

National Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

Your Educational Source of Support in Time of Need

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What is EDEN

EDEN reduces the impact of disasters by bringing together and coordinating the expertise and resources of the Cooperative Extension System to address the critical needs of individuals, families, and communities. EDEN is supported by the USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture through a Food and Agricultural Defense Initiative grant. The network comprises a collaboration of Land Grant Universities (1862, 1890, and 1994), Sea Grant Institutions, and affiliated partners.

Mission of EDEN

The mission of EDEN is to reduce the impact of disasters through the aggregation of research-based resources and coordination to ensure these resources are readily available to the Cooperative Extension System, stakeholders, and the communities they serve.

Who Can Join EDEN

Membership is held at the institutional level, which includes Land Grant Extension Services and the NOAA Sea Grant Program. These institutions designate a primary point of contact to serve as the conduit of information in the network. Additionally, other professionals from the member institutions serve as delegates to EDEN to ensure the goals and mission of EDEN are reached. EDEN memberships are also extended to affiliate members not associated with an Extension or Sea Grant Institution to enhance the work of EDEN.



City planners discussing risk reduction options during a community hazards conference



Preliminary damage assessments following Hurricane Milton in Florida



Delivering much needed relief supplies following Hurricane Helene in North Carolina



Caring for a set of puppies at an animal shelter during Operation Border Health in Texas



Applied research project to reduce flooding through the application of Green Infrastructure



Hands-on exercises to sharpen response skills

How Does EDEN Work

The work of EDEN is completed by delegates serving through a committee-based structure. These committees include the following program areas: Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Family & Consumer Science, 4-H Youth Development, and Natural Resources. Additionally, the committees of Marketing & Membership, Professional Development, and Exercise & Training work to enhance the capacity and capability of delegates in all phases of the disaster cycle.

What Does EDEN Do

As a Cooperative Extension leader in disaster management, Eden:

- Supports the development and distribution of research-based information on a wide variety emergency management topics.
- Provides grant opportunities for development of new techniques, technologies, or educational delivery methods related to disasters.
- Hosts professional development opportunities including an annual professional development conference along with tabletop and hands-on readiness exercises.
- and supports response and recovery efforts of Extension professionals.

Applications

- 1.) Locate your local office of the Cooperative Extension Service by searching "Your County Name" + "Your State" Extension Office.
- 2.) Scan the QR Code below to access the EDEN Website.
- 3.) Select one of the disaster resource topic links to explore available information on the EDEN website.
- 4.) Explore EDEN membership opportunities.

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