



Post-Hurricane Ian
April 2023

Lee County Recovery Task Force

Community Town Hall

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Welcome





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Introductions



Overview of Agenda

1. What is ResilientLee, the Recovery Task Force, and how can I get involved?
2. Release for activities to provide more in-depth input pertaining to your priorities and ideas regarding the Hurricane Ian Recovery:
 - Vote for your top priority;
 - Answer questions regarding different recovery topics;
 - Tell us where you're from; and
 - Answer the ResilientLee Survey online.

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What is the primary reason you came to the town hall?

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How did you hear about the Recovery Task Force Town Hall?

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Recovery Task Force Origin

- In response to the massive and widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Ian, the Lee Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to form the Recovery Task Force based on the FEMA National Disaster Recovery Framework.
- The purpose of convening the Recovery Task Force is to collaborate as a community, combining efforts to recover and rebuild in a resilient manner. Initially, the Recovery Task Force will review and endorse priorities for consideration by the State Legislature and provide a unified voice for the interests of Lee County and its residents, businesses, and nonprofits.
- All efforts are going into the development of the ResilientLee Recovery and Resiliency Plan which aims to be a roadmap for a resilient recovery for the whole community.
 - Townhalls are seeking community input to inform the ResilientLee Plan.

Recovery Task Force Membership

Agency	Representative/Liaison	Liaison
Lee Board of County Commissioners	Commissioner	Kevin Ruane
City of Bonita Springs	Councilmember	Chris Corrie
City of Cape Coral	Mayor	John Gunter
Village of Estero	Mayor	Jon McLain
City of Fort Myers	Mayor	Kevin B. Anderson
Town of Fort Myers Beach	Councilmember	Bill Veach
City of Sanibel	Councilwoman	Holly Smith
Law Enforcement	Undersheriff	John Holloway
Fire	Fire Chief	Robert Dilallo
Lee County School Board	Chairman	Armor Persons
Lee Health	Board Member	David Collins
Legislative Delegation	Representative	Jenna Persons-Mulicka
Constitutional Office	Property Appraiser	Matt Caldwell

Branches



Planning & Capacity



Infrastructure



Economic Recovery



Housing



Education & Workforce



Natural Resources



Health & Social Services



Cultural Resources

Recovery Task Force Objectives



OBJECTIVE 1

Survey the immediate, short-term, and long-term needs of Lee County.



OBJECTIVE 2

Identify and engage key partners to address the needs of the community.



OBJECTIVE 3

Develop viable, feasible, desirable, and actionable solutions to meet those needs.



OBJECTIVE 4

Maximize funding resources available and recommend policies necessary to implement those solutions.

High Level Process for Long Term Recovery Planning



Purpose of Town Halls:

Your Voice Matters!



Community Engagement

Outreach:

- School District of Lee County
- Faith-based Communities
- Community Service Providers
- Press
- Social Media
- Existing Networks and Connections



UPCOMING TOWN HALLS:

April 19 6 PM – 8 PM	San Carlos and Southeast Lee San Carlos Park Elementary School
April 22 1 PM – 3 PM	Fort Myers (Meetings in English and Español) Fort Myers City Hall
April 25 6 PM – 8 PM	North Fort Myers, Bayshore, and Burnt Store North Fort Myers Park and Recreation Center
April 26 6 PM – 8 PM	Bonita Springs (Meetings in English and Español) Bonita Springs Elementary School
May 1 6 PM – 8 PM	Sanibel and Captiva BIG ARTS
May 2 6 PM – 8 PM	Gateway and Daniels Parkway Gateway Elementary School
May 3 6 PM – 8 PM	Pine Island Pine Island Elementary School
May 4 6 PM – 8 PM	Iona and South Fort Myers (Meetings in English and Español) Heights Elementary School
	Fort Myers Beach DiamondHead Resort
May 8 6 PM – 8 PM	Virtual (En Español) Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81684095068
May 9 6 PM – 8 PM	Northeast Lee, Fort Myers Shores, and Buckingham River Hall Elementary School
	Lehigh Acres (Meetings in English and Español) East County Regional Library
May 10 6 PM – 8 PM	Cape Coral Cape Coral City Hall
May 11 6 PM – 8 PM	Estero Estero Recreation Center
May 16 6 PM – 8 PM	Virtual Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82096248831
May 17 4 PM – 6 PM	Boca Grande Boca Grande Community Center

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Prior to the Town Hall, had you heard about the ResilientLee Recovery Task Force?

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Hurricane Ian Impacts



- Largest hurricane to make landfall in Lee County and **fifth largest storm in U.S. history.**
- More than **\$7.3 billion in damages** to residential and commercial structures.

