Handout 7-3: Checklist for Pre-disaster Recovery Planning

Assessment

Identify hazards; assess risks and vulnerabilities.
Identify limitations in recovery capacity and means to supplement this capacity.
Identify areas of potential financial challenges.

Communication and Outreach

Identify strategies to use in the development of the pre-disaster recovery planning process.
Develop outreach and communications strategies for use during post-disaster recovery.
Ensure community participation of underserved and disadvantaged populations including the use of alternative communications formats and multiple languages.
Ensure effective communications for all participants, including individuals with disabilities and individuals with limited English proficiency.

Stakeholders

Identify sectors of the community to participate in pre-disaster and post-disaster recovery planning and coordination.

Partnerships

Develop pre-disaster partnerships that ensure engagement of all potential resources and issues.
Encourage full engagement of the public and recovery stakeholders.
Organize connections and interface with the local government.

Guiding Principles and Recovery Priorities

Determine principles to guide recovery decision-making.
Explore how priorities are determined following a disaster.
Incorporate sustainability into overall planning guidance.

Organizational Framework

Establish clear leadership, coordination, and decision-making structures throughout all levels of government.

Concept of Operations

Establish the operational framework that is followed immediately after a disaster occurs.
Establish maintenance procedures for updating pre-disaster and post-disaster recovery plans.

**Process for Post-disaster Recovery Planning**

Clearly articulate the connectivity between mitigation, comprehensive and regional sustainability planning, and other policy positions.

Identify how the community will work together after a disaster to develop their plan for recovery.

Use an all-hazard approach to recovery planning and preparedness.

Identify priority recovery and redevelopment activities.

Organize decisions using a planning system that:

✓ Evaluates the likely conditions and needs after a disaster.
✓ Sets recovery goals and objectives.
✓ Measures progress against those goals and objectives.

**Exercise**

Test pre-disaster planning, preparation, and staff capabilities by implementing recovery exercises.

Evaluate performance and revise pre-disaster recovery plans accordingly.

**Planning Considerations**

Identify specific planning considerations that must be considered in the development of a recovery plan, including but not limited to, place-based mitigation issues such as:

✓ Wild/rural/urban interfaces.
✓ Floodplain management.
✓ Coastal zones.
✓ Seismic areas.
✓ Historic and cultural properties, districts, landscapes, and traditional cultural properties.