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A higher cost of living combined with more frequent and intense weather events is a compounding socio-economic problem that needs to be addressed through a social justice lens. This research contends that partnering with a community during early-stage research design is essential for defining resilience in ways that are both actionable and equitable. However, conducting research at the neighborhood scale reveals significant methodological and institutional barriers, from navigating IRB processes to refining participatory methods that accommodate diverse perspectives. In collaboration with the Indianhead-Lehigh neighborhood (affectionally called Nene Land) in Tallahassee, FL, this work explores how neighborhood-scale resilience is experienced and contested in a community with diverse ethnic backgrounds, income levels, and climate risk exposure. Preliminary data collection - combining geospatial analysis and insights from community meetings - highlights the disconnect between policy-driven resilience definitions and locally relevant adaptation strategies. At the same time, this early-stage research has faced challenges in structuring participatory methods, addressing institutional constraints, and adapting methodologies in response to community input. This poster reflects on these early-stage challenges and their implications for the future of disaster research. By addressing practical barriers to researcher-community collaboration, this study contributes to broader discussions on integrating equity into climate resilience research.

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