



Resilience Hubs in Action:

Faunteroy Community Enrichment Center



Washington, DC, USA



The Challenge

The Deanwood community members in Ward 7 face disproportionate exposure and sensitivity to impacts from a changing climate. This is due to a legacy of discriminatory systems and structures, limited opportunity and access to economic opportunity, chronic disinvestment, and lack of support.

The Hub Approach

The hub is focused on empowering the community at a multi-generational level by providing “consistent, high-quality programming embedded in community and environmental stewardship with opportunities for enrichment, education, and exposure to enable resiliency and sustained successes”. The site supports community adaptive capacity and ability to thrive day-to-day, in the event of disruption, and throughout recovery via access to an accessible, trusted, and well-utilized site that is resilient to flooding and other physical hazards. The hub design and programmatic offerings actively address physical and perceived barriers that limit connectivity while providing a natural gathering space that addresses a variety of community needs.

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"We see a place where all residents of Ward 7 can say, 'We designed this. We asked for it. And we built this for us.'"

-- Grayson Mann, fourth-generation community member of Ward 7



Five Foundational Area Successes



Programming & Services. Workforce development via sustainable career pathways, physical and emotional health and wellness, community pop-ups and markets, community garden, tool library, etc. Emergency preparedness and readiness via community trainings in CERT, CPR, AED, and Emergency Plans.



Communications. Broadcasting studio podcast, radio and YouTube programming. The site and programming integrates closed caption services and braille. During a disruption, community members alert each other and check on their neighbors.



Building & Landscapes. The structure has a SMART design focused on flexibility and innovative green solutions. It hosts a variety of spaces including an industrial kitchen, wellness station, quiet room, broadcasting studio, and multipurpose room for community needs and desires. It also has storage for emergency supplies and response materials, and access to a large community garden for food resilience.



Power. Rooftop solar and battery storage is present to ensure power redundancy and service continuity during outages, and provides community members with power and charging.



Operations & Maintenance. The site is ADA+ compliant to ensure physical accessibility. Local community members are hired to support the site and others are paid to advise on changes to the center to enhance resilience.

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