Forming Community Partnerships

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Cultural Heritage at Risk
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Tropical Storm Harvey
Hurricane Irma
Hurricane Maria
Cultural heritage can be found in:

- Arboreta
- Archives
- Historical and archaeological sites/properties
- Historical societies
- Libraries
- Municipal offices
- Museums
- Zoos
- And more!
**IMLS definition of “museums” and “libraries”**

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Role of cultural heritage organizations in whole-community recovery

- Community identity
- Essential records for continuity of government
- Educational value
- Economic health of community
- Gathering places
Goals of cultural heritage emergency networks

- To share resources and information
- To build relationships
- To educate cultural heritage and emergency management professionals
- To develop strong, ongoing networks to facilitate effective local response
ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSE

Bringing together cultural heritage and emergency management professionals at the local level – where virtually all initial disaster response occurs – is the purpose of Heritage Preservation’s Alliance for Response Initiative.

Launched in 2003, Alliance for Response is a series of one-day forums designed to link key cultural heritage and emergency response representatives, leading to new partnerships and local projects. Alliance for Response fosters cooperation among cultural institutions and emergency planning professionals to significantly improve the response of cultural institutions to disasters.

Network News

"Hurricanes, Earthquakes, and Active Shooter Situations – Arts and Cultural Community Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery"

AFR, Ohio
OCTOBER 13, 2017
Northeast Ohio Alliance for Response presents: "Hurricanes, Earthquakes, and Active Shooter Situations – Arts and Cultural Community Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery"

This year [...]
Local network – Alliance for Response NYC
Local network – AFR New York Capital Region

AFR Networks:
- Atlanta
- Boston
- Central Pennsylvania
- Central Virginia
- Dallas
- Denver
- Galveston–Houston
- Los Angeles
- Miami
- Minneapolis–St. Paul
- MS Gulf Coast
- New York City
- NW Pennsylvania
- NY Capital Region
- Ohio
- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Portland
- Raleigh
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Sacramento
- Savannah
- Seattle
- Utah
- Vermont

New York Capital Region

The severe flooding of 2006 and Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011 challenged the New York Capital Region and strengthened the resolve to build a broad, multi-county network and partnerships to better serve constituents when they’re in need. The New York Capital Region AFR is designed to forge community networks encompassing the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga.

The NY Capital Region Alliance for Response will hold a 3-part disaster planning workshop this fall, beginning October 12, 2016. Focusing on museums, archives, libraries, and historical societies (as well as local government record holders), in Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, and Saratoga counties, this multi-part event will help institutions develop unique disaster plans, encourage partnerships with local emergency managers, and introduce...
Local networks assisting local institutions

HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE ALLIANCE

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Albany Museum of Art Hit Hard by Storm on January 2, 2017

Statewide network – Massachusetts
mblc.state.ma.us/costepma
Mitigation for Memory
A Disaster Mitigation Framework for Cultural Resources

December 2014

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

All emergency response requires time at the expense of mitigation activities that bring benefits as well. In many local communities, emergency managers whose first responsibility is response are also the ones tasked with risk mitigation; either directly or under a disaster program.

It is crucial, therefore, that communities maintain both risk and maintain ongoing relationships among emergency managers, cultural resource professionals, and cultural community. To that end, a key part of any mitigation or disaster project is a series of community meetings to initiate a dialogue about mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for the community’s cultural resources.

The community meetings should emphasize the need to develop mitigation strategies to minimize damage to cultural resources. The community meetings should help identify potential strategies and implement them in the community.

The meeting can focus on a single community or they can be held in multiple communities simultaneously as part of a larger project. But one of the most important lessons learned from the COSTEP MA Mitigation for Memory project was that a single meeting in a community will not be sufficient to accomplish the project goals. Follow-up meetings are essential to bring in additional participants, create relationships, and develop mitigation activities.

The sessions will cover practical recommendations for organizing, hosting, and following up on community meetings.

Objectives for the Community Meetings

- Mitigate loss to cultural heritage sites by raising awareness of existing hazards and mitigation measures in their respective community.
- Facilitate communication about mitigation among emergency management directors (EMDs), cultural resource managers, cultural resource professionals, and cultural heritage stakeholders.
- Institute emergency management protocols and cultural resource protocols about the importance of risk analysis and mitigation of risks for cultural buildings.

Scope of the Community Meetings

- Your first task is to determine your basic approach to the community meetings. You may call your meeting to discuss the project or discuss the site, either as a stand-alone or in conjunction with another meeting.
- Always consider the audience for your meeting, both staff and volunteers, when making these decisions. If your resources are limited, don’t hesitate to begin with just one or two meetings and build from there.
- Some topics to consider when determining scope:
  - Site timeline: When will your project take place in a short period of time, or will it be more drawn out? This may depend on whether you have your team in place or whether you are putting the project together from scratch.
Disaster Planning – Essential

If you are just starting out with disaster planning and you have limited resources, this is the place to start. We have outlined simple, essential tasks that make sure you have thought about and recorded the most basic elements of a disaster plan. Don’t overwhelm yourself by thinking you must complete everything at once. Plan for a slow and steady completion of each step.
CERC: Maine
http://maine.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1511a3fb7cca4e39abd4da21855ba5ed
Statewide network – Hawaii
disasteralert.pdc.org/disasteralert
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Heritage Emergency National Task Force in the DHS Org Chart

