

Fostering Resilience Across Maryland

Free assessment to determine your facility's potential to serve as a Community Resilience Center



What is a Community Resilience Center?

A trusted, community-run facility that keeps essential services available during disruptive events. When equipped with backup power, communications, and supplies, it can provide a safe place to charge devices, access information, and power critical services (like food, shelter, and connectivity) for surrounding neighborhoods.

Why this matters

Power outages, heat waves, and severe storms are increasing in frequency and impact, and vulnerable neighbors often experience the greatest impacts. Building local resilience helps keep people safe and connected when it matters most.

Properties and buildings that pass an initial eligibility screening will receive

- A free assessment of your facility's potential to serve as a Community Resilience Center.
- Preconstruction planning deliverables you can use to pursue implementation funding
- Information about energy resilience and connections to other stakeholders.

Who should participate

Groundswell is seeking Maryland organizations located within **Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester** counties that are committed to equitable access and serving neighbors during emergencies, including:

- Community centers and houses of worship
- Clinics, schools, and food hubs
- Other trusted community-serving facilities

Participation timeline

Site evaluations begin upon interest confirmation. Planning activities are scheduled with each organization. Contact us to get started and help build a cleaner, more resilient Maryland.

How to get involved

- Email: ResilientCommunities@groundswell.org
- Web: groundswell.org/resilient-maryland
- Interest Form: forms.office.com/r/EuWpaPGUDZ

Completing the QR code interest form helps us quickly confirm your site's fit and schedule next steps



About the team

Groundswell

Groundswell builds community power to improve local resilience for everyone and cut electricity bills in half for our neighbors who need savings the most. We use community solar, resilience hubs, and energy efficiency to preserve affordable housing, strengthen the grid, and support local economic development. Our people-centric and place-based programs are tailored to deliver tangible benefits and align with local priorities across the Heartland, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeast. Groundswell leverages our SolMate™ data platform to enable scale while ensuring measurable success. We're on track to deliver over \$29 million in annual energy savings to more than 36,000 families and deploy more than 40 resilience hubs across 12 states by 2030.

Prime Partners Engineering

Prime Partners Engineering, LLC (PPE) is a Washington, DC-based, full-service project management, design engineering, and dry utility consulting firm. PPE is a Certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and a DC Certified Business Enterprise (CBE). The team averages 15 years of experience managing capital projects from initiation to closeout, with expertise across electrical distribution design and construction (residential and commercial), utility system improvements, solar, complex network design, dry utility, and permitting.

SunCatch Energy LLC

SunCatch Energy LLC designs and builds solar energy systems that generate clean power and drive local economic development. Founded by Bradford Boston in 2016, SunCatch's services include consulting, design, and construction for solar, resiliency (microgrids), and efficiency projects. Mr. Boston is a fourth-generation electrical contractor and licensed electrician/general builder with 30+ years of electrical experience and 12 years in the solar industry.

