

# AmeriCorps Track 4

## Breakout Room Note Taking Document

*Supplemental to the Jamboards*

### **Group 1 notes:**

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Two questions for consideration:

- **What support services do your communities need and want?**
- **What form of programming would help you advance your climate resilience work most effectively?**

General comments:

- participant 1:
  - Work needs to be more intertwined and folks across communities should be coming together
    - Housing
    - Public health
    - Education
    - Government
  - We should not be working in silos - we keep tackling things the same way
  - No industry should be trying to tackle this alone
  - If we want to get things done - we should be connecting everyone from every color and creed
  - Burnout is a major problem
  - Learning about other organizations is also key
- Participant 2:
  - Attended a chamber of commerce for non-profits to get connected
  - Small business resource center - could have a chapter to target non profits
    - All nonprofits can be brought together and given the same assistant

### **Group 2 notes:**

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Two questions for consideration:

- **What support services do your communities need and want?**
  - Participant 1: (UFL, Monroe County): survey of 107 small-medium sized communities; good mix of respondents (size and politically); heard what you expect - no political will, no staff time/resources, no \$

- Do you feel like there was an opening in some of those conversations about where to start, if you were going to? Yes, used to develop tool to help communities work on resilience
    - Lots of \$ for vulnerability studies and action plan -> required first step for \$ to pay for shovel-ready projects; lots of communities are trying to pursue
    - Considering taking what counties have done and tailoring it down to help under-resourced communities
    - Participant 2 (Southeastern MN): Q - For clarity, what are we considering small and midsized populations? Is there a difference in what rural means?
      - 70K and under - considered rural; ASAP will follow-up
  - Participant 3- why does definition of rural matter?
    - Have worked mostly in NE NY, 90-95% of what we're talking about re: climate change is true for everything for rural communities
    - What do people care about? How do we attach climate-related issues to those issues?
    - E.g. housing, housing affordability - could be point of entry (already something people care about), could be helpful for framing
    - How can extension partner with ASAP, for example,
  - Participant 4: just offered this report for reference  
[\(https://publications.aqua.wisc.edu/product/workforce-needs-for-nature-based-solutions-in-wisconsin-northern-tier/\)](https://publications.aqua.wisc.edu/product/workforce-needs-for-nature-based-solutions-in-wisconsin-northern-tier/)
  - Participant 5- context matters for each community; they're all different; support is really the major need, not boots on the ground, necessarily
- **What form of programming would help you advance your climate resilience work most effectively?**

From the chat:

- Participant 3: Grant writing GOOD, BUT communities also need the capacity to benefit from and implement grants they win. Not a foregone conclusion.
  - Cole McMahon (facilitator): Agree completely
- Participant 3, SCA: from our members and partners we're hearing a lot of interest in wildfire prevention/restoration, historic preservation, wildlife conservation, GIS/mapping, orphan well capping/restoration, etc.
- Participant 3: Many also need help formulating projects that they would benefit from, ie community engagement at front end.
- Participant 6: and completely agree on housing priority