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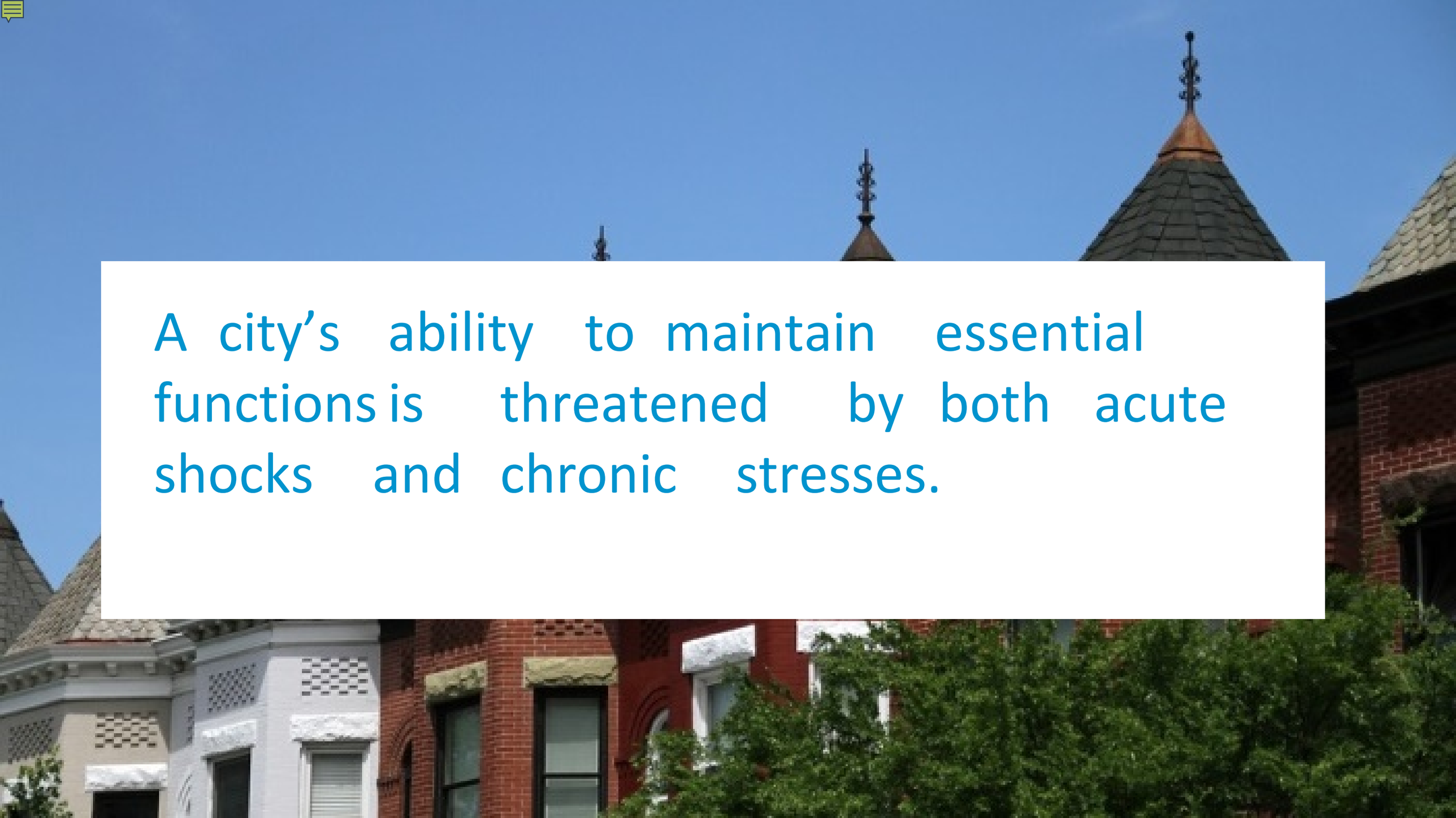

A city's ability to maintain essential functions is threatened by both acute shocks and chronic stresses.

