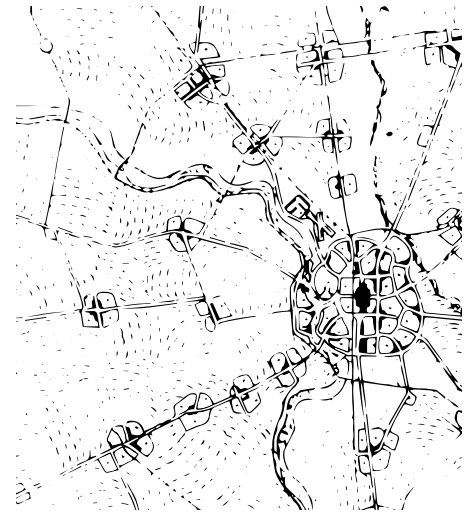


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PROACTIVE LEADERSHIP ADVOCATING FOR CLIMATE & EQUITY

## CLIMATE RECEIVER PLACES PROJECT

The Global climate is evolving rapidly, touching the lives of the world's 8 billion people. While the climate impacts vary by location, many places will become less hospitable and less safe. People will be forced to move away from danger, but where will they go? Will places welcome newcomers; will they be able to manage growth; will they be able to provide jobs and services for a growing population?



Many places with low future climate risk have suffered from economic loss, population loss, and stagnation. Population migration due to climate change offers **new life and opportunity for these places**. The Climate Receiver Places Project (CRPP) steps out ahead of migration to help communities prepare for change. The project establishes clear principles defining what it means to be ready and sustainable in the long-term. It establishes metrics for evaluating progress, educational tools to assist in advocacy, and provides a roadmap towards the changes required.

Who is the CRPP for? Community organizations, advocates, and municipalities can all initiate the project's process. Implementation begins with a coalition, but lasting change will take advocacy, education, and partnerships. **This can help your community prepare for a resilient, sustainable, just, and operationally & fiscally sound future.**

PLACE Initiative has established the why and how, but change happens through local champions. We will advise, make connections with national experts and organizations, and facilitate information sharing. Your local coalition will coordinate, educate, and implement. Together we can make lasting change in your community and many others. We aim to help you be ready for climate newcomers, with optimism for more sustainable and equitable future.

The project's community principles for building walkable, livable, lovable communities ready to receive migrants are based in sound and responsible planning and practices. They are not radical, but few places have addressed these comprehensively. The pace of climate change provides a critical sense of urgency. We must **act today** to make our communities just and resilient, and to manage growth to the benefit of all residents.

The CRPP initially focused on communities with the lowest future climate risk. This document, the **Project Summary**, gives a general overview of the CRPP. The **Receiving Geography Guide** identifies those lowest-risk places which must remain future-resilient. The **Community Principles Guide** establishes what it means to be future-resilient. The **Community Assessment Guide** provides means of measuring current conditions and progress. We will revise and add to our set of tools and documents based on the outcomes of our first pilot projects.

PLACE Initiative is one of many partners necessary to build a resilient and optimistic future for receiver places. It all starts with **hope and optimism**. We are looking for people dedicated to improving their communities, who are enthusiastic about the future. **Anyone can shepherd change. We'll supply the roadmap!**



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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

### STAGE 1: CONNECT & PREPARE

**Team Building.** Establish a core, dedicated local team. This team will expand through capacity building but success relies upon strong core advocates.

**Information Gathering.** Build an internal picture of your place physically, socially, and culturally; identify data sources; organizational and municipal programs, goals, and capacity.

**Assessment.** Score your community on the goals and principles from the Community Principles Guide, using the Community Assessment Guide. Use this to create your place's Community Assessment Report. Identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas of focus for targeted next steps in this report as well.

### STAGE 2: PLAN & ADVOCATE

**Capacity Building.** Identify local and regional partners and community advocates; craft project materials focused on their areas of concern; build a coalition to implement the community principles.

**Planning.** Create a plan of action that responds to the conclusions of assessment report. Make meaningful resource commitments to implement changes that touch upon all principles and goals of the Community Principles Guide as a part of this plan.

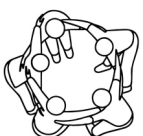
**Education.** Educate the public and officials on the Community Assessment Report and the changes that you've planned and committed to making in order to address the strengths and weaknesses in this report.

### STAGE 3: IMPLEMENT & ADJUST

**Make Change.** Create change that touches upon all principles & goals of the Community Principles Guide, both at local and regional scales.

**Measure Outcomes.** Reengage the information gathering and assessment steps, to create a post-assessment of the changes you've made and other changes in your community. The post-assessment will become the foundation for repeating this process, beginning again with the "Stage 2: Plan & Advocate".

**Share and Adjust.** Share the results of your post-assessment with the community. Regularly return to "Stage 2: Plan & Advocate" to begin the next iteration of implementation towards becoming a stronger receiving community.



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