

SAVANNAH HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE



WHAT IS SHER?

Sharing Information

Homogenous

Excitement

Responsibility

WHY SHER? WHY NOW?

- **Potential Economical Impacts**
- **Threat to Sites and Collections**
- **Preservation of History**
- **Recovery Support**
- **Continuity of Operations**
- **Past Events to Learn From**



ROADMAP

HOW WE GOT HERE

- **Involvement with Local Workgroups**
- **GIS Mapping of NCH Sites**
- **Recovery Discussions – Camps**
- **Hazard Mitigation Planning**
- **Alliance for Response Forum Arrangement**
- **Sample of Georgia Healthy Collections Initiative**

SAVANNAH HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SHER) GROUP
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 11 NATURAL, CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

APRIL – DECEMBER

- **Developed the “Image” of SHER, Website and Public Relations Materials**
- **Began Working on Appendix 11-2 of the Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan (In Progress)**
- **Began Working on Internal Institutional Risk Assessments (In Progress)**
- **Formed Committee to Review Field Damage Assessment Forms (In Progress)**
- **Representation for SHER (ESF-11) Desk at the EOC**

FUTURE PROJECTS

- **Support CERT Training and Support a Cultural Training Module for Emergency Planners**
- **Partner w/First Responders for Facility Overviews**
- **Solicitation of Hazard Mitigation Grants and Other Funding Sources**
- **Coordinating w/City and County Building Departments**
- **Coordinating Personnel on Re-Entry Damage Assessment Teams & Assist w/Historic District Design Review Commission on a Disaster Review Policy**
- **Propose a Program for National Trust (2011 Conference)**

LESSONS LEARNED

- **Involve Institutions in Specific Projects**
- **A lot CAN be Accomplished with Little to No Budget**
- **Commitment is REQUIRED**
- **If You Build It...They Will Come**
- **Multi-Agency Support and Participation**
- **Don't Solve World Hunger...Just Build a Ham Sandwich**

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