

Chandra is Mapping Community-Led Climate Solutions

Sustainable Solutions After Disaster: Community-Led Disaster Preparedness Plans for Vulnerable Communities

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Usually when we hear about community disaster plans or disaster plans, they come directly to tell us what we need to do and how we need to prepare. So what we're doing is we're working in tandem with our city, county leaders and our local EMA to tell them like this is what we need to know so that we can build our own resilience to a disaster when it happens.

I think often people think that we don't want to learn or know how to best protect ourselves and we do. We just need to know the skills, we just need to know who to call. We just need to know who to reach out to. And then when we do those things, we need those community officials to respond back to us and to work hand in hand with us, because we want to be there. We want to work with them. We want to connect with them.

We know that often when disaster happens, we feel isolated, we feel alone, we feel as if, you know, this has only happened to us, but hopefully through this community building and this connection, we can build a resilience, we can know who our neighbors are, so that we can ask for help, we can know what our role is and what we need to do, what our community officials what their role is so that we can all work together to make our community even stronger than it was before.