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What We Do

Working with communities across the country, **Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW)**provides land use planning solutions, communications assistance, and customized research to better understand and manage wildfire-prone areas and reduce risks.

We envision fire-adapted communities that live with the inevitability of wildfires by integrating wildfire risk-reduction measures into design and development to minimize costs, protect structures, and save lives. CPAW services are provided at no cost to our community partners.



What We Provide



Land Use Planning

- Expertise in land use planning, wildfire and hazard mitigation
- Recommendations tailored to meet the unique needs of the community



Research and Science

- Data tools that harness the latest science in wildfire risk reduction
- Best practices for adapting development and landscape standards that can mitigate risk



Outreach

- Communications strategies to connect all stakeholders
- Identify where vulnerable populations and wildfire threats intersect



Capacity Building

- Training and workshops
- Networking
- Technical assistance for grant writing, code development, and implementation



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Where We Work

CPAW works with communities at all scales and sizes across the United States. We've worked with more than 80 communities across the country to help reduce wildfire risk, listening to understand their own views on success and building custom solutions. For more information about our work in these communities, visit https://cpaw.headwaterseconomics.org/



Our Process

Phase 1

Scoping (

Introduce you and the CPAW team, and together we begin to identify the community needs and stakeholders.

Phase 2

Assessment (

Review community conditions, documents, and learn about the community values and how they define success.

Phase 3

Recommendations

Identify
possible projects
and funding
mechanisms, provide
communication
materials for the
community.

Phase 4

Action

Assist in the implementation of projects and adoption of regulations while working with regional partners and federal agencies.

Supplemental Support

As needed and funded.

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