

## **State Health and Environmental Agencies Efforts to Build Resiliency in Communities with Environmental Justice (EJ) Concerns**

2024 Update

Building off the resiliency sessions on complex disasters that ASTHO and ECOS hosted two years ago, this MOA project focused on where state health and environment programs are with respect to resiliency planning (e.g., climate, emergency preparedness, etc.), particularly in their engagement with communities with environmental justice (EJ) concerns. In spring of 2024, ASTHO and ECOS hosted a series of regional listening sessions to hear from health and environmental agency staff to understand how they plan for natural disasters and engage with disadvantaged or vulnerable communities, as well as what challenges they face in their emergency responses.

Based on what was heard during the listening sessions, ASTHO and ECOS developed a summary document to assist health and environmental agencies in their planning process, with an emphasis on resiliency planning in communities with environmental justice concerns. Read the document: [State Resiliency Planning Considerations](#).