ACUTE
SHOCKS

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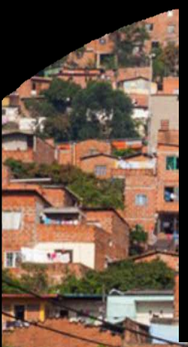
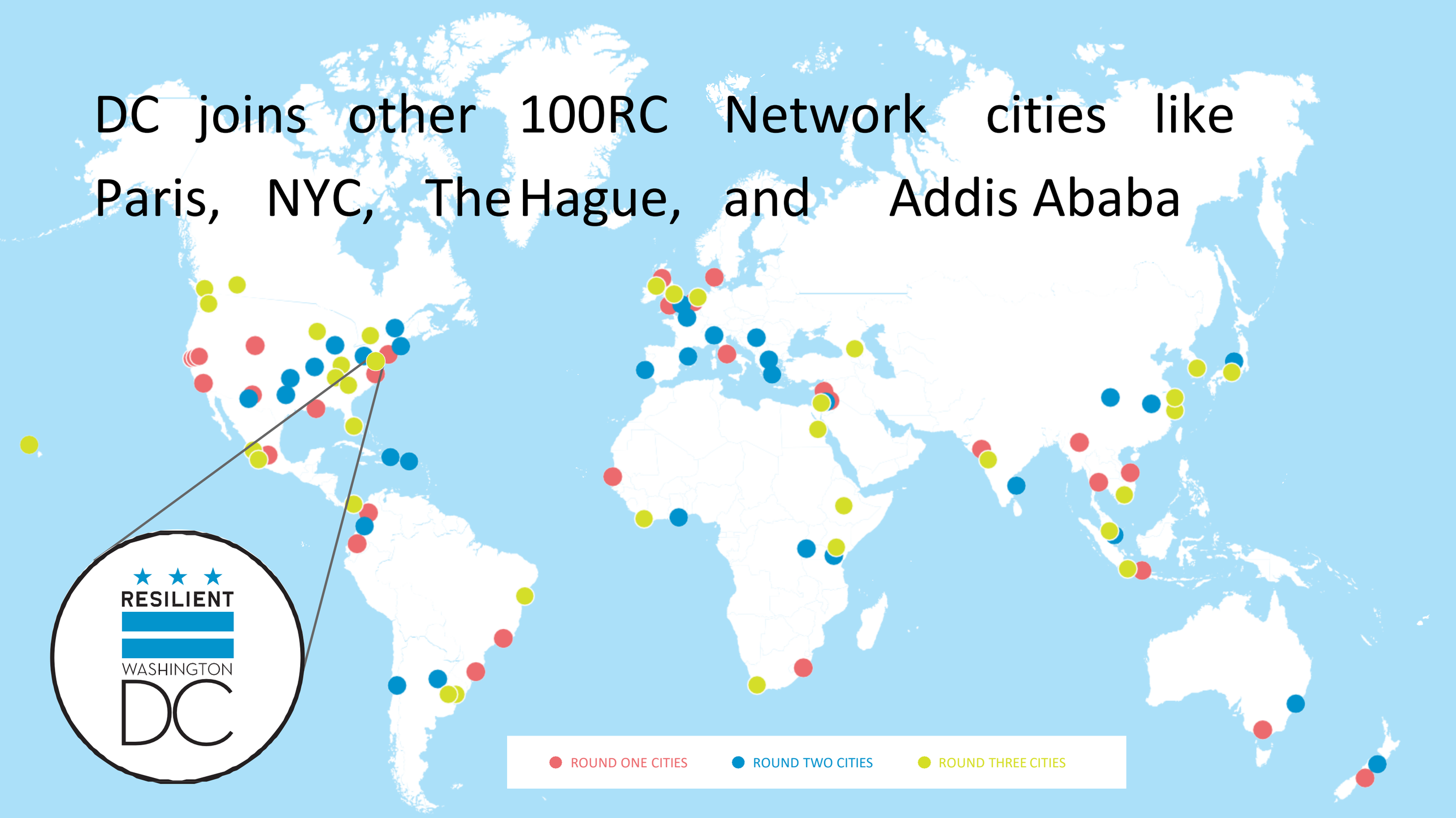
CHRONIC
STRESS

Urban Resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

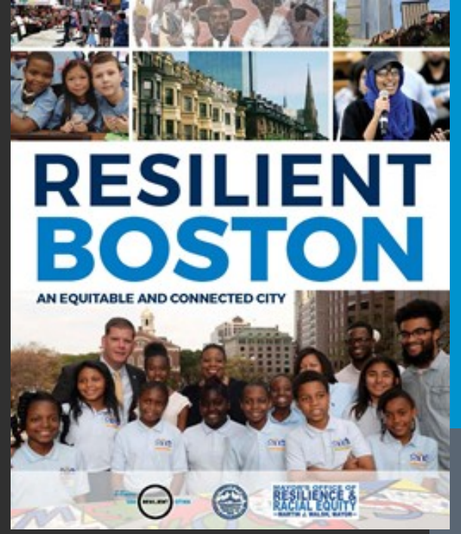


100RC partners with cities around the world to help them become more resilient tothe social, economic and physical challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century.

DC joins other 100RC Network cities like Paris, NYC, The Hague, and Addis Ababa



Resilient DC is now working with partners to create DC's Resilience Strategy



DC faces apparent and persistent risks from natural disasters, with emerging threats from cyber attacks.

Priority Shocks

- Infrastructure Failure
- Terrorist Attack
- Financial/Economic Crisis
- Cyber Attack
- Flooding from Heavy Rains
- Power Outage
- Riot/Civil Unrest
- Extreme Heat
- Blizzard/Snow Storm
- Nuclear Incident

DC must address stresses that have a high potential to present future challenges when planning for resilience.