Housing

Impacts of Hurricane Ian on Housing:



50,314

Homes Assessed



5,076

Homes Destroyed



13,533

Homes with Major Damage



30,000+

Affected or with Minor Damage

Temporary Housing:



319 (Trailers)

Florida Department of Emergency Management
Temporary Housing



544 (349 Trailers, 195 Apartments)

Federal Emergency Management Agency
(FEMA) Temporary Housing

Small Business Administration (SBA)



18,959

SBA Home Loans Received



\$786,761,742

In Total Received SBA Home Loans

Housing (continued)

State and Local Programs	
	208 Applications Approved for the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Insurance Deductible Program
	\$1.23M Funds Encumbered for the SHIP Insurance Deductible Program
	\$5.4M Funds Allocated to Lee County to Date through the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP)

FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)	
	\$450.9M IA Funds Approved
	1,086 Households Approved for Direct Housing
	\$283.74M Repair and Replacement Assistance
	141 People Utilizing the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) Program
	\$62.56M In Total Rent Assistance with 22,977 Households Approved for Rent Assistance

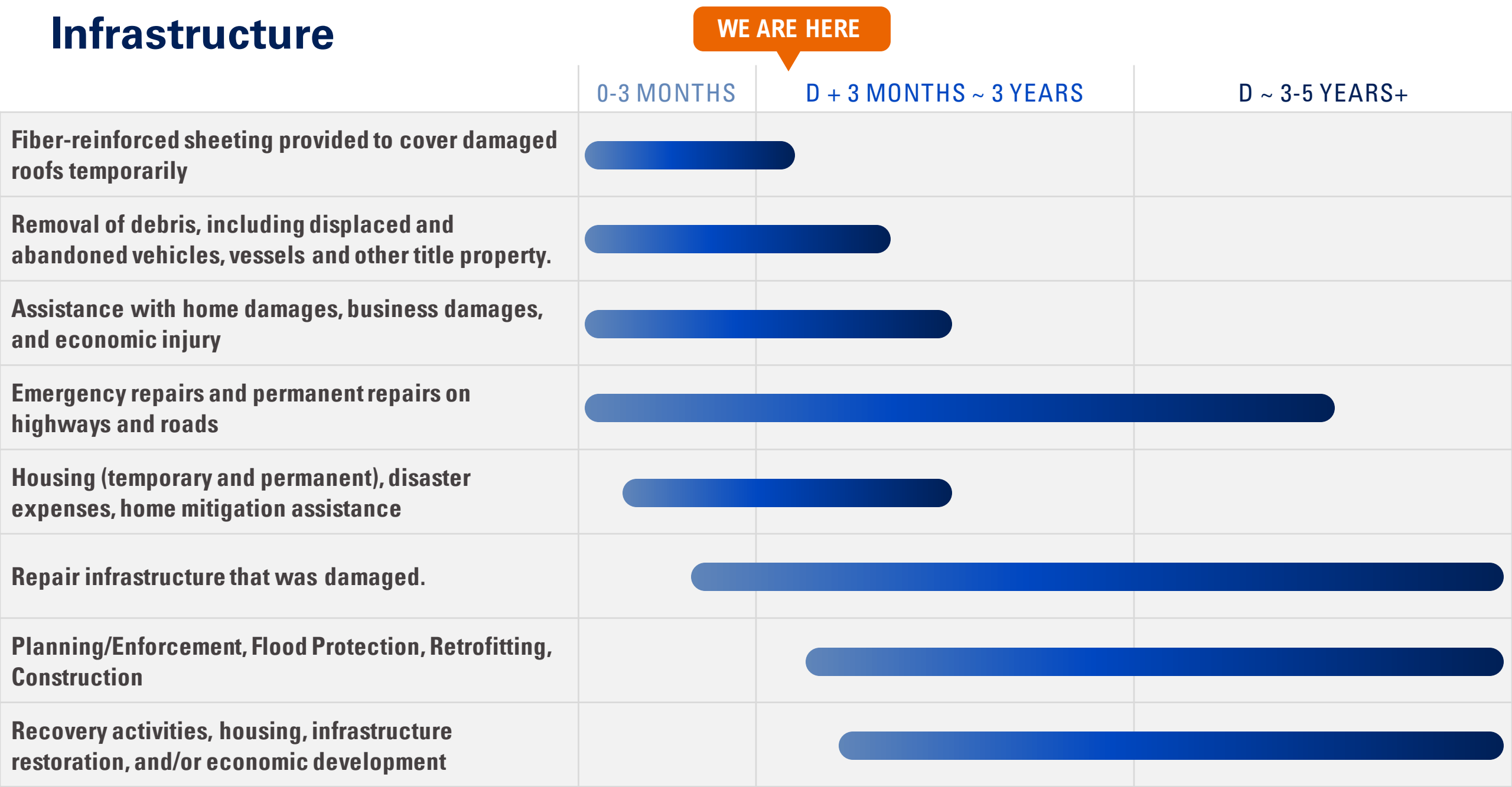
Long Road for Rebuilding Public Infrastructure

- Total damages greatly exceed available funding at the local government level.
- Local governments must go through long process to document damages, identify how infrastructure will be built back, and seek funding through various Federal programs.
- Repairs usually cannot start until approval comes from the Federal agency or the local government forfeits potential funding.
- Going through this process can and usually takes years.
 - Repairs are still being made for Tropical Storm Sandy, Hurricane Irma, and Hurricane Michael.

