RESILIENT BUILDING CODES CHECKLIST

1. What are the building code regulations in my state?
   Where to look:
   - Outputs from this project (*Appendix A: Code Requirements by State*)
   - NFPA CodeFinder
   - ICC Code Adoption Database

2. What are the hazards that my community is most concerned about? What strategies are available in the existing model codes that I could use to address these?
   See *Appendix C: Technical Appendix for Hazard-Specific Interventions*.

3. Does my community have the ability to further amend the state’s adopted codes?
   See *Appendix B: State-by-State Amendment Procedures*.

4. What is the process for adopting a model code or ordinance for my community?
   - See *Appendix B: State-by-State Amendment Procedures*.
   - Contact the State (often the State Building Code Commission and/or Fire Marshal’s Office) to determine if the municipality has legal authority to develop a code which exceeds the state’s adopted standards.
   - If a change in code is not allowable, work with local officials to determine how an ordinance could be developed to address similar concerns.
   - Build from the success of others — start from a base code or ordinance developed by another municipality and build from there.

5. Who needs to be involved in the stakeholder process? Have I...
   - coordinated with the State Building Code Commission and/or Fire Marshals Office to understand how codes might be amended at the local level;
   - established partners in municipal and/or county government that will advocate for the proposed change;
   - met with representatives from homebuilders and real estate industries to understand their viewpoints;
   - recruited subject matter experts to vet the technical aspects of the revised code or ordinance;
   - created a convincing case for why this is needed, including financial implications;
   - assembled a diverse group of allies that can speak to technical aspects, health and safety considerations, community needs, business implications, economic and equity considerations?