Priority Stresses

- Lack of Affordable Housing
- Economic Inequality
- Gentrification
- Aging Infrastructure
- Homelessness
- Crime and Violence
- Educational Opportunity Gaps
- Structural Racism
- Poverty
- Stressed Public Transit

ENGAGEMENT

Resilient DC held a series of meetings and focus groups in December and January to collect local perspectives on DC's resilience from over 500 participants to inform this analysis.

128
Organizations Consulted

70
Interviews with DC leaders

30+
Interviews with key staff and directors

236
Focus Group Participants

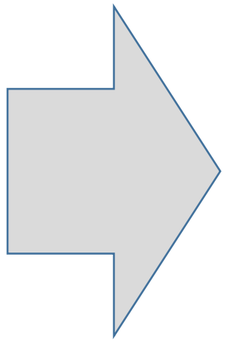
180
Survey Respondents

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Since 2015, District agencies have published 25 citywide plans, focused on issues as diverse as homelessness and wildlife management.

OVERVIEW

Preliminary Assessment



Discovery Areas

DA 1

DA 2

DA 3

DA 4

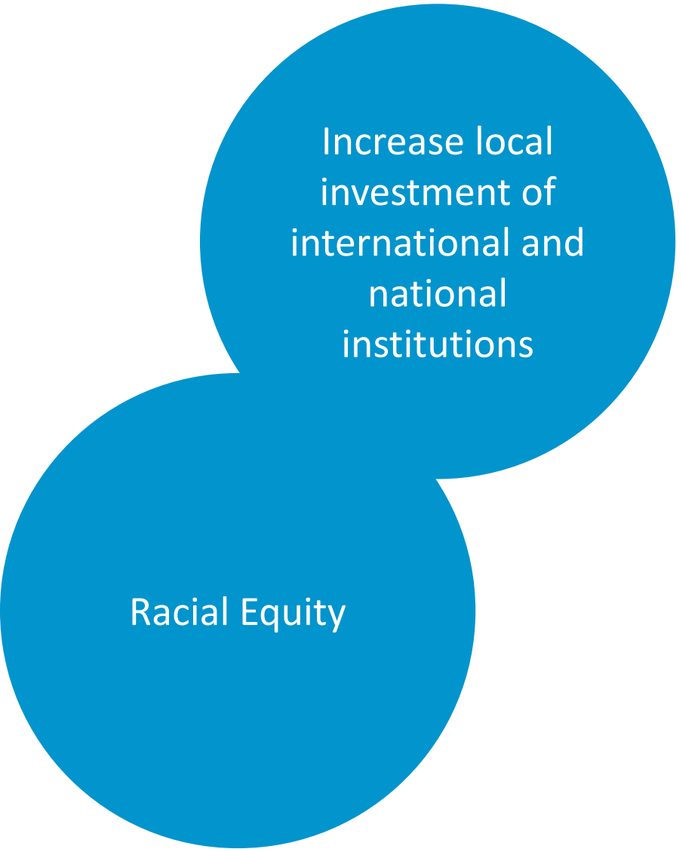
DA 5

Snapshot of the current state of the city's resilience strengths and weaknesses, gaps and opportunities.

Targeted areas where the city needs to better understand risk, evaluate interdependencies, or gather new data to understand the potential for resilience-building initiatives in the city. They set the framework and priorities for the work in Phase II

Discovery Areas DC

Cross Cutting Themes:



1. Integrate District Planning and Execution
How can DC better coordinate planning efforts and tie them to policies, regulations, performance management, and funding decisions to ensure effective and efficient implementation of District priorities?

2. Institutionalize Climate Action
How can DC build upon climate leadership to further incorporate consideration of climate change throughout DC?

3. Create Access to Opportunity in all Neighborhoods
How can DC leverage population and economic growth to increase economic mobility for all residents?

4. Respond to and Leverage Technological Change
How can DC prepare for and capitalize upon disruptions in technology to drive inclusive economic growth and ensure preparedness?

5. Honor the Anacostia River
How can DC fully achieve the potential of the Anacostia River to generate improved health outcomes, biodiversity, economic activity, connectivity, cultural amenities, and recreation opportunities for District residents?

Next Steps

Workflow

Mayor's Resilience Cabinet

17 Deputy Mayors and Agency Directors providing guidance, input, and feedback.

Quarterly

Commission

16 DC residents (8 appointed by the Mayor, 8 by Council) providing guidance, input, and feedback.

Quarterly

Work Team

Senior agency staff providing day-to-day coordination and engagement on behalf of their Agency Director or Deputy Mayor.

Monthly

Discovery Area Working Groups

Individuals from District Government and external organizations contributing their time and expertise for one of the five discovery areas.

Bi-Weekly

CRO will organize working groups around each DA and conduct research and outreach to address key questions posed in each DA and to propose initiatives to the Cabinet.

100 Resilient Cities provides tools and resources through platform partners to assist with this.

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