

Foundations of community-driven relocation



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Managed Retreat

“Purposeful, coordinated movement of **people** and assets out of harm’s way”
(A. R. Siders, 2019)



An aerial black and white photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a large, white, foamy wave is breaking across the bottom of the frame. Behind the wave is a sandy beach and a row of houses. The town consists of numerous houses of varying sizes, some with multiple stories, clustered together. A road runs through the middle of the town. In the background, a large, dark, irregularly shaped body of water, possibly a bay or a large pond, is visible. The water has a mottled appearance, suggesting different depths or vegetation. The shoreline of the water is irregular, with some small islands or peninsulas. The overall scene is a coastal landscape with a mix of natural and built environments.

Center people, not infrastructure

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An aerial black and white photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a large, white, foamy wave is crashing onto a sandy beach. Behind the beach is a row of houses, mostly two-story structures with gabled roofs. A road runs through the middle of the town. In the background, there is a large, dark, marshy area with winding paths or waterways, bordered by a dense line of trees.

Must be community - led and voluntary

Communities we can learn from

An aerial black and white photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a sandy beach is visible with waves breaking onto it. Behind the beach is a row of houses, mostly two-story structures with gabled roofs. A road runs parallel to the beach. Behind the road is another row of houses, followed by a large, dark, irregularly shaped body of water or wetland area. The background is filled with dense trees and more houses.

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Numerous policy and planning tools

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Needs a holistic, systems approach

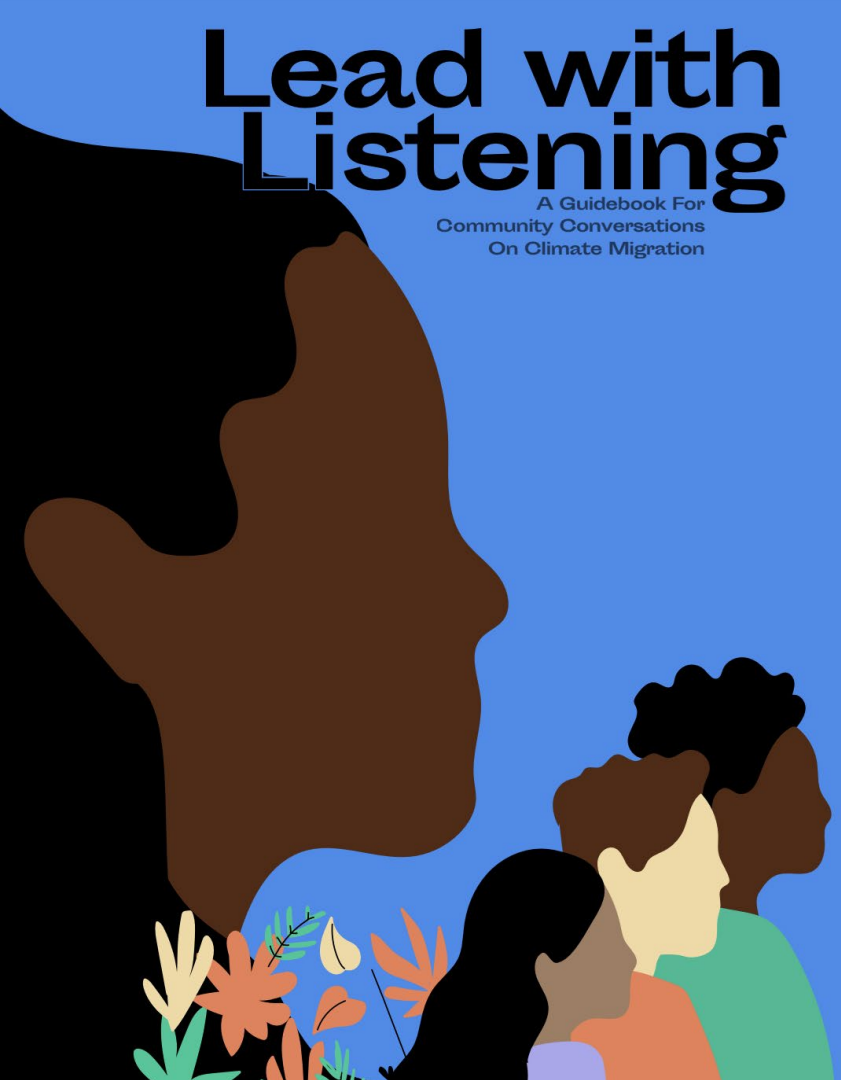
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Lead with Listening

A Guidebook For
Community Conversations
On Climate Migration



“Managed” by who?

Who benefits?

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