



Title: *Increasing climate resiliency as part of Atkinson’s reducing climate risk working group*

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Date: Monday, September 9th, 2019; 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Location: 300 Rice Hall

Abstract: Atkinson’s strategic plan proposed a reducing climate risk working group, which has two elements: preventing climate change and increasing climate resiliency.

In this topical lunch we seek to identify and energize opportunities at Cornell in increasing climate resiliency, especially for urban-rural networks both here in NY and internationally.

Cities and low-lying coastal zones will need to adapt to climate change, synergizing their efforts to adapt with their efforts to mitigate greenhouse gases. Understanding the “systems of systems” interactions with the built environment will be key to this plank. Issues of fairness and justice will also be important considerations for those trying to increase community resiliency to climate change.

For this topical lunch we seek to brainstorm ideas about where and how to put Atkinson Cornell’s broad interdisciplinary expertise into practice with non-academic partners to have an impact in the real world.