operate machinery, use building (e.g., lighting)	Obtain market signals, support production and safety activities, advertising
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Commercial office, Processing plant, manufacturing facility, warehouse, goods (buildings and manufactured products) for sale	Roads and bridges, airports, railways and rail stations, seaports	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet, TV and radio media

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*Table 2-4: Supply of Services: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within the Supply of Services</b>	Point of sale, non-sale, service use area	Bring sellers (providers) and consumers together	Service input, equipment operation, eliminate waste, fire protection	Service input, power for machinery, lighting for the building	Obtain market signals, support production and safety activities, advertising, transmit and receive financial transactions
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Stores, malls, restaurants, banks, commercial offices, hotels, schools and colleges, hospitals and medical facilities, arenas/stadia, salons and barbershops, internet cafes, online storefronts, gas stations, airports	Roads and bridges, airports, railways and rail stations, seaports	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet, TV and radio media

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*Table 2-5: Labor Supply: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within Labor Supply</b>	Location of employment, residence	Getting to and returning from work	Allow for safe use of structure/comfort (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Power for point of sale devices, lighting, heating and cooling	Offer and deliver services
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Production facility, commercial office, warehouse, store, houses and apartments	Roads and bridges, airports, railways and rail stations, seaports	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet, TV and radio media

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*Table 2-6: Consumption: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within Consumption</b>	Point of sale, non-sale, service use area	Bring sellers (providers) and consumers together	Allow for safe use of structure/comfort (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Power for point of sale devices, power for point of non-sale, service use area, lighting, heating and cooling	Obtain information on goods and services available, process payments

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	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Stores, malls, restaurants, commercial offices, schools and colleges, hospitals and medical facilities, arenas/stadia, salons and barbershops, internet cafes, online storefronts, gas stations, airports, houses and apartments	Roads and bridges, airports, railways and rail stations, seaports	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet, TV and radio media

545 *Table 2-7: Executive Function: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose ( or function) within Executive</b>	Provide work and meeting space for leaders and staff, serve as a document repository, protect communication systems, house public safety and emergency response capabilities (people, equipment, vehicles), provide public spaces	Provide access to services, facilitates delivery of services (including emergency response)	Allow for safe use of structure/comfort (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Lighting, heating and cooling	Transmission of information, including emergency messaging, public access to government
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Offices, police stations, fire and EMS stations, emergency operations centers (EOCs), military installations, jails and prisons	Roads, airports, railways, seaports, bridges, tunnels	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet, TV and radio media, 911 call centers, reverse 911, social media, community alert and warning systems

546 *Table 2-8: Legislative Function: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within Legislative</b>	Provide work and meeting space for leaders and staff, serve as a document repository, protect communication systems, public spaces	Provide physical access to lawmakers and law-making bodies	Allow for safe use of structure/comfort (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Lighting, heating and cooling	Transmission of information, public access to government
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Offices, government chambers	Roads, airports, railways, seaports, bridges, tunnels	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet, TV and radio media, 911 call centers, reverse 911, social media



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*Table 2-9: Judicial Function: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within Judicial</b>	Provide work and meeting space for leaders and staff, serve as a document repository, protect communication systems, provide public spaces	Provide physical access to legal venues	Allow for safe use of structure (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Lighting, heating and cooling	Transmission of information, public access to government
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Offices, courts and courthouses, libraries and archives	Roads, airports, railways, seaports, bridges, tunnels	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Telephones, computers, internet, TV and radio media, 911 call centers, reverse 911, social media

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*Table 2-10: Health Care: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within Health Care</b>	Provide a place for emergency, short- and long-term health needs (physical and mental); Storage for medical records, equipment, pharmaceuticals	Provide access to and from the facility for patients, staff	Allow for safe use of health care facility (drinking, cooling, cleaning, laundry, eliminating personal waste), and ability to use specific medical equipment that require water (e.g., dialysis), fire protection	Allow for use of facility, including technology, equipment, lights/electricity for all rooms/offices, computers and appliances	Communicate within facility, access information/ resources (e.g., medical records), communicate outside of facility
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Hospitals, Clinics, Mental health agencies, clinics, hospitals, Urgent care centers, Poison centers, Dialysis centers, Rehabilitation centers, Hospices, Assisted living facilities, Nursing homes; Pharmacies	Roads/bridges, Vehicles - buses – public, subways, personal vehicles	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Internet, emergency communication system, phones (voice and text), email

