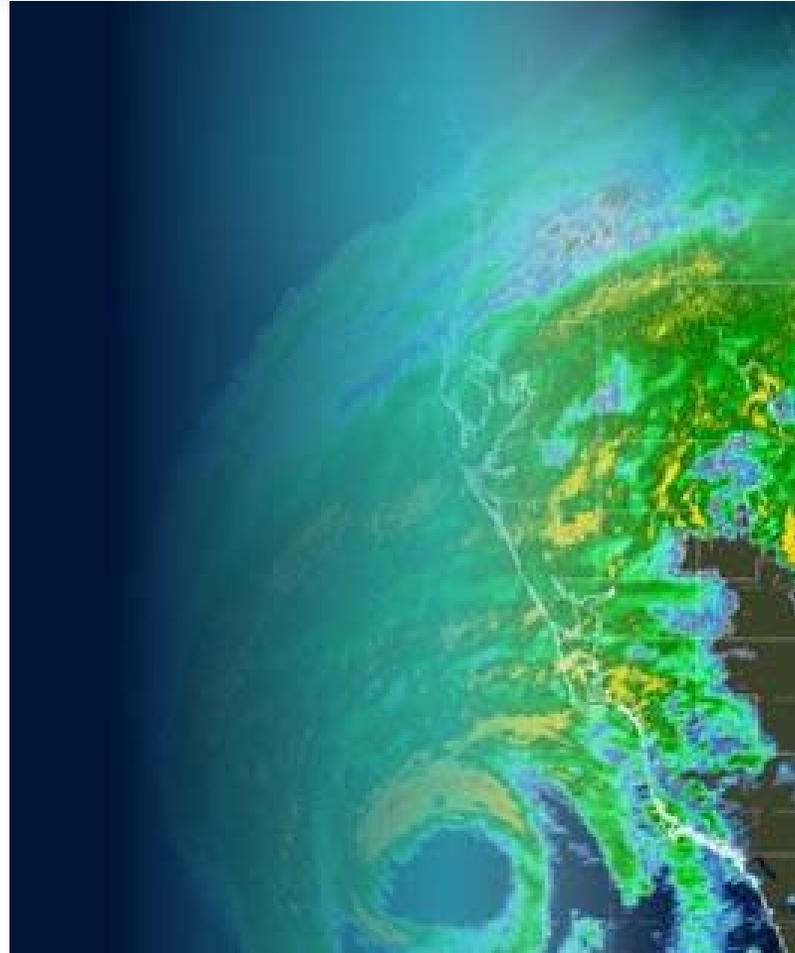


# Town of Fort Myers Beach Long-term Recovery Planning

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# Presenters

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# Partners in the Room

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Small Business Administration  
(SBA)

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Florida Division of Emergency  
Management (DEM)

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Disaster Case Management  
Program (DCM)

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Federal Emergency Management  
Agency (FEMA)



# Workshop Agenda

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- I. Long-term Recovery Planning
- II. Short-term Recovery Projects
- III. Interactive Stations
- IV. Adjourn



# Introduction to Recovery Support

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Madeleine Gorman, Community Assistance Contract Team



# Community Assistance (CA) Mission

Enable local governments to effectively and efficiently carry out **community-based recovery planning and management** in a post-disaster environment. The CA also supports state or territorial governments in **developing programs of support for local recovery** planning and management.

Recovery is successful when it is federally supported, state managed, and locally executed.



# Using a Whole Community Approach

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Whole Community Approach brings together residents, community leaders, emergency management personnel, organizational leaders, and government officials to **collectively understand and assess the needs of their community and determine the best ways to build societal security and resilience.**



Figure 1: FEMA's Introduction to Continuity of Operations online course ([FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov))

# Leveraging Partnerships



Figure 2: FEMA Recovery Support Functions ([FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov))



# Recovery Coordination

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- At the request of the Town of Fort Myers Beach and following Florida Division of Emergency Management guidance, FEMA's Interagency Recovery Coordination assisted to engage in the recovery needs assessment for the Town
- This coordination included providing technical assistance as it relates to long-term recovery planning for Fort Myers Beach



