



## Demonstrated Community Disaster Resilience

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Disaster resilience has become a hot topic over the past decade, although the term's theoretical underpinnings are well established. Resilience to disasters defined here as the ability to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and more successfully adapt to adverse events. Enhanced disaster resilience must include some measure of adaptation or betterment than the pre-event condition. Resilient communities should have capacity to better anticipate disasters and plan for impact/loss reduction. Although foundational concepts can identify characteristics of resilience communities, empirical studies demonstrating community resilience following disasters linked to pre-event conditions are scarce. This Special Issue is intended to provide a suite of evidence-based case studies exemplifying community disaster resilience successes and challenges with emphasis on real world and quantifiable resilience outcome measures.





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