



Resilient Buildings Workshop

Featured speakers

Sara Hoverter, Georgetown Climate Center
Douglas Pierce, AREA Research, Perkins+Will

Thursday, May 21, 2015

10 a.m. – Noon

Impacts from extreme precipitation, the urban heat island effect, extended heat waves, stronger wind storms, and more frequent ice storms and freeze/thaw cycles are beginning to affect buildings, their occupants, the surrounding landscape, and related public infrastructure. How do we adapt? How do we thrive in a rapidly changing and more challenging world?

Sara Hoverter of the Georgetown Climate Center will describe options that could provide more flexibility for Minnesota cities to increase the resilience of the built environment to the changing climate.

Douglas Pierce of AREA Research will explore building-specific strategies in the newly developed Resiliency Action List (RELi – pronounced rely), a balloted, pilot phase consensus standard designed to complement existing leadership programs such as LEED and Sustainable Building (SB) 2030.

Learn about aspects of safer, healthier and more productive buildings and communities that are better adapted to handle weather extremes, economic turbulence and crisis conditions.

- Potential options for Minnesota cities to have more flexibility under the building code to increase resilience.
- How building codes relate to the emerging area of resilient design.
- The newly developed RELi Resiliency Action List for Communities, Neighborhoods + Buildings.
- Specific resilient design strategies for commercial and residential buildings to improve health and safety.

There will be an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback on options and strategies presented.

Location

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
Minnesota Room
443 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Event is free but registration is required. Space is limited so RSVP today!

Approved for 2 hours of continuing education for building officials.

Refreshments will be provided.

Email RSVP to
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For more information on the event:

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Sara Hoverter is a senior fellow at the Harrison Institute for Public Law at Georgetown Law. Within the field of climate change and public health, Sara works primarily with state and local governments to help them protect their most vulnerable residents from the public health and environmental impacts of heat and intense precipitation in urban areas. Sara has a B.A. from Yale University, and a J.D. and LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.



Douglas Pierce is a Senior Associate with Perkins+Will and a member of the AREA Research Board Steering Committee. He is a LEED Fellow with 25+ years in sustainable design and planning. His work includes The Wilder Center (LEED Gold) and Great River Energy Headquarters (LEED Platinum). Doug Chairs the National Resiliency Initiative at The Institute for Market Transformation to Sustainability where he leads development of RELi. He serves on the UMN College of Architecture's sustainability faculty.



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