Long-term Community Recovery Planning: How to Take Advantage of Post-disaster Opportunities

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Introductory Icebreaker

- Name
- Agency
- “My community would be devastated by a ________________.”
- “After a disaster, I would like my community to be ________________.”
Why Conduct Recovery Planning?

- Ensure survival of sustainable community
- Disasters are overwhelming
- Little pre-planning for long-term recovery has been conducted
- Manage conflicting priorities
- Disasters present opportunities
Incorporation of Existing Plans

- Emergency Operations Plan
  - Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - Post-disaster Community Recovery Plan
  - Agency Plans
  - Comprehensive Plan
Recovery Concepts

- Short-term
  - Declaration of Disaster Emergency
  - Damage Assessment
  - Debris Removal and Management
  - Donations Management
Recovery Concepts

- **Short-term**
  - Emergency Shelter and Temporary Housing
  - Family Reunification
  - Restoration of Critical Infrastructure
  - Continuity of Government Operations
Recovery Concepts

- Long-term
  - Community Planning
  - Economic Development
  - Permanent Housing
  - Social Needs
  - Hazard Mitigation
Community Planning

- Desired community characteristics
  - What are our communities’ goals and objectives?

- Revitalization
  - Where will it be focused?

- Development feasibility
  - Where are the areas for potential growth in the community?
Recovery Concepts – Long-term

- Community Planning
  - Capital improvements planning
    - Prioritization of infrastructure improvements
  - Environmental planning
    - Protection of sensitive areas
    - Hazard mitigation
  - Historic preservation
    - Locations of historic areas
Recovery Concepts – Long-term

- **Community Planning**
  - **Land Use Planning**
    - Promotion of consistent regulations
  - **Transportation Planning**
    - Troublesome intersections/corridors
Economic Development

- Development strategies
  - What industries to attract
- Workforce training
  - Skills needed for the industries being attracted
  - Sources of training
Permanent Housing

- New Construction vs. Infill of Existing Housing Stock
- Non-conforming Properties
- Low-income Individuals/Families
Recovery Concepts – Long-term

- Social Needs
  - Behavioral Health
  - Variation of Impact on Different Populations
  - Social Opportunities
    - Clubs and Other Organizations
    - Reconnect with social networks
Hazard Mitigation
- Largest Source of Post-disaster Funding – IF there is a Presidential Declaration of Disaster
- Requires an Approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
Funding

- Federal
  - FEMA
    - Public Assistance
    - Individual Assistance
  - Small Business Administration
    - Low-interest loans
Funding

- **State**
  - There are no direct disaster assistance funds.
  - The Governor’s Declaration of Disaster may allow state agencies to use existing funding in ways that benefit the affected areas.

- **County/Municipal**
  - Disaster Recovery Fund in Place?
Funding

- **Private**
  - Establish a Special Fund?
  - Refer Donations to Existing Agencies?
    - How much goes to the community’s recovery?

- **Insurance**
  - Individuals/Businesses
  - Flood Insurance
  - County/Municipal Insurance
Post-disaster Implementation

- Recovery Team
  - Purpose
    - Policy
    - Coordination
    - Interaction with Elected Officials
Post-disaster Implementation

- Recovery Team
  - Members
    - Government agencies
    - Major employers
    - School districts
    - Community groups
    - Other stakeholders
A tornado has cut a wide swath through the heart of your community.

All rescues have been completed.

Emergency services have demobilized.
Applying it to Your Community
Who will you involve in the planning effort?

Will you plan on your own or regionally?

Who would lead the long-term recovery effort?

Do your Comprehensive Plans and other existing documents address all of the aspects discussed? Even social aspects?
What is your highest priority to effect recovery?

What do you want your community to look like? How does it differ from the current reality?

Will your major employers stay if their facilities were destroyed?
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Thank you for your time!