

# Get Started | Plans, Initiatives, and Context Inventory

## WHO

This exercise is for the Climate Adaptation Practitioner and planning team to complete in the Get Started step.

## WHAT

This is an inventory of all recent and ongoing plans and initiatives, including a few notes about goals, strategies, and objectives of them. In addition, historical context that provides understanding of historical inequities and racism should be gathered. Take time to seek out what has already been said or written by impacted communities. Research for this inventory should help set the scene for the community. This resource will be used in the Assess Vulnerability and Risk step to support options brainstorming.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Record your research in [the table below](#). Try to be as specific as possible. If this is filled out digitally, add a link to the plan page or PDF.
- If time allows, consider looking outside the direct community (e.g., regional, county, or state plans may include the community).

## Plan or Initiative Types

*Current, past, or potential future*

Hazard Mitigation/ Disaster Recovery Plan  
Comprehensive Plan Update  
Transportation Plan  
Regional/ Council of Government Long-range Plan  
Climate Action Plan  
Sustainability Plan

Land Use Plan  
Economic Development/ Urban Revitalization  
Parks and Recreation  
Community Development  
Housing  
Historic Preservation

# Context Types

- Past disaster experiences (community knowledge)
- Pre-existing social and economic stressors in the community, including historical inequities/ disinvestment
- Strengths of the community (e.g., active arts scene; active grassroots organizations)
- Local information (such as GIS resources)

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# IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES

## Plan for Community Participation

- Throughout the planning process, the [City of Austin](#) had nearly 200 Austin residents participate. A steering committee provided direction and accountability and five advisory groups helped craft goals and strategies informed by input from a Community Climate Ambassadors Program.
- The City of Tallahassee developed the [Community Resilience Plan](#) with extensive stakeholder engagement and community outreach. This consisted of targeted meetings and workshops through community events, neighborhood meetings, and nonprofit roundtables.

## Understand background and historical context of the community

- Not only does the [Austin Climate Equity Plan](#) explore the historical context of shocks and stressors, but an entire section of the report is devoted to understanding policies and structures that perpetuate racial and economic inequities.
- The [San Diego draft Climate Action Plan](#) (still in draft at the time of this writing) aligns the City's Climate Equity Index map with historic redlining maps to visualize similarities and recognize the legacy of disinvestment in particular neighborhoods.
- The [Pittsburgh Resilience Strategy](#) recognizes the legacy of segregated and inequitable schools, neighborhoods, and labor markets through their exploration of historical factors, such as redlining, and a detailed summary of how these factors present themselves in the City today.