



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Phase III -Beyond the First 72 Hours

Transition to Recovery Efforts

Webinar Series



Meet Our Presenters

- Kristi Cox, Mayor Pro Tem, Richmond Hill, GA
- Russell L. Riner, Recently Retired EMA Director, Washington County, GA
- Jon Herschell, City Manager, City of Hartwell, GA
- Cody English, Public Works, City of Sky Valley, GA





Intermediate (After 72 Hours) Checklist

Organized Recovery

Washington County Storm Damage - Helene



City of Sky Valley Storm Damage 2024



Steps after Immediate Threats Are Stabilized



Continue Damage Assessments

Public Infrastructure, Utilities, and Facilities



Maintain Emergency Protective Measures

Public Health, Vulnerable Populations, and Stabilize Areas At Risk of Further Damage

Steps after Immediate Threats Are Stabilized



Continue Debris Management

Clear debris from public property, roads, and critical facilities

Separate types of debris and record volumes; disposal locations must meet FEMA & GEMA guidelines



Transition to Long-Term Recovery

Begin permanent repairs to roads, utilities and public buildings. Reopen public facilities and reassess community needs

Intermediate (After 72 Hours) Checklist

Engage with FEMA and State Officials



Public Assistance Programs and Reporting Costs



Attend Applicant Briefings and Coordinate Project Worksheets

Gain detailed knowledge of FEMA's Public Assistance Program

Submit requests for Public Assistance and Coordinate Project Worksheets



Track and Report Costs

Maintain detailed records of labor, materials, equipment, and contracts used for disaster response

Ensure records align with FEMA & GEMA requirements

Plan and Implement Recovery Projects



Develop permanent work projects and incorporate hazard mitigation measures

Create a detailed listing of projects and description.
Review insurance coverage and policies



Design and Execute Long-Term Repairs

Utilize FEMA's Public Assistance Program outline



Intermediate (After 72 Hours) Checklist Communication Efforts



Results from the Storm



Richmond Hill flooding



Outward Communication



Communicate with Residents

Provide regular updates about recovery progress, timelines, and available resources



Communicate with the Community

Work with businesses, non-profits, and community leaders to address ongoing needs.

How to deal with emotions effectively

Evaluate, Improve, and Comply



Review Emergency Response

Identify the strengths and weaknesses.
“How did we do?”



Comply with Deadlines

Must meet all FEMA Deadlines in
submitting all required forms, reports, and
applications on time

Request extensions if recovery is delayed

Resources

Assistance for Governments: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>

Debris Removal: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/process/debris-removal>

Project Templates and Forms: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/tools-resources/templates-forms>

Schedule of Equipment Rates: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/tools-resources/schedule-equipment-rates>

Cost Estimating Tools: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/tools-resources/cost-estimating-tool>

Community Disaster Loan Program: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/community-disaster-loan>

Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, Version 5: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/library>



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Atlanta, Georgia, with a blue color overlay. The image shows various buildings, including a prominent church with a tall steeple on the right, and a dense urban landscape. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Questions?

July 31 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Phase IV – Post Disaster Long-Term Recovery & Resource Navigation

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