



# Resilience From Many Perspectives

Untraditional Partnerships to Facilitate Place-Based Adaptation Strategies

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# ESLC: What we do

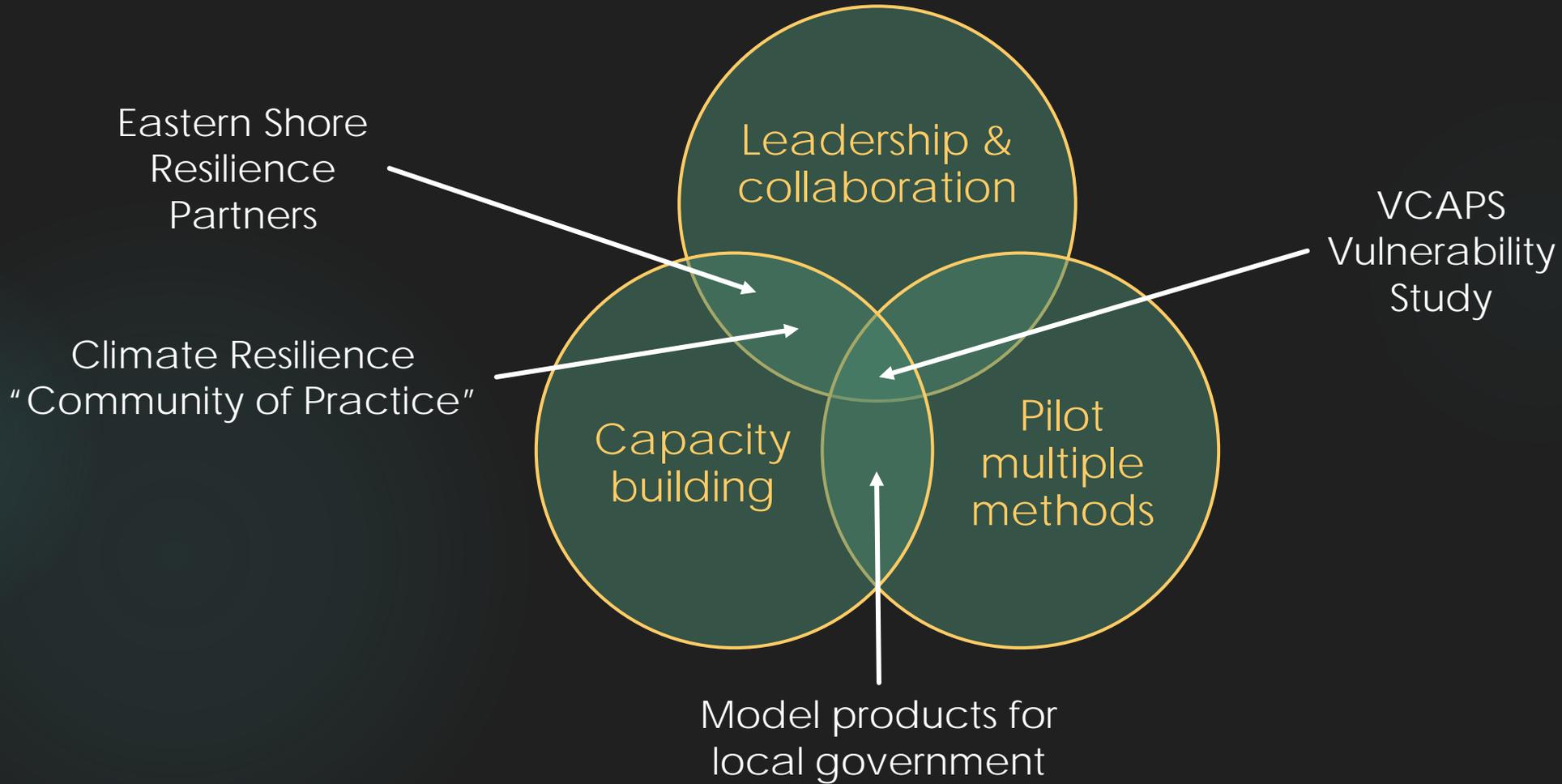
- ▶ Land Preservation & Stewardship
- ▶ Center for Towns (revitalization, sustainability)
- ▶ Coastal Resilience Program
- ▶ Policy Advocacy (land use, water quality)
  
- ▶ Eastern Shore Conservation Center  
114 S. Washington Street, Easton
  
- ▶ Supported by the Town  
Creek Foundation



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# Our approach



# Eastern Shore Resilience Partners

## ▶ Informal Public-Nonprofit partnership

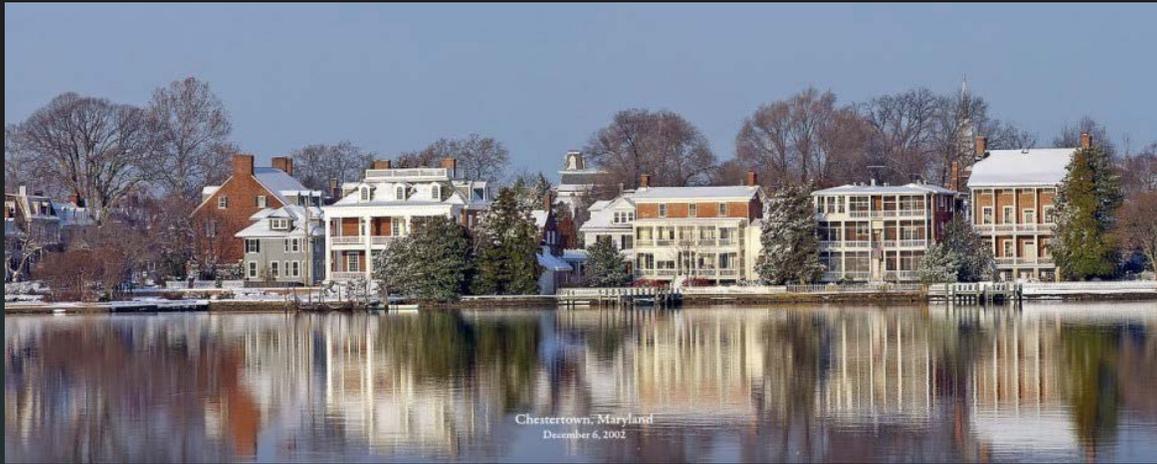
- ▶ State: Dept. of Natural Resources, Maryland Critical Area Commission, Dept. of Planning, MEMA Emergency Management Agency, Sea Grant Extension
- ▶ Academic: UMD Environmental Finance Center, Washington College Shore Power Program
- ▶ Nonprofit: ESLC

## ▶ Goals

- ▶ Professional development
- ▶ Collective impact



# Participatory Vulnerability Study Kent County, MD



- ▶ County-level climate and sea level rise vulnerability study
- ▶ Partners:
  - ▶ **County:** Cooperation of all departments
  - ▶ **State DNR:** Funding & resources
  - ▶ **ESLC:** Leadership, backbone logistics, facilitation
  - ▶ **NC/SC/MD Sea Grants:** VCAPS training & facilitation
- ▶ Goals:
  - ▶ Understand & communicate climate risks
  - ▶ Influence long-range planning
  - ▶ Build regional capacity through VCAPS training



# Regional “Community of Practice” for Climate Resilience

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- ▶ Partnership with Antioch University’s Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience
- ▶ Local Governments + State Partners
- ▶ Goals
  - ▶ Build “resilience teams” within each local government...
  - ▶ ...that are supported by a regional collaborative network for resilience planning...
  - ▶ ... with continuing training, support, and accountability.



# Thank you.

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