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*Table 2-11: Education: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment*

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within the Educational Institution</b>	Provide a place to learn, to interact/connect, storage for equipment and books	Provide access to and from the facility to students/parents, teachers	Allow for safe use of educational facility/comfort (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Allow for use of educational facility, including power to classrooms, computers, appliances, offices	Communicate within facility, access information/resources (e.g., online), communicate outside of facility
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Schools, universities (campus and dormitories), educational offices, museums, libraries	Roads/bridges, Vehicles - buses – public, subways, personal vehicles	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Internet, emergency communication system, phones (voice and text), email

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**Table 2-12: Community Service Organizations: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment**

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within CSOs</b>	Provide a place where basic needs can be met (in some cases, shelter and sustenance), facility where people can interact with others	Provide access to and from the CSO facility to clients/staff/ volunteers	Allow for safe use of CSO facility/comfort (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Allow for use of CSO facility, including lights/electricity, power for appliances	Communicate with clients/staff/ volunteers; between CSOs; outside the CSO facility
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Housing and provision of sustenance	Roads/bridges, Vehicles – public transportation (buses, subways) personal vehicles	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Internet, emergency communication system, phones (voice and text), email

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**Table 2-13: Religious Organizations and Others that Support Belief Systems: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment**

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within Religious Organizations and Others</b>	Provide place of worship, social interaction, education, daycare, and other basic services; Provide places to house and protect religious and cultural artifacts/ documents ( <i>the buildings themselves may be considered sacred or have symbolic meaning</i> )	Provide access to and from the facility to organization leaders/staff/ congregation/ community members	Allow for safe use of religious/belief facility (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Allow for use of facility (congregation, community members), including lights/electricity to all rooms, power for appliances	Communicate with leaders/staff/ congregation/ community members; outside of the facility
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	Churches, synagogues, other places of worship, meeting places	Roads/bridges, Vehicles – public transportation (buses, subways) personal vehicles	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Internet, emergency communication system, phones (voice and text), email

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**Table 2-14: Media: Examples of Purposes with Links to the Built Environment**

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Water/ wastewater</b>	<b>Power/energy</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Purpose (or function) within Media</b>	Provide a place to disseminate news and information, protect all media technology and equipment	Provide physical access to and from facilities, also to news sites	Allow for safe use of facility (drinking, cooling, cleaning, eliminating personal waste), fire protection	Allow for use of facilities, allow for use of broadcasting/ media equipment	Communicate within facility, access information/ resources (e.g., online), broadcast information outside of facility (media function)
<b>How purpose is actualized through the built environment (examples)</b>	News and broadcasting stations, Television stations, Radio station, Newspapers/ magazine publishing, Publishers' headquarters, Offices, Equipment/ computer storage	Roads/bridges, Vehicles – public transportation (buses, subways) personal vehicles  News/ broadcasting vehicles	Pipelines, pumps/stations, valves, fire hydrants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storage tanks	Generation facilities, grids, substations, lines, pipelines	Internet, emergency communication system, phones (voice and text), email  <i>Note to reviewer: Links will be made to Chapter 8</i>

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553 In addition to relying on the built environment, social institutions also rely on one another to function. In  
554 turn, damage to the built environment may affect one social institution directly, which can have ripple  
555 effects on other institutions. The following section discusses the interdependencies of social institutions,  
556 to help communities think about prioritizing the built environment for resilience planning.

557 **2.3.2. Dependence of Social Institutions on Other Social Institutions**

558 A disruption in the built environment that affects one social institution will likely also affect others, since  
559 social institutions are linked with each other in many ways. It is important for a community to identify the  
560 ways social institution are linked with each other, referred to here as *interdependencies*. Since each  
561 community is different, it is impossible to provide an exhaustive list of all of the ways social institutions  
562 can become dependent on one another. Instead, examples of interdependencies among social institutions  
563 are provided here<sup>41</sup>:

- 564 • *Government and economic institutions*: The longer it takes businesses to recover, the higher the  
565 potential for loss of local taxes (e.g., sales taxes); the longer it takes for law firms to recover, the  
566 higher the potential for courthouse delays<sup>42</sup>.
- 567 • *Economic and family/kinship institutions*: The longer it takes for businesses to recover, the higher  
568 the potential for unemployment; Suppliers of goods and service (e.g., restaurants, staff) need a  
569 customer base and, at the same time, people need places to shop for goods and services<sup>43</sup>.
- 570 • *Economic (labor), family/kinship, and education/government*: Without childcare, people may be  
571 unable to return to work and earn income, which may result in temporary or permanent relocation  
572 of the person/family.
- 573 • *Government and family/kinship*: People may encounter delays and/or difficulties in rebuilding (or  
574 may not wish to rebuild) due to new land use or zoning policies and building department policies  
575 (e.g., inspections or permitting).
- 576 • *Healthcare, education, economic, government, or media and family/kinship*: Each social  
577 institution needs staff and/or employees (e.g., doctors, nurses, medical technicians, billing, as  
578 examples for health care) to function
- 579 • *Government, economic, and family/kinship*: People may be unable to return to work without food  
580 and water at home, insurance appointments, and/or disaster assistance.
- 581 • *Government, media, and family/kinship*: The media serves as an intermediary between the  
582 government and the members of a community<sup>44</sup> and often works to link certain social institutions  
583 together.

584 Additionally, interdependencies also exist among services located within each institution. For example,  
585 industries located within a community (i.e., the economic institution) can depend upon each other to  
586 function.

587 Industries can be important drivers of the economy due to their size (e.g., contribution to GDP),  
588 proportion of the workforce they employ, and/or their importance with other industries (e.g., as producers  
589 and consumers of intermediate goods from other industries). A disruption to the built environment has the  
590 potential to affect several, seemingly unrelated industries across the economy through these inter-industry  
591 relationships. National and regional input-output models capture the inter-industry linkages.

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<sup>41</sup> Holistic Disaster Recovery Document, Natural Hazards Center (PERI).

<sup>42</sup> Case study/example of this was Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

(<http://blogs.mlmins.com/ruatrisk/?p=25>)

(<http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/cedar-rapids-law-firm-opens-offices-in-nearby-middle-school>)

<sup>43</sup> Brenda Phillips Infrastructure chapter.

<sup>44</sup> <http://theonlinemedia.blogspot.com/2012/06/functions-of-mass-media.html>

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592 Table 2-15 presents each industry’s (1) size in millions of dollars of GDP, (2) percent contribution to total  
593 GDP, (3) ‘impact per dollar demand,’ and (4) ‘impact of dollar supply.’ The percent contribution of GDP  
594 shows the total flows from an industry as a percent of all flows in the economy. The impact per dollar  
595 demand is the value of GDP from other industries needed to produce one dollar of GDP from the listed  
596 industry – it shows what happens when flows to an industry are disrupted. The impact per dollar supply is  
597 the change in GDP that results from a dollar change in GDP from the listed industry – it shows what  
598 happens when the flows from an industry are disrupted. For example, the Wholesale and Retail Trade  
599 industry added \$1.96 trillion dollars to the U.S. economy in 2011, which constituted 13% of U.S. GDP.  
600 To produce \$1.0 million of GDP in Wholesale and Retail Trade, required \$1.4 million of GDP produced  
601 by the other industries in the economy. To produce \$1.0 million of GDP from other industries in the  
602 economy requires \$1.94 million of GDP produced by Wholesale and Retail Trade.

*Table 2-15: Industry size and inter-industry relevance (2011)\**

Industry	GDP (\$ million)	% GDP	Impact \$/ Demand	Impact \$/ Supply
Agriculture and Mining	466,194	3.1	1.74	1.92
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	221,187	1.5	3.36	2.48
Other Manufacturing	1,627,644	10.8	2.08	1.66
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	246,896	1.6	1.21	2.62
Construction	549,011	3.6	1.69	2.70
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,960,689	13.0	1.40	1.94
Hotels and Restaurants	473,854	3.1	1.71	2.68
Inland Transport	191,587	1.3	1.82	2.51
Water Transport	14,819	0.1	2.14	2.99
Air Transport	65,468	0.4	2.07	2.97
Other Supporting and Auxiliary Transport Activities; Activities of Travel Agencies	142,442	0.9	1.44	2.33
Post and Telecommunications	370,637	2.5	1.62	2.33
Finance and Real Estate	5,034,867	33.4	1.50	1.36
Public Admin and Defense; Compulsory Social Security	1,853,704	12.3	1.54	2.68
Community, Social and Personal Services	1,869,079	12.4	1.57	2.35

