



# City of New Orleans Comprehensive Recovery Plan (CRP) Overview

## What is the Comprehensive Recovery Plan?

**The Comprehensive Recovery Plan is an operational framework used to coordinate disaster recovery that prioritizes the needs of vulnerable populations and builds a more resilient New Orleans.**

The City of New Orleans Comprehensive Recovery Plan (CRP) helps to organize recovery activities after a disaster. Recovery activities begin once immediate emergency response activities slow down and conditions stabilize. It is during the recovery phase of a disaster that we begin longer-term processes to bring us back toward normal operations. It is also during this phase that we have the opportunity to build back better, improving the resilience of systems and structures as we restore them.

The CRP will ensure that recovery activities align with City visions and values, and that recovery activities are well coordinated between different agencies and partners. The CRP emphasizes equity—directing recovery activities to prioritize vulnerable populations and historically underinvested communities—as well as sustainability—designing recovery activities to conserve environmental resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions—and resilience—including prioritizing actions that put New Orleans in a stronger position to recover from future disasters.

## How will the Comprehensive Recovery Plan be used?

Recovery activities in the CRP build off the response phase and feed into mitigation and preparation phases of disaster management, bolstering the work of existing plans, such as the [New Orleans Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) and [Resilient New Orleans](#).



The addition of an organized recovery framework will strengthen the capacity of New Orleans to withstand and rebound from disasters. The CRP will provide guidance to City administration and coordinating entities to organize staff, direct decision making, and manage disaster recovery activities, much like how other disaster phases are managed. Clear leadership roles and responsibilities along with collaborative management strategies will shape an organized approach to recovery. Operational guidance will include preferred outcomes and metrics that reflect the values of equity and sustainability, measuring the impact of recovery activities as they take place and after the recovery phase is over.

The CRP will also include a continuous improvement element, which will guide activities that improve New Orleans' capacity to carry out and coordinate disaster recovery operations. A regular update cycle and ongoing stakeholder and public outreach will help hone the systems that deliver services after disaster and work to shorten recovery times.

### **How is the Comprehensive Recovery Plan being developed?**

The CRP planning process is centered around a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) made up of City and community-based stakeholders and practitioners with disaster response and recovery experience. The CAC is comprised of six Recovery Support Function (RSF) Working Groups:

1. Community Planning and Capacity Building
2. Economic Recovery
3. Health and Social Services
4. Housing
5. Infrastructure and Natural Systems
6. Cultural Resources

Each RSF Working Group includes a sector-specific group of participants made up of a wide range of City representatives, practitioners, and community stakeholders. The Working Groups have met throughout the planning process to inform and guide the development of the plan at each phase, so it reflects the realities of the recovery context in New Orleans. The Working Groups will also have a role during disaster recovery, sharing data and information with recovery leadership and advising on community needs and priorities.

### **Get involved!**

**A draft of the Comprehensive Recovery Plan is anticipated to be available by fall 2022. Once available, we will invite your review and feedback on the draft plan, which will be found at [www.nola.gov/hazard-mitigation](http://www.nola.gov/hazard-mitigation).**

For more information on the Comprehensive Recovery Plan, please visit: <https://nola.gov/hazard-mitigation/>. For questions about the planning process, please contact Austin Feldbaum, Hazard Mitigation Administrator for the City of New Orleans at: [afeldbaum@nola.gov](mailto:afeldbaum@nola.gov).