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Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management  
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Belfor  
Columbia Theological Seminary Library  
Conservation Anthropologica  
Delta Air Transport Heritage Museum  
Emory University Libraries  
FEMA Region IV  
Fulton County Police Department  
Georgia Archives  
Georgia Baptist Convention  
Georgia Capitol Museum  
Georgia Emergency Management Agency  
Georgia Institute for Technology Archives  
Georgia Perimeter College  
Georgia State University Archives and Special Collections  
Fox Theatre  
Hickory Hill & the Watson Brown Foundation  
High Museum of Art  
Michael C. Carlos Museum  
Morrow Fire Department  
Munters  
Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia  
National Archives Southeast Region  
Salvation Army Southern Historical Center  
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## Need Assistance?

Georgia Archives  
Preservation Services  
678-364-3700

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# Heritage Emergency Response Alliance

An Atlanta area  
network dedicated  
to protecting  
cultural institutions  
from disaster



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## Our Mission

The Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA) is an affiliation of institutions and individuals interested in preserving the cultural heritage in the metro Atlanta area and serving as a resource to cultural institutions around the state. The primary aim of HERA is to mitigate the loss of cultural heritage in the event of a disaster.

We are a group of curators, archivists, librarians, preservation specialists, conservators, emergency management personnel, disaster recovery vendors, safety and security staff, and individuals with an interest in protecting cultural institutions and collections.



*Flood damaged photographs*

## What We Do

HERA has held table top exercises, panel discussions, and other free educational programs at cultural organizations around metro Atlanta. HERA responded after the March, 2008 Atlanta tornado by gathering supplies and volunteers to help remove historical records from a downtown building damaged by the tornado. Plans are in the works to obtain shared disaster supplies, create a mutual aid agreement, provide Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), and more.



*Panelists at a HERA meeting in 2008*

## Background

Since 2003 Heritage Preservation, a national preservation organization, has been promoting the importance of protecting cultural and historic collections from disaster through a series of national forums. The Atlanta Alliance for Response Forum was held in February, 2007 at the High Museum of Art. Since that initial meeting, several follow-up sessions resulted in the formation of HERA,



*HERA volunteers after the 2008 Atlanta Tornado*

the Heritage Emergency Response Alliance.

## About Heritage Preservation

For over 20 years Heritage Preservation has been a national non-profit advocate for the proper care of cultural heritage. Since 1995, the Heritage Emergency National Task Force has worked to help libraries, archives, museums and historic sites safeguard collections.

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