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Community and Regional Resilience Institute Announces Leading Communities for the Community Resilience System

Washington, DC (September 9, 2011) – The Community and Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI) yesterday announced seven leading communities that will serve as initial pilots of the Community Resilience System. The announcement was made at an awards ceremony and dinner at the [9/11 Tenth Anniversary Summit – Remembrance, Renewal, and Resilience](#) held at the Newseum in Washington, DC. These leading communities will be the first to use the Community Resilience System – a web-based system that helps communities assess their capacity to withstand significant disturbances and create an approach to recovery. These leading communities will provide feedback to CARRI that will help refine the CRS and make it even more useful to American communities.

The seven leading communities that will pilot the Community Resilience System are Anaheim, California; Anne Arundel County and Annapolis, Maryland; Charleston and the Tri-County Area, South Carolina; Gadsden, Alabama; Greenwich, Connecticut; the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and Mount Juliet, Tennessee.

The 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Summit told moving stories of American resilience through short documentaries that included [BOATLIFT: An Untold Tale of 9/11 Resilience](#); [Rebuild: The Reconstruction of Ground Zero](#); [Gulf Coast Resilience: An American Tale](#); [‘Voices’ of 9/11](#); [Anthem: a Call to Action](#); Wounded Warriors’ Resilience; and [Friends from Gander: Operation Yellow Ribbon](#). The overwhelming consensus: honor the fallen, but build a more resilient nation in their name. The summit was organized by the Center for National Policy and Voices of September 11th in cooperation with the Community and Regional Resilience Institute. For more information, visit www.Road2Resilience.org.

In addition to the announcement of the CARRI leading communities, the awards ceremony included Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley, and Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour among other speakers. Governor Barbour was also on hand to accept the first annual Community Resilience Award on behalf of the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for their resilience following Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The summit concluded with a call to action for Americans and their communities to work towards greater resilience.

More information about CARRI and the Community Resilience System can be found at www.ResilientUS.org.

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