Examples of Different Programs:

- Federal Highways Administration – Repair and make more resilient most main roads and bridges
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Remove debris from waterways
- Federal Transit Authority – Damages to public transit
- FEMA Public Assistance – Repair and make more resilient other public infrastructure
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Make infrastructure more resilient

Infrastructure



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How do you feel the response from the government- federal/ state/ local has been?

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How can response and recovery of government agencies improve?

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Are you aware of counseling services for finding housing or jobs? If so do you know who offers these services?

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Available Resources

- Lee County's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) can provide up to \$10,000 to help cover insurance deductibles for qualified residents. For more information concerning SHIP, email SHIPhousing@leegov.com
- United Way provides comprehensive information on local resources available. The 2-1-1 Storm Information Hotline is staffed and available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 2-1-1 or 239-433-3900.
- ResilientLee has a list of available resources for residents needing assistance at: (www.resilientlee.com and QR code)



Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

- \$1.1B was announced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in March 2023
 - Official notification will be provided to Lee County in the coming months
- Lee County is responsible for preparing an Action Plan on how the funds will be spent
- Unmet needs provide the basis for how these funds must be spent
 - CDBG-DR funding will not cover all unmet needs in Lee County for housing, infrastructure, etc.
- 70% of CDBG-DR funds must benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) areas and people (80% of Area Median Income)
 - Income limit for family of 4 in Lee County = \$64,300



Typical CDBG-DR Activities

- **Housing**

- Repairs and reconstruction of homes
- Assistance finding new housing
- Housing development

- **Infrastructure**

- Repairing and mitigating public infrastructure directly or indirectly impacted by Ian (e.g., increasing underground water infrastructure).

- **Economic Development/Revitalization**

(e.g., workforce training)

- **Planning**

(e.g., emergency operations planning and long-term recovery planning)

- **Public Services**

(e.g., case management, educational campaigns, etc.)

- **Mitigation**

(e.g., home hardening programs or implementing stormwater management best practices)

Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

HUD requires an extensive community input process in developing the "Action Plan" due 120 days from the official notification

HUD Action Plan	ResilientLee Recovery & Resiliency Plan
The Action Plan outlining the proposed use of the \$1.1 billion dictated by HUD's rules regarding project eligibility. Will include a 30-day public comment period and additional townhalls to gain public input on what is developed by the County approximately 60-90 days after official notification.	The ResilientLee Recovery & Resiliency Plan will be a comprehensive plan with specific steps identifying recommended initiatives, policy and procedural change recommendations, and projects for the Lee County region to build back more resiliently from Hurricane Ian. Additional input will be sought to receive feedback on the recommended initiatives developed.

CDBG-DR Action Plan to Implementation Estimated Timeline

- **Assuming May 1st (Day 0)**
Estimated release of Federal Register Notice (officially notification)
- **June 30th (Day 60)**
Draft Action Plan released for public comment and additional Town Halls for feedback.
- **July 2023**
Public provides feedback on Action Plan (at least 2 public meetings)
- **August 2023**
Lee County incorporates feedback from public meetings
- **August 29th (Day 120)**
Lee County's deadline to submit the Action Plan to HUD
- **By October 28th (Day 180)**
HUD has 60 days to either approve or provide feedback on the Action Plan
- **Late-2023/Early-2024**
Plan approval from HUD and begin implementation of programs that provide direct support to the community

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Continuing Community Engagement

There are ways to stay involved and informed after Town Halls:

- Survey on www.resilientlee.com
- Follow us on **Social Media**
 - Twitter @ResilientLee
 - Facebook @ResilientLeeFL
 - Instagram @ResilientLee_FL
- Subscribe at www.resilientlee.com



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Who else should the Recovery Task Force and the County seek input from regarding the development of the ResilientLee Recovery and Resiliency Plan?

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Activity 1: Branch Priorities

Vote for the priorities most important to you!



- The Branches have been discussing priorities to focus on regarding the recovery to Hurricane Ian.
- Each member of the audience will be given 8 stickers.
- At each Branch Station, vote for the priority that best matches your top priority for the Hurricane Ian recovery as it relates to that Branch.

Activity 2: Branch Questions

Answer branch questions!



- There are 8 stations throughout the room. Each station has 3-4 questions.
- Please write your response to each question on a post-it and put it under the question.
- If you agree with exactly what another person wrote, add a "+1" to their post-it note.

Activity 3: Map It



Place a sticker where you live!

- There is a large map of Lee County.
- Please mark where you live with a sticker.

Activity 4: Take the Survey



Visit www.resilientlee.com
to take the survey to further
emphasize your priorities!





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Thank You for Joining Us!

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- Follow us on **Social Media**
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 - Facebook @ResilientLeeFL
 - Instagram @ResilientLee_FL
- Subscribe to receive updates at www.resilientlee.com
- Email any questions to info@resilientlee.com

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