Breaking the Rules: Innovation Mindset for an Eco Neighbourhood: Resilience in Mount Dennis

ULI Urban Leadership Program

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Resilience in Mount Dennis

Agenda

- Core concepts
- Identify the stressors
- Create the framework
- What can you do?

core concept 1

climate change

climate changed

core concept 2



sustainability



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adapt



core concept 3

C Resilience

The capacity of individuals, communities, businesses, buildings and infrastructure to: Cope with; Adapt to; Respond to; **Recover** from, and; Learn from; Chronic stresses and acute shocks.

core concept 4



















identify the stressors



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We help **cities** around the world become more resilient to the physical, social, and economic **challenges** that are a growing part of the 21st century.

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Know the Facts Transform TO

Toronto's Future Weather*



*Source: Toronto's Future Weather and Climate Driver Study, 2011

City of Toronto's Future Weather and Climate Driver Study (2011) TransformTO, City of Toronto website, http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=ba07f60f4adaf410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD









create the framework
Evacuation vs. **Shelter in Place**

C Passive Survivability

refers to a building's ability to maintain critical life-support functions and conditions for its occupants during extended periods of absence of power, heating fuel, and/or water.



DAILY
RAINFALL
MAXIMUM
166
millimetres
2040-50
66
2000-09



















Source: Fortified Toronto Green Roof Bylaw/





Source: Fortified Toronto Green Standard













Source: Fortified https://disastersafety.org/fortified/safer-business/



Toronto Green Standard T3

Residential: Minimum 93m2 (1000 sqft), and/or 0.5m2/occupant

72 hours back-up power to the refuge area



Create one area on emergency power that can be heated and cooled during an event, allowing people to gather, normalize temperature and recharge key communication devices.





https://www.cdp.net/en/research





C Thermal Resilience

refers to a building's ability to maintain liveable temperatures the event of a power outage disruption in fuel supply for prolonged periods of time.



C Zero Carbon Building

refers to a building that is highly energy efficient, that produces on site, or procures carbon-free renewable energy in an amount sufficient to offset the annual carbon emissions associated with building operations.



Large Passive House Buildings





Punched Windows and real Walls





Building Integrated Photovoltaics







Concrete 410 kg Co2 **Steel** 8,200 kg Co2 **Wood** -1,000 kg Co2 "Wood has the performance potential of a race car, but we are only allowed to drive it up and down residential streets at 20km/hr"

- Steven Street, Technical Director at WoodWORKS!















Create Opportunities for Social Connection

Amenity spaces at multiple levels or loveable stairs - a community that knows one another will react and recover more quickly in the event of an emergency.









Create Opportunities for Food

Food connects people and brings them together. Include rooftop gardens and sidewalk level community gardens. Integrate fruit trees into the landscaping.



Urban Agriculture






"We are all temporarily able-bodied" - Susan Ruptash, Quadrangle



Make environments more usable, safer and healthier in response to the needs of an increasingly diverse population.













Micro retail opportunities



Reclaiming the In-between



Reimagining of Public Infrastructure



Reprioritization of Infrastructure



Reclaiming of Streets



Reclaiming of Public Space

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...disruptive and ambitious change that inspires the imagination.

how will you reimagine mount dennis?

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