

5.7 Plan for Long-Term Recovery

15 Points

30 Points

Action Updates

This action has been revised for the **current certification cycle**. A version of this action from the prior program year is [available for comparison](#). Edits are highlighted in yellow. (Last update 2024)

Objective

Establish a long-term recovery planning team to carry out responses after disasters (natural and/or manmade). Implement projects pre-disaster to be better prepared as a community.

Complementary Actions:

- [Assess Climate Vulnerability](#)
- [Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses](#)

What to Do

The more you do, the more points you earn.

1. Identify a Long-Term Recovery Manager and establish a long-term recovery committee. **(15 points)**

All elements must be completed to receive credit.

a. Identify a Long-Term Recovery Manager for your municipality. A regional Long-Term Recovery Manager may be appropriate for smaller towns with limited resources. The Long-Term Recovery Manager is the lead in pre- and post-disaster planning and recovery operations. The ideal Long-Term Recovery Manager would be an individual with planning and zoning experience in your community. If possible, the person selected should not have a competing disaster response role (for example, the Long-Term Recovery Manager should not also serve as the Emergency Management Director) and should be affiliated with your municipality (either as municipal staff or an active commissioner). Pre- and post-disaster responsibilities of the Long-Term Recovery Manager, as outlined in Disaster Recovery Framework and ESF 14 Version 1.0, are listed in [Appendix A](#).

Submit: The name and title of your municipally appointed Long-Term Recovery Manager, including the dates of tenure. Submit the job duties of your Long-Term Recovery Manager. If you have a regional Local Long-Term Recovery Manager, you must also submit documents outlining the regional partnership.

b. Appoint a Long-Term Recovery Committee that will be led by the Long-Term Recovery Manager. The Committee could include representatives from transportation, housing, education, economic development, health, and social services departments/organizations, as well as representatives from volunteer organizations, the faith-based community, and businesses. If you have identified a Regional Long-Term Recovery Manager, you may also identify a regional Long-Term Recovery Committee (the municipalities represented must be the same in both cases). Your Committee should have at least three members. The committee must be active and meet at least annually.

Submit: A list of names and titles/sectors of current members of the Long-Term Recovery Committee, the date of the most recent meeting, and at least one additional piece of documentation related to the meetings, such as a promotional flyer, an agenda, minutes, presentations, or photographs. If you have a regional Long-Term Recovery Committee, you must also submit documents outlining the regional partnerships.

c. Establish a work plan that includes a timeline for your Long-Term Recovery Committee. As outlined in the [Disaster Recovery Framework and ESF 14 Version 1.0](#), your Long-Term Recovery Committee should organize its work plan items by Working Group area, and could include: Natural and Cultural Resources Working Group; Community and Capacity Building Working Group; Economic Working Group; Individual Assistance Working Group; Health and Social Services Working Group; and an Infrastructure Working Group. Your Long-Term Recovery Committee should keep minutes of all meetings.

Consult the [Disaster Recovery Framework and ESF 14 Version 1.0, State of Connecticut: State Response Framework](#), and [CT Rises: Planning for Long-Term Disaster Recovery \(pages 105-231\)](#) for examples of action items for each working group area.

For example, the Natural & Cultural Resources Working Group action areas might include coordination between departments and agencies to provide information and assistance to communities that want to preserve, protect and restore natural and cultural resources during recovery. The Community and Capacity Building Working Group action areas might include coordination of expertise for communities in planning and implementing pre- and post-disaster recovery programs, with an emphasis on hazard mitigation. The Economic Working Group action areas may focus on activities to help communities efficiently and effectively restore economic and business activities while adapting to market changes brought on by catastrophic events.

Submit: The work plan, including a timeline, for your Long-Term Recovery Committee. If your work plan was completed more than three years ago, also include a brief description of how it is still relevant and used by your municipality.

2. Complete a project on the work plan of the long-term recovery committee. If not included in your plan, provide justification for the project. The project must have been completed in the last three years. **(15 points)**

Submit: Documentation of the activities performed by the Long-Term Recovery Committee, including a description of the task(s) completed, date of completion, and any relevant supporting documentation. You must first successfully complete 5.7.1 to be eligible for points under 5.7.2.

Engaging Partners

Sustainable CT encourages regional collaboration and other forms of partnership. For every action, please complete the "Partners" box in your submission, indicating the name(s) of any municipalities and/or organizations you partnered with (if any) and a brief description of your municipality's role. If you collaborate with other municipalities, each community will receive points. For additional information, please see the "[Partners Guidance Document](#)".

Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Staff from the planning, emergency services, Board of Education, assessors, building, housing, transportation, economic development, health, social services, and engineering departments could be helpful in implementing this action. In addition, local and regional nonprofits, volunteer organizations, faith-based organizations, and local businesses may provide assistance or resources to help you implement this action.

Funding

If available, below are potential funding sources specific to this Action. For a complete listing of potential funding opportunities to assist with implementing Sustainable CT Actions, please visit the [Sustainable CT Grants Portal](#), which is searchable by Action. Please also visit the [Support for Your Town](#) page for opportunities for technical assistance and other supports.

- [Municipal Grant Program \(MGP\)](#)
- [Urban Act Grant Program](#)
- [Sustainable CT Community Match Fund](#)
- [Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program](#)
- [Climate Program Office \(CPO\) Adaptation Sciences Program FY2024](#)
- [Urban Forest Equity Grant Program](#)
- [Long Island Sound Study Research Grant Program](#)

Resources

Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents

- [Disaster Recovery Framework and ESF 14 Version 1.0](#)
- [State of Connecticut: State Response Framework](#)
- [CT Rises: Planning for Long-Term Disaster Recovery \(pages 105-231\)](#) (hard copies available for [sale](#))
- [An Act Concerning Climate Change Planning and Resiliency \(PA 18-82\)](#)

Organizations and Relevant Programs

- [Connecticut Insurance Department](#)
- [CT Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security](#)
- [CT Recovers](#)
- [Connecticut Long-Term Recovery Committee](#)
- [Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaption \(CIRCA\)](#)
- [Community and Regional Resilience Institute](#)
- [FEMA'S Recovery Support Functions](#)
- [Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety](#)
- [Hazard Mitigation](#)
- [National Preparedness Community](#)
- [Adapt CT](#)
- [Citizen Corps Program in Connecticut](#)
- [National Flood Insurance Program](#)
- [Hurricane Season Preparedness](#)

Why This Matters

Connecticut is no stranger to disasters. Each event can be a learning tool to identify ways to be more resilient; to be quicker to respond; to be quicker to rebuild. This action calls upon your community to establish a planning team to prepare for and conduct long-term recovery efforts after a disaster. Different from the emergency response team, though closely coordinated, your Long-Term Recovery Committee will oversee the disaster response efforts after the immediate shock has been addressed and help your community build back stronger and safer.

Benefits

By establishing an active long-term recovery manager and committee your community will be better prepared to respond to future disasters and will likely reduce the impact of these events.

CT Success Stories