



## Resiliency Lunch + Learn Series Continues:

### Join USGBC Middle Atlantic New England Region and Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) NYC Post as we continue our Resiliency-focused webinar series in 2022.

USGBC's Middle Atlantic and New England (MANE) region collaborated with the [New York City Post](#) of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) to host a series of lunchtime webinars on a variety of resilience topics, from January through June 2021. To round out the 2021 series, speakers from all six sessions, plus more, came together for a culminating online resilience event on Oct. 6, 2021. This terrific series had roughly 300 attendees.

The Resiliency Series continues in 2022 with 6 more Lunch + Learns, between February and June. Topics will include Community Vitality; Hazard Adaptation; integrated long term master planning, and more. Each 90-minute session will include a Q&A portion.

Register for any or all of these online sessions, and earn continuing education credits (CEUs) where possible. Most sessions will provide Professional Engineer CEUs/PDHs and are pending AIA LU approval, and have also been submitted to GBCI for further CEU approval. Attendees are welcome to self-report this session to their accrediting body for continuing education. A nominal fee is being charged per each session to support the CEU administration: \$10 for USGBC and SAME members, and \$15 for the general public.

### SAVE THE DATES for our 2022 Lunch + Learns, tentatively scheduled for:

- **[Feb. 16, 12:00 noon-1:30 PM ET - Adaptive Means + Design Solutions](#)**  
Developing infrastructure that is more resilient takes new thinking for planning, design, and customer or user acceptance. The challenge is to seek adaptive means, methods, and design solutions that address current AND future challenges, while be economically, environmentally, and socially acceptable. Panelists include:
  - **Joe Manous**, PE, PhD, D.WRE, USACE Institute for Water Resources – **Moderator**
  - **Elizabeth Burkhart**, PE, Executive Vice President, Collins Engineers Inc.
  - **Adam Reeder**, PE, CFM, Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith
  - **Margaret Hopkins**, PE, Vice President, AKRF
  - **Caleb Stratton**, PP, AICP, CFM, Chief Resilience Officer, Hoboken, NJ
  - **John Miller**, P.E., CFM – FEMA Mitigation Liaison to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Mgt (NJOEM)
  
- **[March 16, 12:00 noon-1:30 PM ET – Communicate with communities](#)**  
Communicate with communities to facilitate their understanding of the long-term benefits of planned resiliency projects and the complexities associated with their execution. Presenters include:
  - **Wellington Chen**, Executive Director, Chinatown Partnership Local Developing Corporation
  
- **[April 20, 12:00 noon-1:30 PM ET - Facilitate compromise](#)**  
Facilitate compromise between organizations by bringing them together to understand each other's challenges. Presenters include:
  - **Malcolm Bowman**, Chair Storm Surge Working Group and State University of New York (SUNY)

- [May 4, 12:00 noon-1:30 PM ET - Community Vitality](#)  
Ensuring alignment with surrounding/between communities to elevate resilience within any given community. Presenters include:
  - **Ryan M. Colker**, J.D., CAE, Vice President, Innovation, Executive Director, Alliance for National and Community Resilience, International Code Council
- [May 18, 12:00 noon-1:30 PM ET - Integrated Long-term Master Planning](#)  
Guide local governments in making decisions that facilitate integrated long term master planning. Presenters include:
  - **Sarah E. Cwikla**, PE, BCEE, LEED AP, ENV SP, Senior Principal, Regional Sales Leader - Water, US North, Stantec
- [June 15, 12:00 noon-1:30 PM ET - Hazard Adaptation](#)  
Understanding the importance of location and the climate impacts that buildings must adapt to for survivability of occupants. Presenters include:
  - **Suzanne DiGeronimo**, FAIA F.SAME (Dist), President, DiGeronimo PC and Storm Surge Working Group
- Plus, a **culminating event in fall of 2022**, date TBD.

More details will be added as they are finalized. If you have any questions, please contact Medea Villere, Program Manager, USGBC, Market Transformation and Development for the Middle Atlantic and New England Region at [mvillere@usgbc.org](mailto:mvillere@usgbc.org).

**In case you missed any of our 2021 Lunch and Learns, here are links to the recordings of all 6 on YouTube:**

- Jan. 13: [Risk Reducing Strategies for Schools: Post-COVID-19](#)
- Feb. 10: [Economic impact of sea level rise and storm surge in the tri-state region](#)
- March 10: [Resilience, Sustainability & the Future of Codes](#)
- April 14: [Resilience Rating Systems: Better Buildings and Better Communities](#)
- May 12: [Future of military engineering innovation for resilience](#)
- June 16: [The Science of Storm Surge Risk Reduction](#)

## About SAME

The Society of American Military Engineers Resilience Community of Interest (COI) directly supports the second SAME strategic plan goal to “Build and Sustain Resilient Communities.” The national effort contributes to government and private sector collaborations that serve to minimize the impacts of and enhance effective response and recovery to natural and man-made threats.

The goal of the SAME NYC Post Emergency Preparedness and Infrastructure Resilience Committee is to support such efforts in the New York/New Jersey region. After Superstorm Sandy in 2012, flood mapping from the Federal Emergency Management Agency changed. Structures lining 100 miles of shoreline, both along the Atlantic Ocean and deeper inland, along the regions’ many rivers, need to respond to new flood inundation heights. The design and construction response to this need affects owner economics, insurance rates, insurance risk underwriting, engineering feasibility and facility usability. SAME NYC Post is committed to being the facilitator to generate the dialogue between government and the private sector about solutions.