FEMA and Cultural Resources in Disasters

FEMA and Historic Preservation

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Mission: to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.
What does FEMA do?
FEMA does that?
The Disaster Cycle

PREPARE

RESPOND

MITIGATE

RECOVER
Preparing: Current Regional Planning Initiatives

• Annapolis, Maryland
  - Working to include historic resource concerns into hazard planning as the city plans for future conditions

• Pennsylvania National Park Service Hurricane Sandy Grant
  - Will include surveys and impacts of disasters on historic resources
  - Aims to incorporate cultural resource concerns into hazard mitigation planning

• West Virginia National Park Service Hurricane Sandy Grant
  - Grant scope TBD
OK, but what can I do?

• Make a plan. Or better yet...

• Emergency Management Institute
  - training.fema.gov

• Make connections
Thank you!

- FAIC Statewide Heritage Emergency Partnership (SHEP)

- Integrating Historic Property and Cultural Resource Considerations into Hazard Mitigation Planning
  - [www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/hp/fema386-6.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/hp/fema386-6.shtm)
  - 1.800.480.2520 publication number FEMA 386-6

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