

# Regional Resilience Collaborative



*In partnership with the Centralina Economic Development District*

Centralina Regional Council and the Centralina Economic Development District (EDD) have teamed up to facilitate jurisdiction support for increasing capacity and coordinating inter-local resources to enhance regional economic resiliency and disaster response systems. We will work directly with all County Emergency Management Managers across the Centralina nine-county region. This is a collaborative effort, and we will be building upon, not replacing, the County and City-level emergency plans through a series of plan evaluations, assessments, focus groups and one-on-one meetings. We intend to create a **Centralina Disaster Resilience & Emergency Management Regional plan** and framework for ongoing collaboration through a **Regional Resilience Roundtable**.

## Desired Objectives

- Building a regional network of emergency management professionals.
- Identifying opportunities for inter-local efficiency and capacity.
- Developing a structure for ongoing regional collaboration.
- Positioning the region and our counties to better respond to and recover from disruption and disasters.

## Key Deliverables

- County plan assessment summaries and regional integration considerations.
- Regional Resilience Roundtable framework recommendations.
- Centralina Disaster Resilience & Emergency Management Regional plan.



## Timeline

### Phase I

April -  
Aug 2021

1. Plan assessment summaries and regional integration considerations
2. Meeting notes

### Phase II

Aug - Oct  
2021

3. Master plan outline

### Phase III

Oct - Nov  
2021

4. Regional Resilience Roundtable framework recommendations
5. Centralina Disaster Resilience & Emergency Management Regional plan

### Project Closeout

Dec 2021

## IEM – Our Selected Partner

Centralina has chosen IEM as our partner on the Regional Resilience Collaborative project. Local to North Carolina, IEM is headquartered in Morrisville and is considered the largest woman-owned business of its kind. IEM's team combines extensive experience fostering regional coordination, expertise in emergency management plan assessment, strategic planning experience and highly skilled local staff. We look forward to working together with the IEM team!



## Background

Hurricane Florence, Tropical Storm Michael and the 2019 flooding impacted the Centralina EDD communities in the counties of Anson, Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanly, Union, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Iredell and Lincoln. Many communities in the region are still pursuing efforts to meet disaster recovery demands and assess or plan for increased resiliency systems. This project will address the need for increased capacity, especially on a regional level, to meet and plan for recovery, response and resiliency efforts.

# *Collaborative Planning Team*

The **Collaborative Planning Team** members will serve as the key representatives for their jurisdictions and support this project through their participation in a series of monthly meetings and completion of assigned tasks.

Kevin Gordon, Director of Emergency Management, Gaston County

Andrew Ansley, Emergency Management Director, Union County

Wike Graham, Battalion Chief/ Deputy Director of Emergency Management, City of Charlotte

Rodney Diggs, Emergency Services Director, Anson County

Steve Langer, Emergency Management Director, Cabarrus County

Mark Howell, Emergency Management Coordinator, Lincoln County

Brian Simpson, Emergency Services Director, Stanly County

Allen Cress, Interim Emergency Services Chief, Rowan County

Kent Greene, Director of Fire Services & Emergency Management, Iredell County

Anthony Bateman, Infrastructure and Oversight Hazard Mitigation Plan, City of Charlotte

Hannah Sanborn, Emergency Management Planner - Public Educator, City of Charlotte

Ian Crane, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Concord

Derrick Ramos, Assistant County Manager/ Chief of Staff, Mecklenburg County

Tracy Winecoff, Fire Chief, City of Kannapolis