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2014 Eugene Springfield Vulnerability Assessment

- Integrate Climate and Energy Action Plan with Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Develop a sector level vulnerability assessment tool
- Inform better mitigation actions
- Move from planning to action







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Multi-hazard Vulnerability & Risk Assessment

- Embed climate and energy in *existing*, *ongoing*, *funded*, and *federally required* planning process
- Understand system vulnerabilities more holistically – several related risks
- Inform planning and future system investments
- Be more inclusive, capture synergies





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Systems and Services

- Transportation
- Housing
- Fossil fuels
- Electricity
- Food
- Drinking water

- Stormwater
- Health
- Sanitary sewer
- Natural systems
- Public safety
- Communication



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Assessment Process





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Key Observations



The region will struggle to recover quickly from a largescale event.



Nearly every sector relies other sectors to function.



Strong support for **multi-sector riskreduction actions**.



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Project Findings

- Earthquake and Winter Storm
 - Community- AND region-wide impacts
 - Impacts to Transportation, Energy and Fossil Fuels
- System interdependencies compound impacts
 - Food, water, wastewater, economy, social services
- Lane County and ES Metro will become a hub
- Multiple local projects similar conclusions

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The Problem

- Lots of plans (too many?)
- Multiple critical interdependencies
- Risks and vulnerabilities cross jurisdictional boundaries
- Limited capacity
- Three critical sectors





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Indicators of Resilience



Strong leadership



Well-developed networks



Change readiness





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Networks Can Be Complex



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Networks Yield Results!



- As the number of nodes in a network increases, the value of the network & its outcomes increases exponentially
- Adding a few more members = value²





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