



EBC Climate Change Webinar FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
- Samuel Bell, CFM, Vice Chair, EBC Climate Change and Air Committee
Senior Resiliency Planner, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
- Program Introduction – what you will learn:**
- Aaron Weieneth, AICP, Program Chair
New England Manager of Climate Change and Resilience
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- 9:20 a.m. **Overview of BRIC and Notice of Funding Opportunity**
- Tommy Kennedy, Grants Management Specialist
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch
Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region One
- 10:00 a.m. **Networking Opportunity**
- 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Introduction to FEMA's Mitigation Action Portfolio and Discussion of Competitive Projects**
- Jae G. Park, Ph.D. CFM, Associate Vice President
Risk Management and Resilience
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- 10:55 a.m. **Massachusetts' Perspective of BRIC and Additional Resources**
- Sarah White, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
- 11:20 a.m. **Moderated Discussion with Presenters**
- Moderator:** Aaron Weieneth, AICP, AECOM
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Aaron Weieneth, AICP, New England Manager of Climate Change and Resilience
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Aaron is an environmental planning specialist with almost 20 years of experience in hazard mitigation planning, climate change adaptation and resilience services, socioeconomic and demographic analyses, water resources planning, and environmental assessments. Aaron serves as AECOM's New England Manager of Climate Change and Resilience and coordinates with technical staff across business lines to integrate climate change and resilience considerations into infrastructure and planning projects for municipal, state, and federal clients. He managed development of the Massachusetts State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan—a first of its kind statewide plan that fully integrates a traditional hazard mitigation plan with a climate change adaptation plan—and is currently part of the consulting team supporting the Commonwealth's Resilient Massachusetts Action Team with implementation of the Plan's strategy. Aaron has a BA in Environmental Science from Simpson College and a MS in Geography from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

SPEAKERS

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Tommy is an experienced Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employee with over 16 years of Federal service with the last 11 years working for FEMA as an Emergency Management Specialist and Program Analyst at FEMA Headquarters, and currently as a Supervisory Grants Management Specialist in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch at FEMA Region 1. Before coming to FEMA, Tommy worked for the Department of Defense (DoD) for the US Navy in Charleston, SC, as a Community Planner and also worked for the US Air Force at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County, CA, also as a Community Planner. Both positions included managing military base planning projects that often considered resiliency efforts and clean renewable energy per DoD requirements.

Tommy manages grants awarded under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs and will manage future grants awarded under the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program for FEMA Region 1. Tommy works with his State and Tribal counterparts to ensure their needs are met and pre-disaster mitigation projects implemented so that these efforts promote sustainable actions that reduce and eliminate long-term risk to people and property from future disasters.

Tommy has a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning, both from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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Dr. Park has spent the last 28 years in the areas of natural hazard analysis, resilience and hazard mitigation planning, policy analysis, and sustainable disaster recovery. He has helped many local, state, and federal governments rebuild resilient communities after major disasters such as Hurricanes Fran, Floyd, Isabel, Katrina, Sandy and Matthew. As a thought leader in hazard mitigation and community resilience issues, he has diverse proficiencies in grant proposal, project management, client management, disaster research, and policy analysis. Dr. Park currently supports FEMA Hazard Mitigation and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Community Program operation in Headquarters. He is an advisory board member of the Department of Homeland Security Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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Sarah White is an experienced Program Manager with diverse experience in agency coordination and outreach programs, grant management, emergency operations, risk assessment, and local and state level planning initiatives. She was the co-chair for the nation's first integrated State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan.

The Hazard Mitigation Unit she supervises focuses on working with a variety of stakeholders on planning and project implementation to lessen damage from natural hazards and climate change. She and her team currently manage more than 75 projects, including flood control, critical infrastructure protection, structural retrofits, and planning projects, totaling more than \$60 million dollars.

Ms. White has served as the Donations Management Director responsible for the processing of all Personal Protective Equipment donations received during the COVID-19 response.

Ms. White holds a Master's in Public Administration from Framingham State College, a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Regional Planning, and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2020

October 21: Solid Waste Webinar – MassDEP Regional Solid Waste Section Chiefs
October 27: A Panel Discussion with the 2020 EBC Ascending Leader Award Recipients
October 28: New Hampshire Offshore Wind Webinar – Gulf of Maine Collaboration
October 29: Rhode Island TSCA Webinar – PCB Clean-up in the Northeast

NOVEMBER 2020

November 2: Solid Waste Management Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting
November 3: Water Resources Webinar – The Clean Water Act at (Almost) 50
November 4: New Hampshire Webinar – General Permit Coverage for Industrial Stormwater
November 5: Rhode Island Emerging Contaminants Webinar – PFAS Update
November 20: Climate Adaptation Forum: Resilience and Equity in Transportation

JANUARY 2020

January 25: Climate Change and Air Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting