Local Cultural Organization Liaison


This web site includes several Florida disaster-related documents: a statewide disaster manual with case studies, disaster planning guide for Florida historic structures, and disaster mitigation guide for historic structures. There are overviews of disaster planning and mitigation efforts in Nassau, Palm Beach, Apalachicola, and Sarasota counties.


This is a widely admired, King County, WA approach to solidifying disaster response partnerships using memoranda of understanding (MOU). It explains what a MOU and its key elements are.


This handbook explains the importance of partnerships in disaster planning, what organizations need to get started, whom to involve in the local planning community, and how to organize a forum that brings together emergency responders and cultural institutions in a community.


Atlanta’s Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA) web site includes a link to disaster resources, an online discussion forum, and information about alliance activities and meetings.

The HERA brochure explains the background, mission, and activities of the organization, a list of participating organizations, and contact information for Atlanta-area preservation organizations.


The home page provides cultural institutions with resources for preparing and recovering from disasters, including an interactive video on dealing with water damage; tips on safety, utilizing simple equipment, and prioritizing the salvage of materials; information on disaster funding and preparedness training; and an online bookstore for the purchase of handbooks, manuals, and other materials on how to prepare heritage institutions for disaster and how to conduct recovery after disasters.


This web site provides online resources and how-to guides for Louisiana’s rebuilding efforts. It includes links to grants and other financial resources, directories of cultural institutions, and links to housing and job resources.


Miller and Fisher’s article discusses the role of public libraries in community leadership. Specifically, the article discusses the importance of and approaches to relationship building with community leaders.
This wiki page explains the COSTEP project and includes links to the advisory committee, meetings, the COSTEP brochure, and contact information. The COSTEP wiki is a planning tool to aid between cultural resource institutions in coordinating with emergency management departments and first responders.

This form is an example form for collecting cultural resources disaster information.

COSTEP is an online planning tool to bring together cultural resource institutions, emergency managers, and first responders to plan for area-wide disasters.

This web site explains what mutual aid agreements are and why they are valuable. It also provides a menu of suggested provisions for public health mutual aid agreements and an inventory of mutual aid agreements and related resources.

This collection of conference papers includes the following topics: cooperative approaches to emergency preparation and response; disaster prevention; emergency plans; disaster management; psychological stress and recovery; firsthand accounts; risk mitigation; and collections recovery techniques.