604 \*Data sources: World Input-Output Database. [http://www.wiod.org/new\\_site/database/wiots.htm](http://www.wiod.org/new_site/database/wiots.htm);  
605 Marcel P. Timmer (2012), “The World Input-Output Database (WIOD): Contents, Sources and Methods”, WIOD Working  
606 Paper Number 10, downloadable at  
607 <<http://www.wiod.org/publications/papers/wiod10.pdf>>

608 A smaller impact per dollar demand value implies a larger potential for an industry to be affected by  
609 disruptions in other industries. For example, the Electricity, Gas, and Water Supply industry is the most  
610 sensitive to production value changes from the rest of the economy. A smaller impact per dollar supply  
611 value implies a larger potential for other industries to be affected by a disruption from an industry (e.g.,  
612 the economy is most sensitive to production value changes from the Finance and Real Estate industry).

613 The example in Table 2-15 details data on industry size and inter-industry relevance at a national level.  
614 This example can help communities think about the ways their industries, at the local level, interconnect  
615 and provide some guidance on how to quantify interdependencies, if the industry size and relevance data  
616 exists at the local level.

**2.4. Community Examples of Recovery and Resilience**

617 The process of resilience planning and prioritization is community-specific. Communities vary in size,  
618 social make-up (including social vulnerabilities), culture and traditions, and disaster history, which can  
619 influence a community’s industrial composition (i.e., major industries), governance and regulations,  
620 social capital, economics/budgeting, and access to and types of built environment (assets). Therefore,  
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622 there is no one-size-fits-all approach for communities in the U.S. to think about planning and prioritizing  
623 institutions, services, and/or systems for resilience.

624 Examples in this section show the ways in which communities, who experienced extreme disasters, have  
625 thought about and prioritized for the restoration of the built environment. Although resilience priorities  
626 can and should be set by communities of all types, regardless of their experiences with disasters,  
627 examples are provided here of community priorities set directly after experiencing large-scale, extreme  
628 disasters.

629 *Joplin, Missouri* developed priorities/goals during their recovery from the EF5 tornado that devastated  
630 their city on May 22, 2011; a city of 50,000 residents that increases to over 200,000 people during the  
631 workweek. The 2011 Joplin, MO tornado, which left a path of destruction eight miles long and ¾ miles  
632 wide, claimed 161 lives and injured over 1,000 people, in addition to damaging city infrastructure, parks,  
633 and 7,500 structures.<sup>45</sup> In response to the disaster, Joplin, MO created the Citizen Advisory Recovery  
634 Team (CART) to provide community members with a platform to bring post-disaster recovery ideas to  
635 the table, form a consensus, and allow these ideas to be taken to the City Council for consideration. On  
636 November 7, 2011, after multiple public meetings, CART presented its recommendations to the City  
637 Council for consideration and adoption. The City adopted CART's report and created the Implementation  
638 Task Force (ITF) to be the lead public/private entity in the redevelopment. The ITF included leadership  
639 from the CART and representatives of the City of Joplin, Duquesne, Joplin Schools, and the Joplin Area  
640 Chamber of Commerce. The role of the ITF was to assign responsibilities and priorities to the plan. As a  
641 result, several projects were developed that fell under four main headings: housing and neighborhoods,  
642 schools and community facilities, infrastructure and environment, and economic development. As a way  
643 to summarize these projects, the ITF plan provided a list of recovery goals:<sup>46</sup>

- 644 • Replace lost residential housing, office, commercial, medical, etc.
- 645 • Create ties from the redeveloped area to downtown Joplin
- 646 • Expand opportunities for employment
- 647 • Create destination activity center(s)
- 648 • Establish a memorial to those lost in the storm
- 649 • Address other projects and goals as developed by the CART
- 650 • Use redevelopment efforts as a catalyst to build upon existing goals for development and  
651 redevelopment in Joplin, including a parkway or series of neighborhood parks supporting the  
652 recovering neighborhoods; develop a performance and visual arts center; create a community  
653 and/or event center; and extend the walk/bike paths.

