

Executive Summary: Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) Update

1. Background

The City of Tampa secured approximately \$1.3 million in funding through a Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant. This funding supports a collaborative effort between Hernando County, Hillsborough County, Pinellas County, and the City of Tampa to develop Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plans (PDRP) for each participating jurisdiction. A contractor was procured to assist in this endeavor, focusing on research, stakeholder engagement, and plan development.

The PDRP is an action-oriented plan that outlines countywide strategies for long-term recovery and redevelopment following a disaster. It addresses critical areas such as business resumption, housing reconstruction, infrastructure restoration, sustainable land use, environmental recovery, and financial considerations. The plan aims to seize opportunities for hazard mitigation and community improvement, aligning with local comprehensive plans and involving stakeholders from various sectors, including county and municipal agencies, non-profits, and private entities.

2. Project Goal

The primary goal of this project is to enhance the resiliency of Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay region by developing individualized PDRPs for each jurisdiction and an overarching regional PDRP document referencing the local jurisdictional plans. Each disaster is unique, with varying degrees of impact on social, environmental, cultural and physical assets. The PDRP must establish a structure for an efficient and effective recovery tailored to the event. The goals of the Hillsborough County PDRP are to:

1. Establish recovery policies, operational strategies, and define roles and responsibilities for local governments to effectively respond after a disaster;
2. Guide long-term recovery and redevelopment decisions, with a focus on supporting disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations; and
3. Develop comprehensive plans that ensure a coordinated and equitable recovery process across all sectors of local governance.

To achieve these goals, we require the involvement of subject matter experts (SMEs) from various county departments and agencies, including those responsible for land use and housing, construction and permitting, economic redevelopment, environmental restoration, transportation, utility infrastructure, health and human services, public outreach, and financial administration. These experts will work with a Core Working Group toward the completion of the plan through several Technical Advisory Committees.

3. Request for Support

We request your support in engaging the necessary City departments and agencies in this critical project. Your leadership in reaching out to these entities is instrumental in establishing the Steering Committee and the various Working Groups that will guide the development of the PDRP.

4. Plan Structure and Expectations

The PDRP is divided into two main sections:

1. Comprehensive Policy Document: Provides overall guidance and establishes the framework for the PDRP.
2. Action Plan: A streamlined, decision-support document focusing on specific subject areas.

The plan ensures compliance with federal, state, and local statutes and planning guidelines while linking with other relevant regional, county, and municipal plans. It includes detailed guidance on plan activation, recommended practices for monitoring and revision, and strategies for involving the public in the planning process.

5. Core Working Group, Steering Committee

A core working group consisting of representatives from Emergency Management, Development and Economic Opportunity, and Sustainability and Resilience has been established. This group will be responsible for day to day development of the PDRP, consultant communications, developing and executing stakeholder outreach strategies, and ensuring consistency with the ongoing update to the Local Mitigation Strategy. A Steering Committee, composed of key representatives from various departments, oversees the development of the PDRP. The committee's primary responsibilities include providing direction to the Technical Advisory Committee, reviewing their activities and reports, and ensuring the integration of their work into a cohesive, strategic plan. The steering committee will consist of the chairs of the respective Technical Advisory Committees.

6. Technical Advisory Committees

Various Technical Advisory Committee support the Steering Committee, each focusing on a specific area of the PDRP. These groups are responsible for developing actionable recommendations for the Steering Committee, which are integrated into the overall plan by the Core Working Group. The occurrence of hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton, Recovery Support Functions have been activated and are gathering real time data with regard to emergency response, recovery and redevelopment. These technical advisory committees are derived from the Recovery Support Functions. Recovery Support Functions are coordinated through state and local government as part of the National Disaster Recovery Framework. This organization will facilitate a PDRP with a cohesive transition from recovery to redevelopment phases of disaster response.

Land Use, Housing, and Mitigation Technical Advisory Committee

Objective: Addresses repair and rebuilding priorities, temporary housing, land acquisition, and mitigation strategies.

Chair: City Planning

Committee Members:

City of Tampa
Development and Growth Management
Emergency Management
Housing and Community Development
Historic Preservation
City Planning

Economic Recovery Technical Advisory Committee

Objective: Focuses on the recovery of the business community, workforce housing, and economic diversification.

Chair: Economic Opportunity

Committee Members:

City of Tampa
Community Redevelopment Agency
Housing and Community Development
Emergency Management
Economic Opportunity

Health & Human Services Technical Advisory Committee

Objective: Ensures the provision of essential services to disaster victims and emergency personnel.

Chair: Emergency Management

Committee Members:

City of Tampa	Other Agencies
Neighborhoods and Community Affairs	American Red Cross
Emergency Management	The Salvation Army
Tampa Fire Rescue	Feeding Tampa Bay
Sustainability	Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Tampa Police Department	Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

Infrastructure and Public Facilities Restoration Technical Advisory Committee

Objective: Addresses transportation, utility restoration, and public facility repair.

Chair: Emergency Management

Committee Members:

City of Tampa	Other Agencies
Infrastructure – (Water, Stormwater, Wastewater, Solid Waste)	TECO
Mobility	Verizon
Technology and Innovation	
Emergency Management	

Environmental Restoration Technical Advisory Committee

Objective: Addresses environmental recovery.

Chair: Sustainability and Resilience

Committee Members:

City of Tampa
Development and Growth Management
Solid Waste and Environmental Program Management
Sustainability and Resilience
Emergency Management
Urban Forestry/Parks and Rec
City Planning – Urban Forestry

Financial Administration Technical Advisory Committee

Objective: Develop strategies for funding, revenue management, and financial sustainability post-disaster.

Chair: Housing and Community Development

Committee Members:

City of Tampa
Revenue and Finance
Economic Opportunity
Sustainability and Resilience
Emergency Management
Housing and Community Development

Public Outreach Technical Advisory Committee

Objective: Develop methods for effectively communicating recovery efforts and public participation in planning.

Chair: Neighborhood and Community Affairs

Committee Members:

City of Tampa
Marketing and Communications
Neighborhood and Community Affairs
Emergency Management
Tampa Fire Rescue
Tampa Police Department

Non-Governmental Organization Stakeholders

In addition to Technical Advisory Committees, the update to the PDRP will require input and participation from external stakeholders representing non-government organizations and professional associations. These organizations may be asked to participate in the various Technical Advisory Committees. An initial list of these organizations includes:

American Red Cross	Crisis Center of Tampa Bay	Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)	Feeding Tampa Bay
The Salvation Army	Verizon	TECO Energy (Tampa Electric Company and Peoples Gas)	Community Emergency Response Teams

7. Next Steps

We seek your endorsement to engage the county departments and agencies essential for the successful development of the PDRP. Your involvement is critical in ensuring the resources and expertise are available to the Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committees as they undertake this vital initiative. A critical first step in this update is the identification of documents relating to disaster recovery. These documents will be reviewed for consistency and conflicts with the post disaster redevelopment plan. The types of documents to identify include:

1. Adopted codes relating to disaster preparedness, redevelopment, and mitigation
2. Departmental Master/Strategic Plans (for example, solid waste master plan)
3. Technical publications
4. Administrative and Board Directives
5. Budgetary decision making procedures

Thank you for your continued support.