

# La Plata County Resilience Framework



# What is resilience?

“Resiliency is the ability of communities to rebound, positively adapt to, or thrive amidst changing conditions or challenges”





***Vision: La Plata County is a prepared equitable community built on regional partnerships that collaborate to respond and adapt to shared challenges and opportunities.***



# La Plata County Resilience Strategies



**Bolster fiscal stability for our public sector institutions to build capacity to provide essential community services**



**Persistently prepare for climate change and related disruptions to protect our communities and economies**



**Invest in our communities' prosperity, diversity and resiliency by encouraging wide-ranging economic development so that all can thrive**



**Identify and remove barriers to equity for all those in our community**

## Strategy 1: Bolster fiscal stability for our public sector institutions to build capacity to provide essential community services

### What does success look like?

- Citizens trust government and local organizations so that they invest in community and understand budget
- Cross jurisdictional collaboration exists to identify places of overlap and increase efficiency
- Operating revenue for local jurisdictions is sustainable

### Action

- 1.1 Craft and deploy a coordinated strategic communication campaign to build community trust in local government and support for the services and infrastructure they provide
- 1.2 Coordinate election strategies to maximize and leverage community investment in local government and districts
- 1.3 Identify opportunities to operate more efficiently and effectively through service provider cooperation and collaboration



## Strategy 2: Continuously prepare for climate change and related disruptions to protect our communities and economies

### What does success look like?

- Economic drivers and industries impacted by climate change recognize and embrace emerging opportunities
- Shared community understanding of climate dynamics, opportunities, and impacts
- Redundancy exists in critical systems including water, energy, transportation, communication, healthcare, ecological

### Action

- 2.1 Support expansion of renewable generation and industries both at the individual and utility-scale levels, including investigating new financing and tax incentives
- 2.2 Form a multi-jurisdictional climate practices group to identify, implement and encourage best practices that address climate impacts.
- 2.3 Utilize risk assessment and vulnerability modeling and regional hazard mitigation plans for cross-jurisdictional coordination to identify common actions to bolster preparedness, adaptiveness and responsiveness to hazards - including redundancy in critical systems.

## Strategy 3: Invest in our communities' prosperity, diversity and resiliency by encouraging wide-ranging economic development so that all can thrive

### What does success look like?

- Provide training to next generation of 21st century skills
- Identify and fill holes and balance of economic development and workforce
- Obtain balanced cost of living including housing and healthcare
- Maintain and expand entrepreneurial and incubator centers, which support economic diversification

### Action

- 3.1 Create and deploy a multi-jurisdictional group that includes educators, local government, business and entrepreneurs to coordinate future-ready skills training that employs mentorships, internships, apprenticeships and integrated community learning for students from pre-kindergarten through higher education
- 3.2 Engage in strategic and collaborative planning and investment in infrastructure such as broadband, multimodal transit, coworking spaces, etc., to support economic development that expands community livability
- 3.3 Facilitate coordinated land use planning that invests in and incentivizes density where appropriate to bolster economic development, livability and accessibility

## Strategy 4: Identify and remove barriers to equity for all those in our community

### What does success look like?

- Organizations intentionally and collaboratively address internal equity challenges that create barriers to access and inclusion.
- Community engagement for all strategies is designed to promote equity and inclusion
- Participation in public process and civic society among underrepresented populations increases.

### Action

- 4.1 Craft and deploy a coordinated multi-agency, multi-language engagement effort that identifies persistent structural inequities and prioritizes reaching and serving underrepresented groups and individuals by leveraging trusted partners to address equity issues in all sectors
- 4.2 Construct and execute an equity training curriculum for local and regional government, educators, nonprofits and the business community so that equity is a consideration in agency and organizational planning and programming
- 4.3 Craft a multi-jurisdictional, coordinated parks, recreation and open space master plan to foster economic development, invest in community infrastructure, build trust among community members and ensure that all who live and visit here have equitable access to parks and open space



# Action 1.1

Craft and deploy a coordinated strategic communication campaign to build community trust in local government and support for the services and infrastructure they provide



How

Possible Partners

Timeframe

Measure of success

Alignment/cobenefit

Spotlight