# Recovery Continuum

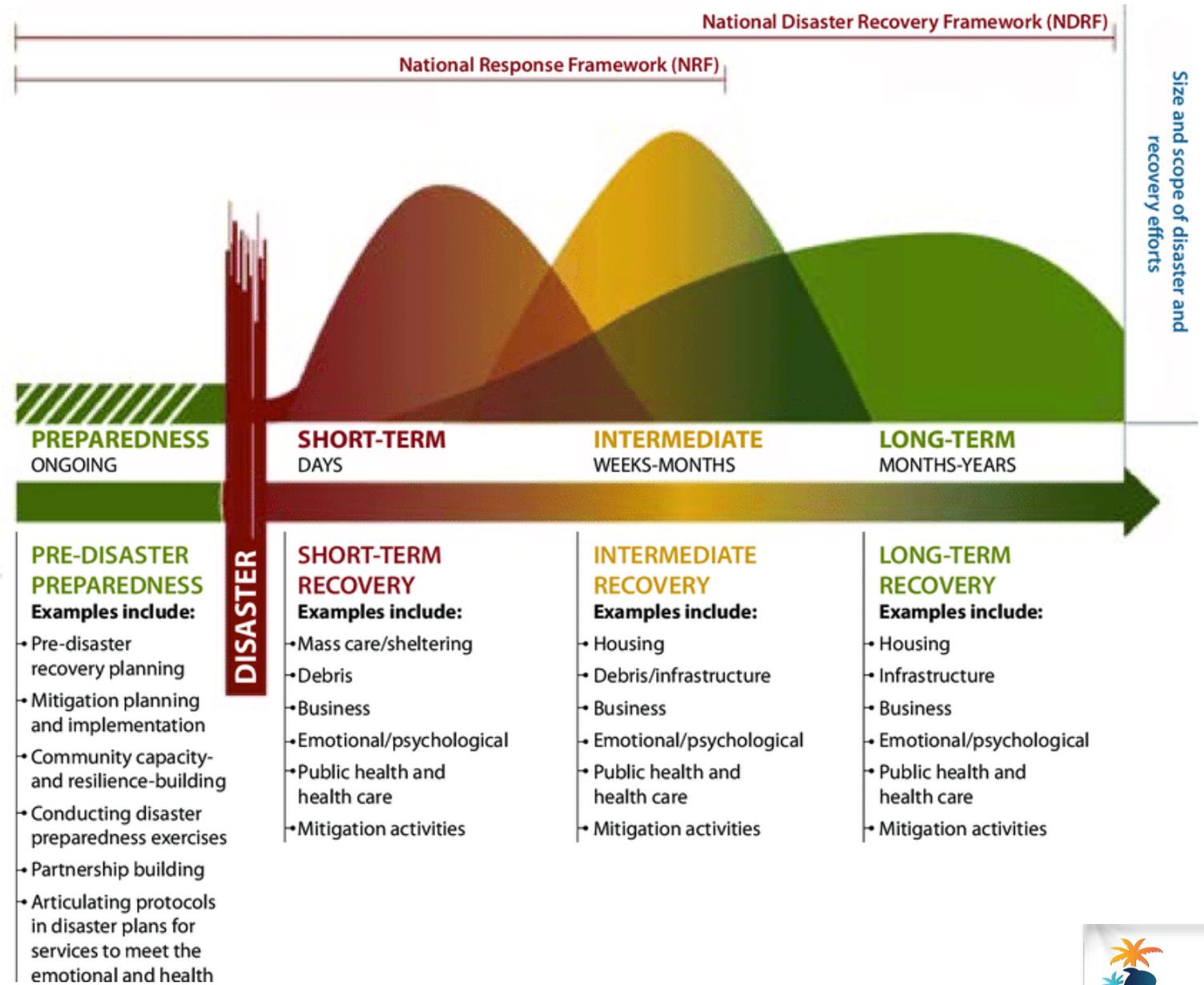


Figure 3: Recovery Continuum, [National Disaster Recovery Framework, Second Edition \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov)



# Purpose of Long-Term Recovery

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- Engage with the community to create a vision, goals, initiatives, strategies, and projects
- Reimagine the systems and landscape of the community
- Create a long-term recovery plan that can communicate the community's vision, goals, and priorities



# What is a Recovery Plan?

A document created for communities that will support their recovery from a major disaster and that details:

- Damage sustained
- Identify community gaps and needs
- Identify potential projects, partners, stakeholders, and funding sources



# Discovering Long-term Recovery Themes and Goals in Fort Myers Beach

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Daniel Tomczak, Community Assistance Contract Team



Theme 1:

# Economic Recovery

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Potential Goals:

- Concentrate development in zones or "hubs" (for example, Times Square and Santini Marina Plaza areas)
- Attract developers to invest in "hubs" across the island
- Town-wide building standards and codes for more storm and flood resilient structures
- Rehabilitate flood damaged structures through loan/grant programs

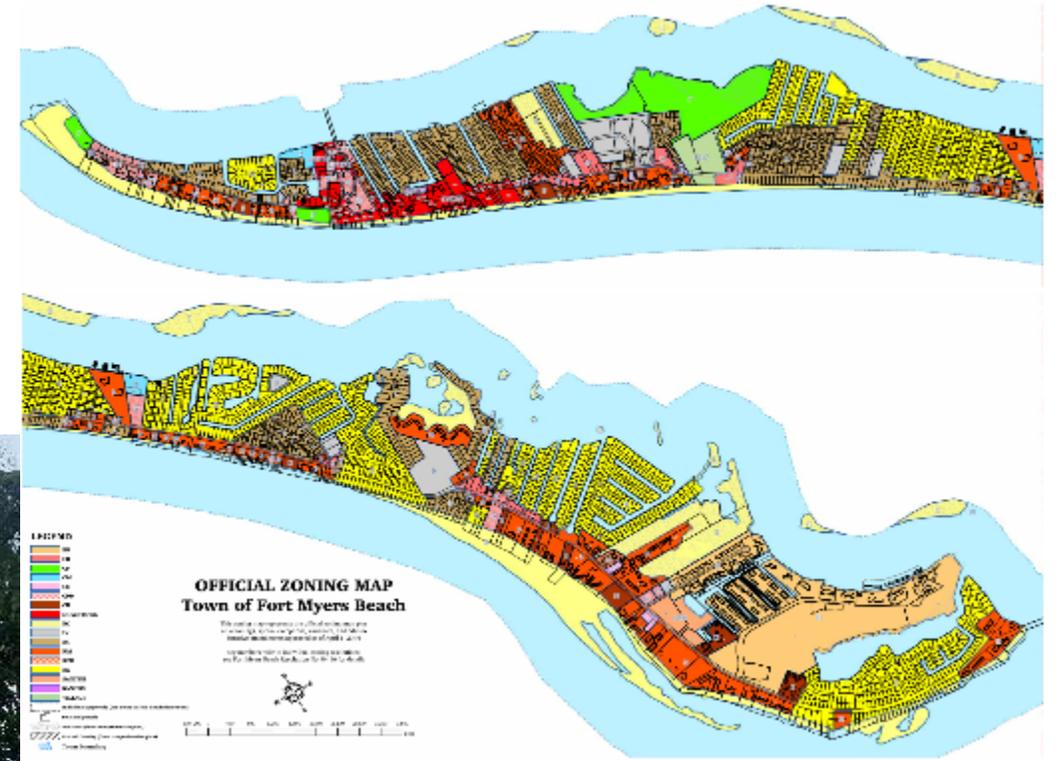


Theme 2:

# Community Planning

Potential Goals:

- Zoning and land use changes
- Remove severely damaged structures
- Increase home ownership
- Increase public beach access and conservation



Theme 3:

# Health and Social Services

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Potential Goals:

- Public safety improvements and expansions (for example, expanded EMT services, mental health resources, urgent care facilities and clinics, etc.)
- Expand elderly, disabled, and senior care resources
- Invest in child care facilities



Theme 4:

# Housing

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Potential Goals:

- Attract developers to invest in multi-family and single-family housing
- Increase workforce housing
- Invest in senior living center(s)
- Explore possibility of “tiny home” or small home villages



Theme 5:

# Natural and Cultural Resources

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Potential Goals:

- Redevelopment of the public parks
- Improve biking, walking, and paddle trails and their connectivity
- Promote a local art scene with public art, murals, events with the art galleries (for example, First Friday Art Walk)
- Restore beaches, dunes, and natural shorelines
- Expand cultural resource programs (for example, at the Mound House)



Theme 6:

# Infrastructure

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Potential Goals:

- Invest in traffic, roadway, and parking improvements
- Dredging of canals and removal of underwater debris
- Stormwater and flood management improvements
- Wastewater and drinking water system improvements
- Strengthening utilities and cellular communications





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# Thank You

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Additional information can be found on the Town's website:

[Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL - Official Website | Official Website \(fortmyersbeachfl.gov\)](https://www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov)



# Make Your Voice Heard!

Scan this code with your phone to take a survey and provide your input about the future and vision of Fort Myers Beach!