654 In another example, *Greensburg, Kansas* prioritized sustainable development after a tornado hit their  
655 town on May 4, 2007, killing 13 people and injuring more than 60 others. The tornado destroyed 95% of  
656 the town's structures and seriously damaging the other 5%. Immediately after the disaster, 50% of the  
657 population relocated to other areas, and eventually, FEMA installed mobile homes that housed around  
658 300 families.<sup>47</sup> Greensburg, KS is now the "world's leading community in LEED-certified buildings per  
659 capita."<sup>47</sup> With support from the community, the Greensburg City Council adopted the resolution that, "all  
660 large public buildings in Greensburg with a footprint exceeding 4,000 square feet must meet the LEED-  
661 platinum standards of the U.S. Green Building Council and utilize renewable energy sources."  
662 Reconstruction is almost complete, with the entire community powered by renewable energy and the

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<sup>45</sup> <http://www.joplincc.com/Joplin%20Pays%20It%20Forward%20-%20Community%20Leaders%20Share%20Our%20Recovery%20Lessons.pdf>

<sup>46</sup> <http://joplinmo.org/DocumentCenter/View/2687>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/greenhouse/2013/04/13/greensburg-kansas/2078901/>



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663 construction of six LEED-platinum certified buildings, including the city hall, the memorial hospital, and  
664 the K-12 school.

665 Additionally, one question that communities may ask even before setting priorities is whether their  
666 current geographical/physical location allows them to reach their recovery and resilience goals.  
667 Community members, from *Christchurch, New Zealand*, for example, after their series of major  
668 earthquakes in 2010 and 2011 or *Rockaway Peninsula in New York* after Hurricane Sandy hit in 2012,  
669 are faced with short-term and long-term relocation decisions based on new land-use and zoning  
670 initiatives. In these cases, the first priority is relocation.

671 *[Note to reviewers: In a future draft, this section will end with a paragraph relating to resilience, stating*  
672 *that in the same ways that communities are planning for and executing recovery actions, communities can*  
673 *plan for and execute resilience actions – differently – in ways that work for them.]*

674 **2.5. Community Engagement in Resilience**

675 *[Note to reviewers: In a future draft, this section will begin with a discussion on the social science*  
676 *evidence of the role and importance of social capital. Also, may link this section with the section on*  
677 *Social Vulnerabilities (2.2.3) – discussion on how community engagement can help to identify and offset*  
678 *community vulnerabilities.]*

679 For communities to become engaged in the pursuit of resilience, there needs to be a collective belief in  
680 the potential threat from the hazard(s) and the value of investing in resilience. These beliefs and values  
681 also reflect the level of risk a community is willing to tolerate, which is usually based on experience and  
682 available science. Without direct disaster experience, communities rely on science to present hazard  
683 probabilities and design options for reducing or avoiding exposure to these endemic community hazards.  
684 Without direct experience, the effectiveness of science to engage communities depends on the trust  
685 established between scientists and decision makers in having a common understanding of purpose, roles,  
686 responsibilities, and limitations as they relate to potential disasters and the means to plan, detect, notify  
687 and respond to threats.

688 Communities may seek out opportunities to pursue resilience based on observed disasters at similar scales  
689 or levels of development as their own, which trigger changes in beliefs or values as to the merits of  
690 resilience. Another manner of engaging community decision makers may come from translating the value  
691 of investing in resilience into their performance goals of long-term growth and into the values of  
692 sustainability. Many communities have adopted sustainability as a goal for the sake of reducing the  
693 dependence on natural and other limited resources through efforts such as recycling, smart technologies,  
694 shared community resources and collective expectations of livability goals, such as the simplicity  
695 movement. These steps demonstrate a stronger and more dynamic interface between a built community  
696 and the natural environment – one that recognizes the interdependency between human systems and  
697 natural systems. The health of one affects the overall health and functionality of the other.

698 Resilience comes into play when communities understand how their forbears' decisions resulted in their  
699 level of risk (increased or diminished) from potential disasters as well as available opportunities to reduce  
700 future losses, either by directly mitigating risk and/or planning to recover in a more risk-averse fashion  
701 following a damaging event. Ideally, resilience, as a concept, should help communities demonstrate  
702 credible investments toward improved livability during and after expected hazards. It should also expedite  
703 recovery following extreme disaster events due to forward thinking, planning and prioritizing in advance,  
704 to take advantage of recovery and reconstruction opportunities. This pursuit of resilience should provide a  
705 competitive edge for potential business and residential prospects evaluating a location for investments.

706 Resilience, like sustainability, encourages a better understanding of interdependence between a  
707 community and its geographical setting. This understanding can be viewed as a starting point for  
708 community identity and belonging that relates to a sense of place and quality of life that starts with

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709 community members feeling safer, more secure, and less likely to have their lives disrupted by hazards.  
710 They share in the beliefs and values of resilience and that the investments in resilience are worthwhile for  
711 their sense of growth and achievement.  
712