



# Building Urban Resilience: Lessons in Innovation

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# “Innovative Planning for Sustainable Communities”

- Support governments, development, and corporate clients
- Background in environmental planning, risk uncertainty
- Working with big infrastructure and signature sustainability



# Building Resiliency in Cities

The ability for a community to survive, adapt, and grow **no matter what** kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks it experienced.

Resilience requires communities to take transformative actions that allow them to endure and thrive **no matter what** the conditions.

# UNCERTAINTY

- We won't just wake up one day and find we have achieved: resiliency, low carbon objectives.
- Its iterative, its dynamic and we need to INNOVATE





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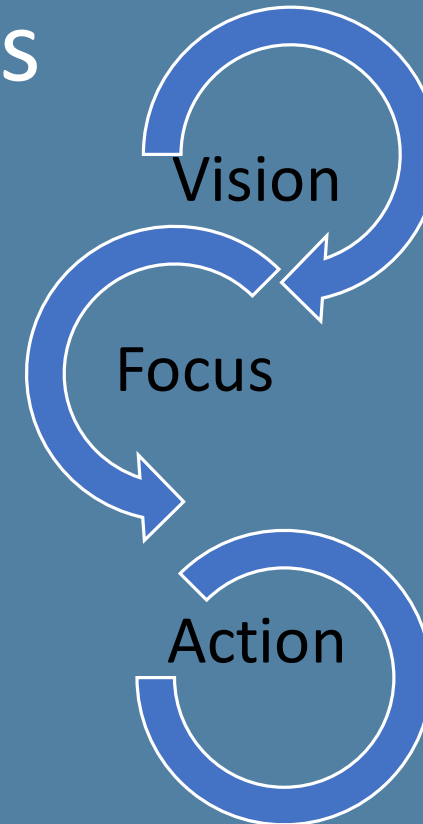
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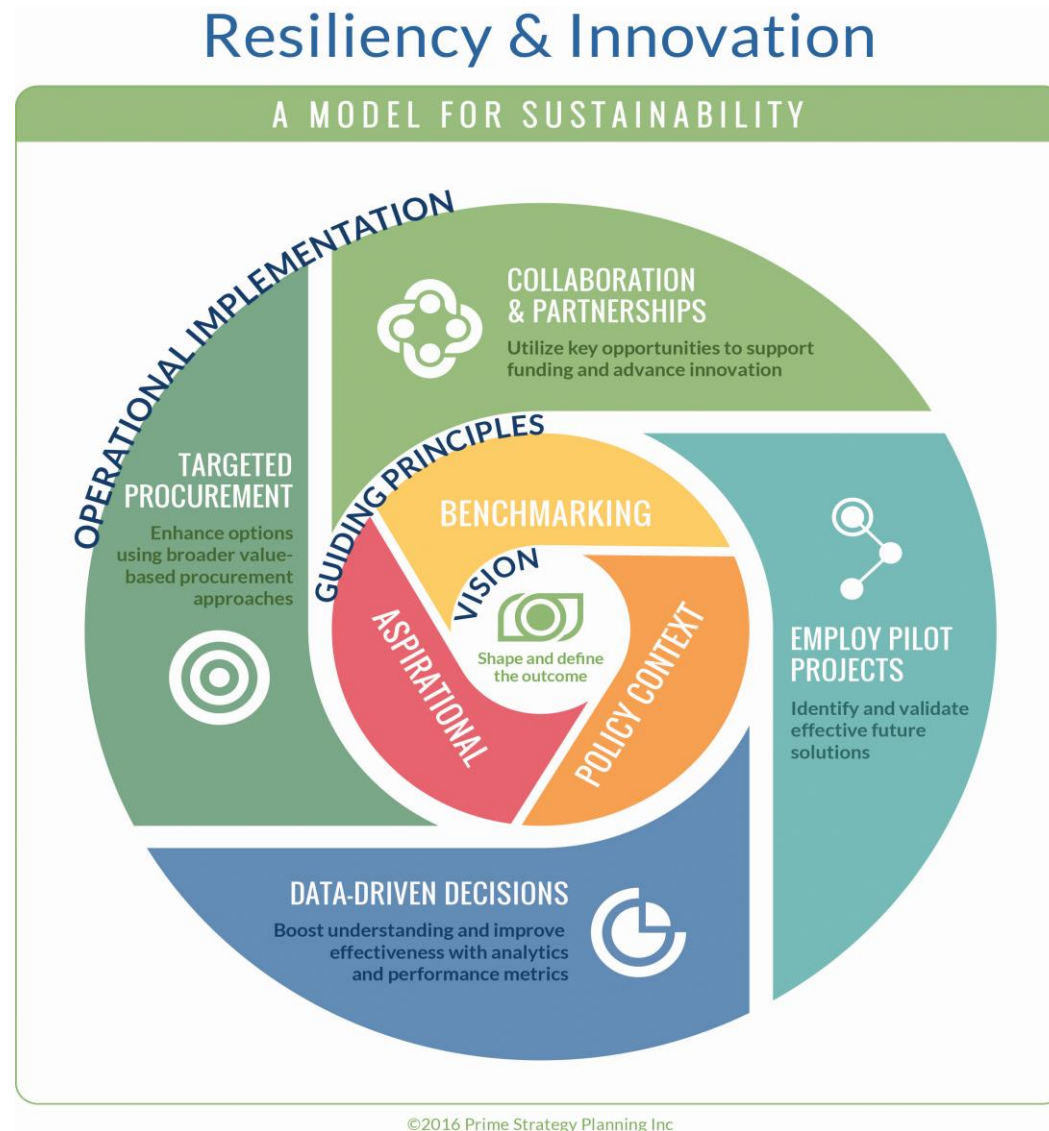
# Defining the Approach

