Prioritizing Flood-Ready Infrastructure

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As signatories, we agree with these principles to reduce risk and meet our economic, environmental, and social needs.

Our country’s infrastructure faces increasing vulnerability due to the impacts of severe weather, rising population, and changing land use patterns. Moreover, the aging built environment suffers from years of underfunding and neglect. Major reform is needed to ensure that new investments increase the durability of the man-made surroundings and consider nature-based approaches to minimize future flood damage, reduce the impact and costly cycle of rebuilding, and save taxpayer dollars.

Signees of the Flood-Ready Infrastructure Statement of Principles support prioritizing infrastructure decisions that will:

- Improve resiliency requirements for buildings and infrastructure systems built before and after flood-related catastrophes.
- Enhance the use of natural defenses in infrastructure decisions that will:
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