



Retreating from Risk

Decision-supports for the equitable implementation of retreat to build climate resilience

Climate displacement is becoming a pressing reality for many communities.

Managed retreat is one proactive adaptation strategy that allows for the purposeful relocation of people and property from at-risk areas.

When implemented in a strategic and participatory way, managed retreat can offer both risk reduction benefits and opportunities to advance social justice and enhance community well-being. When managed retreat is integrated into longer-term community planning processes, it can complement and contribute to local priorities. Equitable and community-engaged decision-making processes can empower communities to collaboratively and creatively re-envision new pathways of sustainable development, build resilience for future generations, minimize harms and reduce inequalities, and build upon shared community values.

Managed retreat is a complicated and complex process that requires careful consideration. That's why the Retreating from Risk project is working to equip decision-makers, planners, and practitioners with the tools they need to make informed, equity-driven decisions about whether or not managed retreat is right for them.

Research Overview

The Retreating from Risk project aims to help communities with their long-term climate resiliency and adaptation planning. Working alongside communities in Canada, the U.S., and Indonesia, Retreating from Risk strives to support communities throughout different stages of the managed retreat planning process by developing decision-support tools and processes to:

- Aid in assessing adaptation options and opportunities
- Navigate complex decisions
- Engage in community outreach

To do this, we must first answer the question, what are the decision-support needs for municipalities and Indigenous communities as they consider and/or seek to implement equitable managed retreat programs as an adaptation strategy to build flood resilience?

Are you interested in managed retreat? Let's talk!

Do you know a community that is:

- ☒ *Considering or implementing some form of managed retreat?*
- ☒ *Engaging in disaster recovery or experiencing displacement?*
- ☒ *Looking to explore innovative adaptation options?*

**Tell us your experience
with managed retreat**



**Stay informed
on the project!**



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