- ITS ABOUT SETTING OBJECTIVES
- FOCUSING ON WHAT MATTERS
- BEING MEASURABLE
- ENSURING ACTION THAT IS IMPLEMENTABLE
- BEING OK WITH A PROCESS THAT ISNT ESTABLISHED

## Process



# PROCESS AND POLICY



- Collaboration and partnership
- Pilot projects for scaling solutions
- Data driven decisions
- Targeted value based procurement



# Integrated Solutions

Revitalizing Toronto's Waterfront

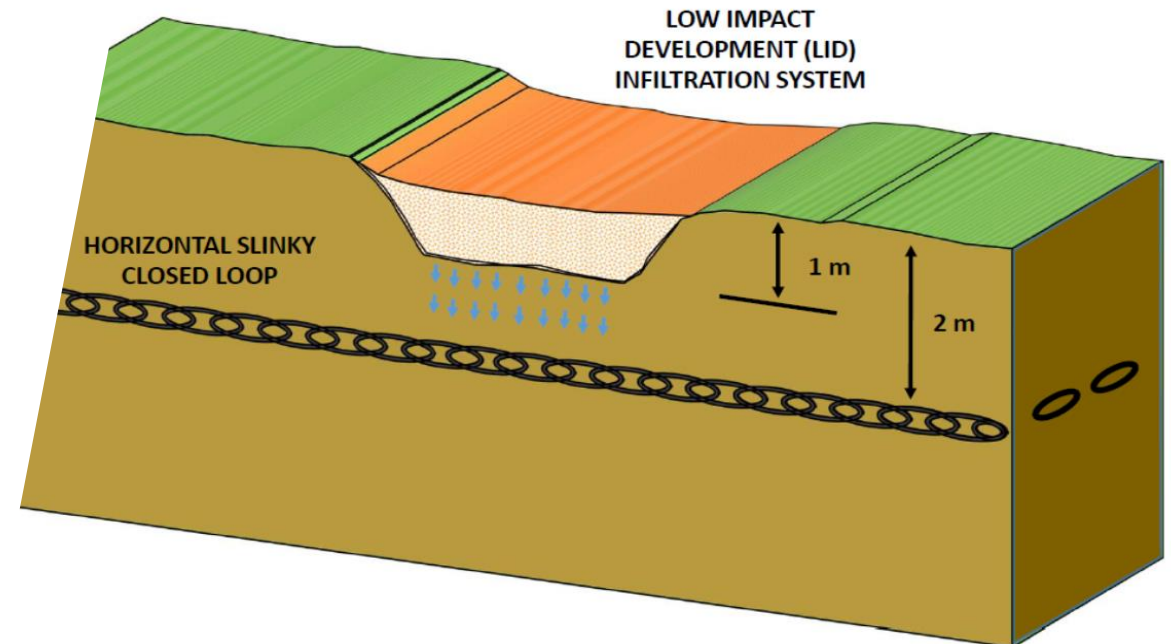
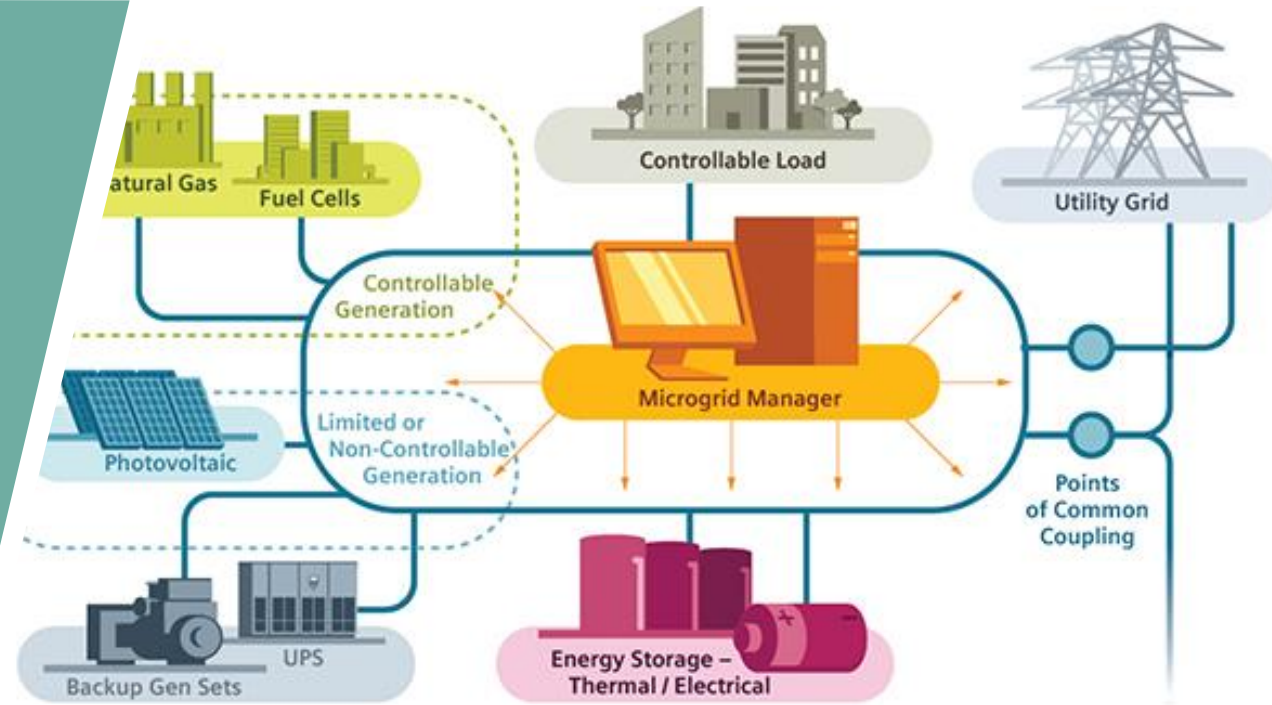




# Connecting Design

Look for integration of solutions

Every project brings layers of opportunity



# Resiliency is “Planning the New Norm”

Collaborations and  
Partnerships

Small projects leverage big  
solutions





# What does success looks like?

- Looking for opportunities sometimes right in front of you
- Thinking outside of the box about how to bring common interests and support together
- Aligning collaborative objectives
- Identifying metrics/outcomes
- Reaching out to leaders for buy-in
- Consulting stakeholders in open transparent format

# Getting to Innovation

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- SET THE BAR HIGH
- SHIFT THINKING ABOUT ISSUES, PROCESSES AND PROJECTS
- LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES
- EMBRACE THE UNCERTAINTY AS LONG TERM GAIN
- THINK BIG, THINK QUALITY OF LIFE, THINK FLEXIBILITY





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