

Resilience Hubs for a More Resilient Connecticut



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50%

Estimated % of trees that would be lost in 2023 if a “major” hurricane (Cat. 3 or higher) were to hit Connecticut.

40,000

miles of downed power lines estimated from “major” hurricane in Connecticut.


1-2 months

Time needed to restore basic services across the state.

The New York Times

Record Number of Billion-Dollar Disasters Shows the Limits of America's Defenses

The country has been hit by 23 large-scale disasters since January, and hurricane season is far from over.

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The New York Times

Your Climate Disaster Tax Bill Is Growing

The federal government's spending on calamities related to global warming is a rapidly rising fiscal threat.

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\$50 Billion

Federal Investment in climate resilience in just the last 3 years under current administration

40%

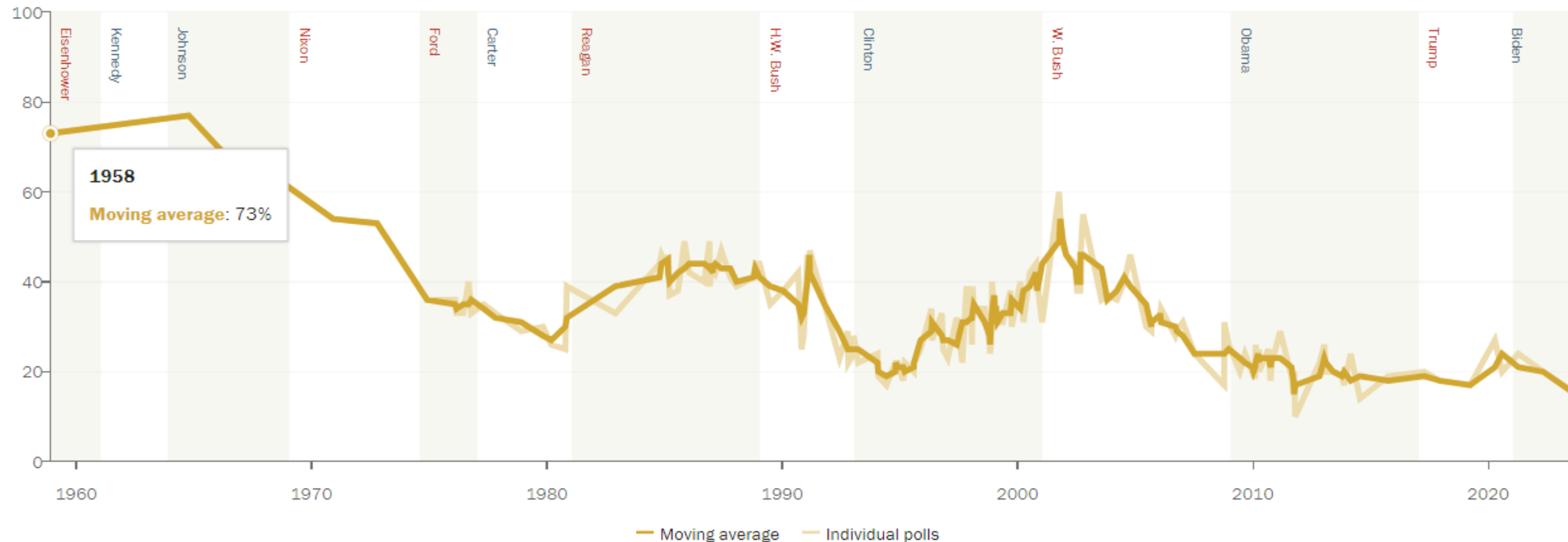
% of that investment for environmental justice communities (Justice 40)

15%

Portion of population that has basic trust in institutions of government.

Public trust in government near historic lows

% who say they trust the government to do what is right just about always/most of the time



Takeaways

- Escalating climate and weather disruptions are stressing government resources to respond and manage
- need for transformational projects and actions to adapt to changing conditions
- historic federal investment is available and prioritized for EJ communities
- capacity and trust is at historic lows
- Money is top down, but investment needs direction from bottom up to ensure money is connected to things communities need and want

What are “resilience hubs?”

Resilience centers, or “Resilience hubs” are community-serving facilities, augmented to support residents and coordinate and supplement resource distribution and services before, during, and after a natural hazard event (Baja, 2018).

What are “resilience hubs?”

- leverage existing or newly designated community-trusted spaces or facilities
- can take many forms and scales
- 3 modes of operation:
 1. during climate disruption
 2. post-event recovery
 3. everyday operations

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