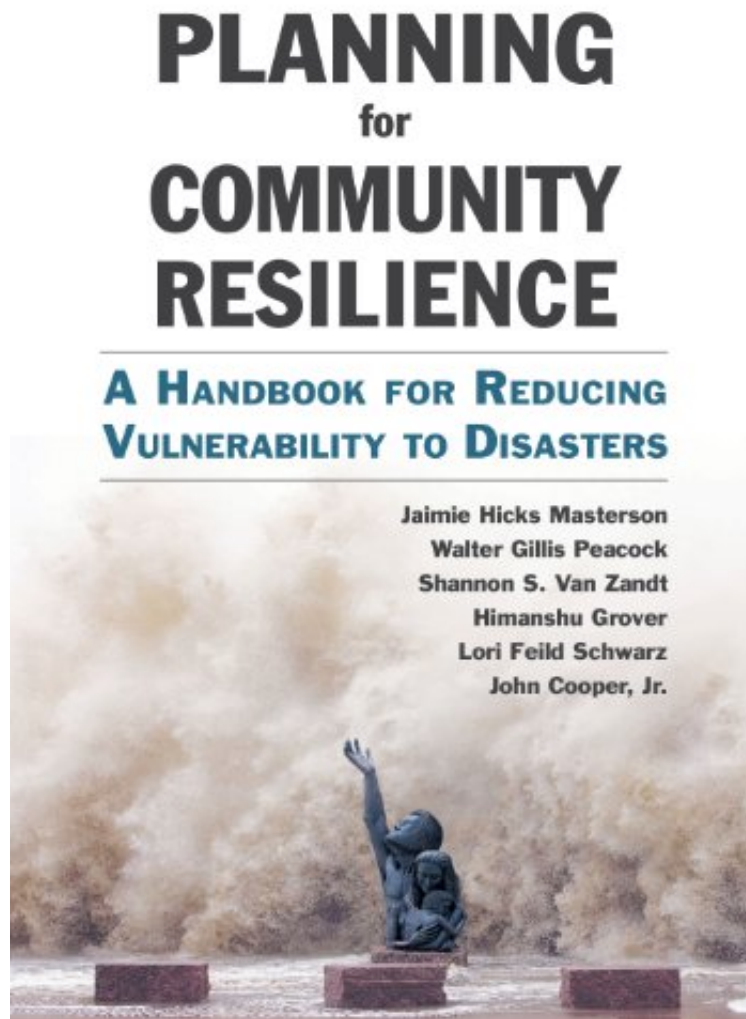


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Planning for Community Resilience. The objectives of Community Resilience are essentially post Hyogo Framework for Action which means that these attempts are still very young and there is much to be learned as we move into the Sendai decade which basically calls for the anticipation of the future and its modification through action in the present. The subject matter of the book is therefore exciting and contributes towards the building of the future. While the content of the book is relevant and timely its arrangement can be much better. This is possibly because the concepts underlying resilience are not very clear and have not been optimally configured as yet. Resilience belongs to the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Risk Reduction is a part of Disaster Management and there is to my knowledge no systematic approach to Disaster Management s yet and there is not likely to be in the near future since the number of systems thinkers and those able to master the process perspective appear to be very limited and far from enough to handle this field. The lack of systems thinkers shows throughout the global civilization of the species Homo sapiens and it can only be hoped that the need to generate more such thinkers will be perceived, understood and responded to as soon as possible. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good textbook. By Bill Bardin Textbook for a class on Resiliency Planning. Good examples for planning. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Book By KATHRYN The book is brand new and is serving its educational purpose.

How can we plan and design stronger communities? From New Orleans to Galveston to the Jersey Shore, communities struck by natural disasters struggle to recover long after the first responders have left. Globally, the average annual number of natural disasters has more than doubled since 1980. These catastrophes are increasing in number as well as in magnitude, causing greater damage as we experience rising sea levels and other effects of climate change. Communities can reduce their vulnerability to disaster by becoming more resilient—to not only bounce back more readily from disasters but to grow stronger, more socially cohesive, and more environmentally responsible. To be truly resilient, disaster preparation and response must consider all populations in the community. By bringing together natural hazards planning and community planning to consider vulnerabilities, more resilient and equitable communities are achievable. In Planning for Community Resilience the authors describe an inclusive process for creating disaster-resilient communities. Based on their recovery work after Hurricane Ike in Galveston, Texas, they developed a process that relies on the Disaster Impacts Model. This handbook guides any community through the process of determining their level of hazard exposure, physical vulnerability, and social vulnerability with the goal of determining the best planning strategy. Planning for Community Resilience will be invaluable to professionals working to protect their community from disturbance, including city planners, elected officials, floodplain managers, natural hazard managers, planning commissioners, local business leaders, and citizen organizers.

"Planning for Community Resilience makes it abundantly clear that we must begin to add more focus on mitigation when planning for natural disasters and hazards."