

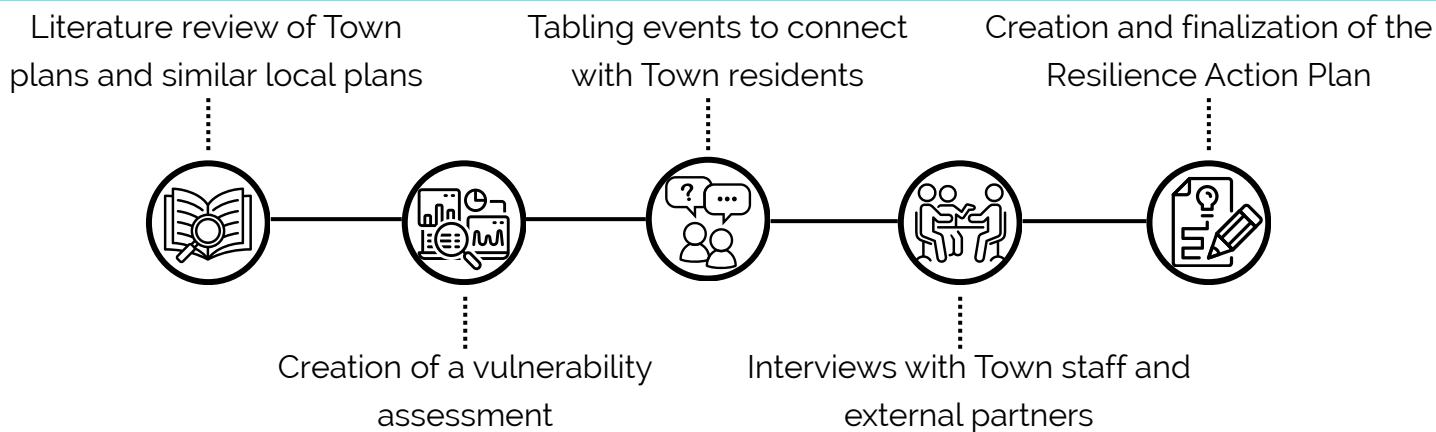
Town of Erie Resilience Action Plan

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Project Purpose

In the face of population shifts, infrastructure demands, and environmental threats, resilience planning is now an integral part of proactively meeting the needs of residents. Resilience can be defined as the ability to recover from a disaster or persist sustainably in the face of a new, ongoing hardship. To support the Town of Erie, a growing community with a history of mining and agriculture, the MENV Team compiled local and national data with insight from residents and community partners to analyze current accomplishments, gaps, and future needs.

Project Timeline

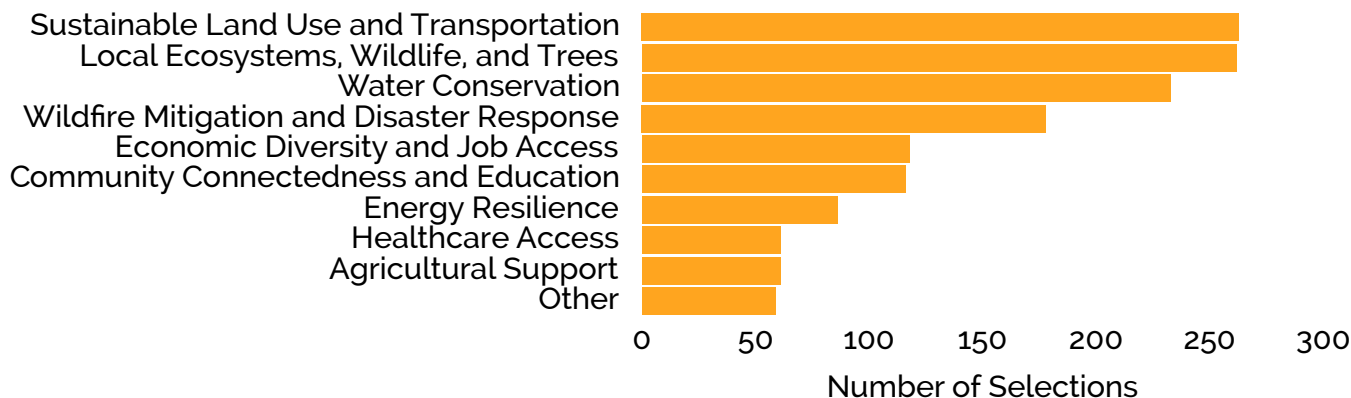


Methodology timeline for the development of the Resilience Action Plan.

Community Engagement

The MENV Team attended eight community events and collected feedback from over 900 attendees. The top three hazards reported by Town residents were drought, wildfires, and extreme heat. The team also conducted 16 interviews with Town staff, members of Town Council, and nonprofit representatives. These community partners highlighted existing programs, identified gaps, and provided resources for further research.

Top Identified Priorities



Resident responses for top resilience priorities for the Town of Erie.



Resilience Action Plan



Infrastructure



Land Management



Community

The Resilience Action Plan initiatives are divided into three chapters: Infrastructure, Land Management, and Community. The Infrastructure chapter highlights air quality, extreme temperatures, transportation, water conservation and stormwater management, and wildfires. The Land Management chapter focuses on agriculture, landscaping, and parks and open space. The Community chapter includes accessibility, economic development, healthy living, resilience hubs, and youth engagement and empowerment.

Individual sections include background information on relevant progress the Town has already accomplished. Each section has overarching goals that are supported by a set of connected strategies. Most of the strategies are Town-led, but many are based in partnerships with external parties like Wildfire Partners or Friends of Coal Creek. Goals in the plan often provide multiple benefits, such as air quality improvements, local cooling, and reduced stormwater runoff.

Funding and Cost Savings

The MENV Team generated a list of potential funding sources related to proposed strategies to improve plan feasibility, since specific costs for each strategy were not included in the plan. Resources invested in resilience are a proven positive financial investment for local governments.. A report from the United States Chamber of Commerce estimates that for every \$1 spent on resilience work, communities save \$13 through avoided future impacts from economic loss and infrastructure rebuilding.

Next Steps

The Town of Erie's first Resilience Action Plan marks a significant milestone in advancing the community's sustainability and preparedness efforts. The willingness to incorporate new data, best practices, and public input will be critical to maintaining the plan's relevance. Through thoughtful planning and adaptive leadership, the Town of Erie is positioning itself to remain well-prepared for the decades ahead.

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