

Land Use Planning for Resilience to  
Weather and Climate Hazards  
&  
**Disaster Housing Preparedness**

**Delaware State Housing Authority**

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# What is Disaster Housing?

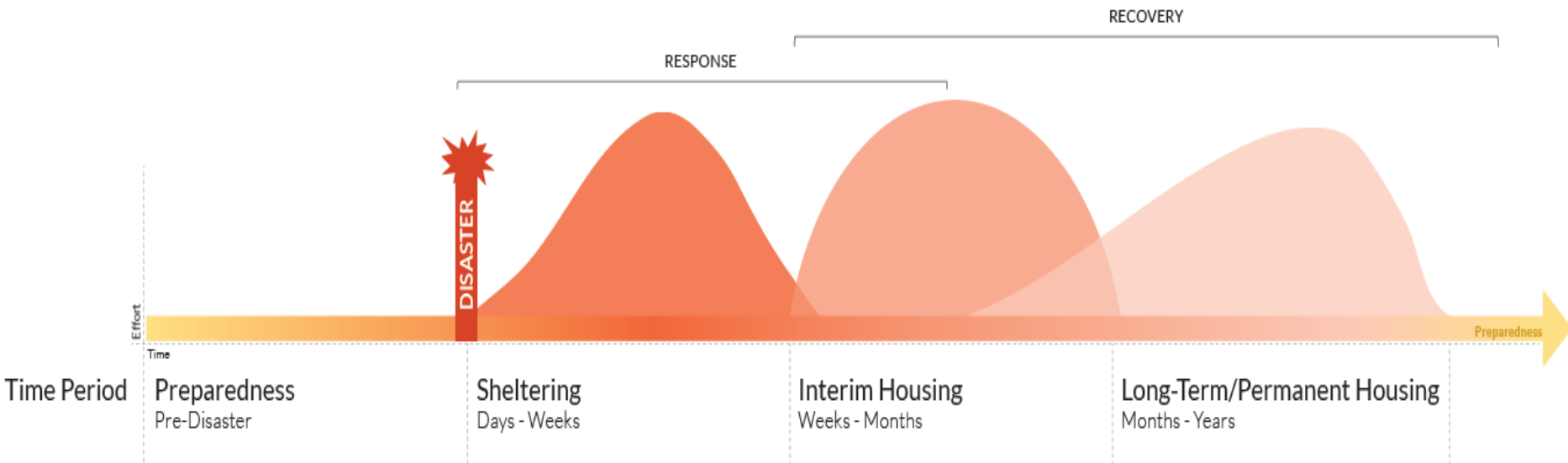
- Providing options to house people displaced by an emergency event
  - Emergency shelters
  - Interim/temporary housing
  - Permanent housing
- Assistance provided to people affected by disaster to ensure safe, stable homes to support self-sufficiency
- Fundamental to disaster recovery



# What is Disaster Housing?

Disaster Housing requires:

- Pre-disaster planning and coordination among:
  - State
  - Local jurisdictions
  - NGOs
  - Private organizations
- Policies and procedures that enable housing recovery that is:
  - Safe
  - Efficient
  - Equitable
  - Affordable
  - Resilient
  - Sustainable



# Disaster Housing Strategy

- State landscape/demographics, etc.
- Detail for the Preparedness, Interim Housing, Permanent Housing, and Mitigation and Resilience phases
  - Timeline
  - Key Agencies
  - Activities/Action Items
  - Transition to Next Phase
- Pre-disaster Capacity Building Recommendations
  - Current and Potential Resources (state and local)
    - Preparedness, Mitigation & Resilience
    - Sheltering and Interim Housing
    - Permanent Housing
- Federal Disaster Housing Assistance Programs
  - Available at all phases of recovery

# Disaster Housing Strategy Goals

1. Strengthening Local and State Processes for Interim Housing Deployment.
2. Facilitating the Transition from Interim to Permanent Housing.
3. Enhancing Resilience and Sustainability in Housing Reconstruction.
4. Promoting Equity and Inclusion in Disaster Housing Solutions.
5. Strengthening Coordination and Communication Among Stakeholders.
6. Building Capacity for Long-Term Housing Recovery.

# Pre-Disaster Capacity Building Recommendations

1. **Provide technical assistance to local and county governments**
2. **Identify land use parameters and conduct analysis for the potential siting of temporary housing units**
3. Examine the potential to maintain a state fund for housing recovery
4. Coordinate damage assessment data processes and management across partners
5. **Introduce the Disaster Housing Strategy to partners across the state**
6. Provide training to state agencies, local jurisdictions, and volunteers
7. Examine potential to adopt a statewide building code
8. Assess capacity and prepare to manage and implement potential disaster funding
9. Coordinate with local jurisdictions to implement tracking of disaster-related building permits
10. Examine the potential to support mandated rental registration

# Disaster Housing Preparedness Pilot Program

## Goals:

1. Provide education on Disaster Housing Strategy and local primacy
2. Assess disaster risk and local recovery capacity within jurisdiction
3. Identify community needs and/or gaps
4. Pre-Disaster Recovery Ordinance
5. Support implementation of Preparedness Guide actions

# The Preparedness Guide

Guide outlines 30+ action categorical items:

- Local Capacity Building and Training
- Housing Recovery Planning and Policy Development
- Land Use and Development
- Post-Disaster Permitting
- Housing Assistance and Mitigation Programs
- Community Engagement

Figure 1: Classification Icons for Local Actions



# Program Structure



**Phase 1** → Workshops  
(November – February)



**Phase 2** → Pre-Disaster Recovery Ordinance  
(March – September)



**Phase 3** → Outline Additional Actions from  
Preparedness Guide  
(April – September)

# Phase 1

## Workshop 1 – Introduction

- Disaster Housing
- the Strategy
- the Preparedness Guide

## Workshop 2 – Interactive Activity

- Identifying community hazards,
- Mapping exercise
  - Vulnerable areas in jurisdiction
  - Potential interim housing sites

## Workshop 3 – Next Steps

- SWOT analysis
- Prioritizing action items
- Additional opportunities for DSHA & UD to support



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