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- FEMA  USCIS  CBP  USCG  ICE  TSA  USSS
- Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA)
- Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (OEHP)
  - Risk Management Directorate  Mitigation Directorate
  - Federal Insurance Directorate  Fund Management Directorate
- Readiness Branch  Policy Branch  Integration & Technology Branch
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The mission of HENTF is to protect cultural heritage in our nation’s states, tribes, territories, and local communities from the damaging effects of natural disasters and other emergencies.
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation • American Alliance of Museums • American Association for State and Local History • American Institute of Architects • American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works • American Library Association • Association of African American Museums • Association of Art Museum Directors • Association for Preservation Technology International • Association of Regional Conservation Centers • Chief Officers of State Library Agencies • Council on Library and Information Resources • Council of State Archivists • Department of the Army • Department of the Interior • Federal Emergency Management Agency • Federal Library and Information Network • General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service • The Getty Conservation Institute • Institute of Museum and Library Services • International Association of Emergency Managers • Library of Congress • National Archives and Records Administration • National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators • National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers • National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers • National Emergency Management Association • National Endowment for the Arts • National Endowment for the Humanities • National Historical Publications and Records Commission • National Park Service • National Science Foundation • National Trust for Historic Preservation • Regional Alliance for Preservation • Small Business Administration • Smithsonian Institution • Society of American Archivists • Society of Architectural Historians • Society for Historical Archaeology • Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections • US/International Council on Monuments and Sites • World Monuments Fund
Identify affected cultural institutions and historic sites

- HENTF members
- Federal agencies
- State cultural and emergency management agencies
- State archives/museum/library associations
- Regional archives and museum associations
- Regional conservation/preservation centers
- Local or state cultural heritage emergency networks
Heritage Response Team

The Alliance for Response New York City – Heritage Response Team (AFR-HRT) will respond to the needs of cultural institutions, artists, and other collections during emergencies and disasters through coordinated efforts with first responders, state agencies, vendors and the public. Volunteers will provide advice and referrals by phone and email: info@afrny.org. Requests for onsite assistance will be forwarded by the volunteer to the AFR-HRT Coordinator for response.

The first Heritage Response Team training series will take place this fall and spring over the course of 7 weekend days at the Museum of Modern Art. The following topics will be covered: Incident Command System, Working with First Responders, Health and Safety, Confined Space Safety, Communications, Assessment and Triage, and Collections-Specific Salvage. Forty participants will be trained based on a curriculum combining aspects of
Statewide network – Colorado

chtaraskforce.com

Colorado Cultural & Historic Resources Task Force

Protecting Colorado’s Treasures Through
Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

Contact Us if your historic site or cultural collection experiences a disaster. We can help.

Photo Credit: Colorado State University Library, 1997

What We Do

The Colorado Cultural and Historic Resources (CHR) Task Force works to improve the State of Colorado’s mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts for cultural and historic resources. We embody the whole community approach that advocates leveraging all available resources to

Membership

Membership is open to any individual or institution who has an active interest in cooperative approaches to protecting our state’s heritage. This is a volunteer-based organization and there are no dues or fees. Knowing one day you may be the one in need, you are encouraged to assist other cultural and historic...
Tropical Storm Harvey
Statewide network – TX-CERA

National Heritage Responders (NHR) will be coordinating and connecting volunteers with those who need help. If you need help with damage from Harvey please inform NHR at 202.661.8068. If you are interested in volunteering your preservation or conservation expertise, sign up at 202.661.8069.
FEMA Resource & Document Library
fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/113297

Fact Sheet

Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Salvaging Water-Damaged Family Valuables and Heirlooms

The losses that are the result of disasters are usually measured in dollars, but often the losses that matter the most are the cherished items and heirlooms that are closest to the hearts of individuals and families. Although these treasured items may be damaged in floods, hurricanes, or tornadoes, it is often possible to salvage them. With a little patience, prompt action, and professional tips, saving treasured photographs, letters, and other irreplaceable objects is possible, although it may involve a follow-up consultation with a conservator.

General Information

- If the object is still wet, gently rinse it with clear, clean water. If it is dry, clean off silt and debris with a soft brush or dab it lightly with a damp cloth.
- Air dry wet or damp objects indoors, if possible. Sunlight and heat may be too intense, causing splits, warping, and buckling. Increase airflow with fans, open windows, or place items on trays or waffle-type drying racks. Do not use a vacuum cleaner or fan to blow air at objects. Do not use a hair dryer or heat source to dry objects.

After a Fire

- Call your insurance company.
- Personal safety is always the top priority.
- Check for structural damage.
- Check for structural damage and be safe before entering the home.

After the Flood

- Personal safety is always the top priority.
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Covered in mud and silt, family photos and other family heirlooms lay on streets and lawns after the severe flash flooding in Des Plaines, Illinois, in April 2013. Photo by Bryan Adams/FEMA Corps

Framed Art
National Preparedness Report

2017 National Preparedness Report
# National Preparedness Report
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**FEMA | Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation | Partners in Shaping Resilient Communities**
Challenges

- Leadership and engagement
- Funding and staffing
- Building and sustaining relationships
Benefits of public-private partnership

- Enhance situational awareness
- Improve decision making
- Access more resources
- Expand reach and access for communication efforts
- Improve coordination with other efforts by segments of the private sector
- Increase the effectiveness of emergency management efforts
- Maintain strong relationships, built on mutual understanding
- Create more resilient communities
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