

## **Part V**

# **Putting It All Together**

The authors conceptualize an “ecology of public policy implementation” that provides a frame of reference for those advocating, conceptualizing, and drafting public risk reduction policies that rely on others to spend resources to achieve the policy objectives. Just as with any complex system functioning within a complex environment, public policies focused on reducing the likely consequences of extreme events must be congruent with the systems within which they are introduced. Since risk reduction policies typically require changes in behaviors among targeted elements of the system, policymakers and program designers must have a basic understanding of the likely consequences of their intervention into that system if they expect that intervention to result in the desired outcomes.