WEDG® Professionals are changing the way waterfronts are designed to address the challenges and complexities of climate change. By earning your WEDG Associate credential, you develop a competitive, dynamic skillset and join a growing national network of climate leaders who are shaping our coastlines for generations to come.

WEDG (Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines) is the gold standard for resilient, accessible, and sustainable waterfronts. The WEDG project verification process demonstrates excellence in design and meets the highest standard for risk reduction to sea level rise and flooding. It is also a framework for preparing more successful permit applications, reducing costs associated with climate change and waterfront maintenance, as well as garnering community support throughout the process. The WEDG credential prepares professionals to evaluate waterfront design and plans through this framework.

Every $1 invested in mitigation activities to reduce coastal climate risks and disaster losses saves $6 (up to $7 for riverine flood risks).

We have spent more than $47 billion in claims through the National Flood Insurance Program since 1978, 40 percent of which has come in just the last 10 years.

We lose an average of nearly 80,000 acres of coastal wetlands a year due to development and sea level rise.

More than 40 percent of our population lives at the coast, though many people are disconnected from the physical benefits of access to water.

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WHO ARE WEDG PROFESSIONALS?
Professionals in architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, urban planning, real estate, maritime industries, community development, risk and financial services are all great candidates for the WEDG Associate credential. Our growing national network includes students and early professionals, as well as executive-level leaders.

GET STARTED TODAY
Become an early expert in our growing national network of resilient design leaders. Get in touch with us if you would like to learn more about acquiring the WEDG Associate credential through courses offered throughout the year or discuss opportunities for WEDG project verification.

Explore the standard
There are many rating systems out there. Explore what makes WEDG different.

Get inspired: WEDG Verified case studies
See WEDG principles of resilience, ecology, and access exemplified through real waterfront projects.

Become a WEDG Associate
Gain a competitive skillset and earn national recognition for your resilient design expertise.

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