

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

A series of public meetings are being held in March 2009, followed by informational workshops with local governments. The final plan is expected to be submitted for approval by the County Commission before Fall 2009.

Public outreach will continue after the plan is adopted. Also, this plan includes many other opportunities for public involvement during both pre-disaster and post-disaster implementation of the plan, so that your voice will be heard.



Hurricane Katrina Damage in Gulfport, Mississippi

## WHAT DOES THIS PLAN COVER?

The plan details priorities and provides a plan of action for the following subjects:

- Health and Social Services
- Housing
- Land Use
- Infrastructure
- Environmental Restoration
- Economic Redevelopment
- Financial Administration
- Public Outreach

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan website is a resource of information and a place for you to give your input on the plan. On this website you can:

- Read more about the project
- View the draft components of the plan
- See when additional meetings will be held and the timeline of the project
- Submit a comment on the plan electronically to County staff
- Sign up for email notifications of additional news on the project

Visit the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan website by going to the County's website at: [www.hillsboroughcounty.org](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org), clicking on the "A-Z Index" link and then selecting "Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan."



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# Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan

A Guide For Building Back For A  
Stronger Tomorrow



# DISASTER STRIKES HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY!

How would we as a community respond to this headline?

That's the question that Hillsborough County government and community leaders have been discussing since early 2008, in order to develop a Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) for the County.

There are many reasons to develop a PDRP and even more to maintain and implement it. Hillsborough County is vulnerable to the impacts of hurricanes, including storm surge, flooding, and hurricane-force winds. Major hurricanes have hit Hillsborough County, as witnessed by the 1921 hurricane. Technical models show that major coastal storm surge would greatly impact large areas of Hillsborough County.

## WHAT IS A POST-DISASTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN?

A Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan is a strategy for how the County will coordinate long-term redevelopment after a major disaster, such as a hurricane, with a goal of returning to normal within 3-5 years. The PDRP is a requirement for all coastal counties and municipalities in Florida.

The plan covers policies, operational strategies, and roles and responsibilities to guide decisions that affect the long-term recovery and redevelopment of our community after a disaster. The plan emphasizes making the most

of opportunities for hazard mitigation and community improvement, in line with the goals of the local comprehensive plan and with full participation of the citizens. The plan also provides a method for transitioning from short-term disaster recovery to long-term redevelopment and finally back to a normal way of life.



Flooding On Bayshore Boulevard  
after hurricane in 2004

Hillsborough County was selected by the Florida Department of Community Affairs to be one of five pilot communities in the state to create a cutting-edge long-term post-disaster redevelopment plan that will serve as a template for other communities. The Florida Department of Community Affairs and Division of Emergency Management are providing technical assistance and planning services for the project funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

As we watch the continuing recovery in Florida from Hurricanes Charley and Ivan and on the Gulf Coast from Hurricanes Katrina and Ike, it is

clear that having an organized, planned approach to dealing with long-term redevelopment and reconstruction before a disaster strikes is the most effective way to use available resources in a post-disaster situation.

## DEVELOPING A POST-DISASTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Since disasters know no boundaries, Hillsborough County is involving all local municipalities in the planning process and hopes to create a multi-jurisdictional, multi-year Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan as the outcome of this process. The County also has sought to ensure that all stakeholder groups are represented in the planning process and that there are opportunities for public involvement.

Hillsborough County Ordinance 93-20 establishes a Redevelopment Task Force which was used as the base of a large stakeholder group organized for the current planning process. The stakeholder group is structured into several technical advisory committees that provide expertise on the major recovery issues for the county.

Approximately 90 members from local governments and agencies, community and social service organizations, citizens groups and private residents have been meeting monthly since 2008 to draft this plan.

**For more information on the  
plan or to submit a comment  
electronically, visit the PDRP**

**website at:**

**[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/pdrp](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/pdrp)**