

**Leon County Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan  
Tallahassee Renaissance Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Growth Management Conference Room  
435 North Macomb Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2011 9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.**

## **Agenda**

- I. Welcome
- II. Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Assessment Chapter Update
- III. Housing Strategy Work Group Update
- IV. Introduction Review
  - a. Purpose
  - b. Goals
  - c. Objectives
- V. Capacity Assessment/Gap Analysis – the Next Step
- VI. Public Outreach and Coordination Input
- VII. Question and Answer
- VIII. Next Meeting – January 17, 2012



# **I. INTRODUCTION**

Leon County and the City of Tallahassee collaboratively developed this Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) in order to better prepare the County for long-term redevelopment after a disaster. Experiences from previous disasters, particularly major hurricanes, as well as expert input from local stakeholders provided the basis for the plan content. This plan complements other planning efforts ongoing in the City and the County, including the Comprehensive Plan, Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).

## **A. Overview**

A PDRP is a requirement for all Florida coastal counties and municipalities and is encouraged for inland communities. The PDRP identifies policies, operational strategies and roles and responsibilities for implementation that will guide decisions that affect long-term recovery and redevelopment of the community after a disaster. The PDRP emphasizes seizing opportunities for hazard mitigation and community improvement consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and the initiatives of the LMS. This PDRP includes sections which provide a hazards identification and vulnerability assessment; assessment of existing capacity for plan implementation; action and implementation strategy; and financial management. Topics addressed include business resumption and economic redevelopment; infrastructure restoration and mitigation; housing repair and reconstruction; sustainment of social services; sustainable land use; and financial management. Definitions and acronyms for terms used in this Plan are included in **Appendix A and B**.

## **Implementation and Timeframe**

The intent of all PDRP activities is to improve the community's ability for long-term recovery and redevelopment. As stated above, the PDRP is a complementary plan to the LMS, the CEMP and the Comprehensive Plan. The activities included in these plans will take place pre-disaster, during the initial response, during the short-term recovery phase and during the long-term redevelopment phase. **Figure 1** below, illustrates some of the overlap between phases.

**Figure 1: Phases of Implementation for a Disaster**



The PDRP can be implemented in any disaster, regardless of the hazard, as long as the damage requires long-term redevelopment efforts. The flexibility of the PDRP's implementation framework and range of topics addressed enables it to be used for multiple hazards. The **Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Assessment Section** identifies in detail the hazards considered to be high risk for Leon County. The PDRP's scope is maximized when used for a major disaster affecting the whole community; however, components can also be used in minor or localized disaster incidents. The PDRP can also be implemented when the City and the County are faced with a disaster hosting situation. In the event that the local coastal communities bordering Leon County are impacted from a catastrophic incident, implementation of the PDRP may be necessary to assist those communities during their long-term recovery process.

## **B. Purpose, Goals and Objectives**

### **1. Purpose (sample)**

This Plan will integrate long-term redevelopment and reconstruction opportunities into the community planning process. Through implementation of the PDRP, limited resources will be managed to provide the most efficient redevelopment process. More seamless transitions between short-term emergency recovery operations and long-term redevelopment processes will be achievable through PDRP planning and training.

## **2. Goal (sample)**

The long-term redevelopment goal is to complete redevelopment efforts within a 3- to 5-year period after the disaster and to restore or enhance the quality of life of for residents through the redevelopment process.

## **3. Objectives (samples)**

- a. Long-term restoration of public infrastructure, social services and environmental assets damaged by the disaster.
- b. Re-establishment of an adequate supply of housing and provide safe transitional housing opportunities.
- c. Restoration of the economic base in the disaster area(s) and replacement of jobs lost as a consequence of the disaster.
- d. Sustainable and healthy redevelopment occurring in disaster resilient land use patterns.
- e. Public involvement and efficient use of public funds.

## **C. Plan Integration**

The aim of the PDRP is to guide the long-term recovery and redevelopment decision-making process following a disaster in a manner consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the LMS, the CEMP as well as other relevant plans such as the Long-Range Transportation Plan, land development regulations and economic development plans. Each of these plans, and others, has pre-existing policies and/or procedures that affect post-disaster redevelopment. The PDRP acts as a guide to using these policies and procedures when making post-disaster redevelopment decisions. To avoid duplication or conflicts between similar policies in different plans, the PDRP identifies the overlap by providing an analysis of existing plans as relevant to the PDRP (see **Capacity Assessment and Local Plan Integration**).

## **D. Planning Process**

The Leon County PDRP was developed through a collaborative process beginning in July of 2011 through June of 2012. Over the course of ten months, local stakeholders met throughout the process to prioritize long-term redevelopment issues, share information about existing local capacity and develop action and implementation plans. The planning process involved the formation of a Focus Group which was comprised of key local with expertise in their topic. A Housing Strategy Work Group was formed to address transitional and long-term housing needs both as a host community and as an impacted community. A public outreach component consisting of two public workshops and an informational webpage ensured local participation in the process. The PDRP planning effort was funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Florida Department of Community Affairs and the Division of Emergency Management provided guidance and the *Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning "A Guide for Florida Communities"* as well as other local PDRPs were used as reference documents.