Recent headlines confirm that disasters can happen anywhere at any time. Whether the disaster is natural or manmade, communities across the U.S. are all at risk of catastrophe striking and need new ideas and help from their fellow communities in beginning the recovery process.

**Restoration 2007** is a national conference that concentrates on how to foster community redevelopment and revitalization following a disaster. Managed by ICMA, the premier local government leadership and management organization, in cooperation with a number of national supporters and co-sponsoring organizations, the conference is about re-thinking how we approach emergency management and finding more effective solutions for disaster recovery.
Dr. Edward Blakely, Executive Director of Recovery Management for the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, will provide the opening welcome. Dr. Blakely has recently been chosen to head the city of New Orleans’ new Recovery Management Office and will serve as the leader for marshaling the recovery process in New Orleans. Conference attendees will hear firsthand about how the city of New Orleans plans to return to its former glory. Dr. Blakely will also participate in the Town Hall Meeting Plenary.

Dr. Douglas Brinkley, author of *The Great Deluge*, will provide the keynote address at Restoration 2007. Dr. Brinkley is the Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Center for American Civilization and Professor of History at Tulane University. Five of Dr. Brinkley’s books have been selected as *New York Times* “Notable Books of the Year” and he is a contributing editor for *Vanity Fair*, *Los Angeles Times Book Review* and *American Heritage*. Dr. Brinkley will look at what history has to tell us about how we can prepare for future disasters.

Always a favorite, the Town Meeting Plenary gives conference participants an opportunity to interact with a panel of experts from a variety of fields on issues, strategies and actions needed for community and economic recovery. This year’s Town Meeting will be moderated by David Meeks, city editor of *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Meeks led the newspaper’s on-the-ground coverage for six weeks in the devastated city. Setting up makeshift bureaus in colleagues’ homes in the unflooded sections of the city and using a newspaper delivery truck to get around, Meeks directed what came to be known as the “New Orleans bureau.”
Conference Program

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To see a full line-up of course offerings, go to restoration2007.org.

Concurrent Sessions

Wednesday, May 2
1:00–2:15 p.m.
All Disasters are Local: Katrina’s Impact on Areas Outside the Gulf Coast
Emergency Water Operations Plan
2:30–3:45 p.m.
From Beyond Our Borders: Lessons in Recovery from Japan and India
WARN: The Water/Wastewater Agency Response Networks

Thursday, May 3
8:30–9:45 a.m.
First Things First
Organizing Community Agencies for Disaster Response and Recovery
9:00–10:15 a.m.
Public Awareness = Public Safety: Regional Collaboration in Disaster
Preparedness and Community Education
Public Safety GIS: Before, During and After a Disaster
Small Business Recovery: It Takes a Village
The Role of Tax Incentives in Economic Recovery and Building Reuse
10:30–11:45 a.m.
ICMA Emergency Management Peer Professionals in Pascagoula, Mississippi
Restoration Financing: Federal Programs and Resources
Small Business and Job Training Programs for Restoration
Transportation Systems
Your Local Building Department: Is It Meeting the Community’s Needs?

Schedule at a Glance

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Building a Digital Geospatial Community Library
Insurance Options and Trends
New Project Delivery Methods: Is Private Financing the Right Way to Restore Your Municipal Infrastructure?
Short-Term Housing: The Choice of Voucher or Placement for Interim Housing
The SMART Building Department: Using SMARTcodes to Enhance Performance
Using the Emergency Management Assistance Compact

2:45–3:45 p.m.
Effectively Communicating in a Crisis
Innovations and Resources for Restoration in the Go Zone
Innovative Community Planning and Redevelopment Approaches: Case Studies from the Gulf Coast
The Total Financial Recovery Solution: The Integration of FEMA and Insurance
You Are Not Alone—Work Group on Mutual Aid

4:00–5:00 p.m.
Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
Inclusive Restoration Strategies for Vulnerable Populations
Integrating Mitigation into Comprehensive Community Recovery
What’s Happening? Answering the Community’s Questions after a Disaster

Friday, May 4
9:00–10:30 a.m.
Community Leadership for Disaster Recovery
Incentivizing Disaster Mitigation and Post-Disaster Recovery
Preparing for Disasters with Diverse Stakeholders—Lessons Learned from Pandemic Flu
Public-Private Partnerships for Effective Restoration
Sustainable Neighborhoods: Rebuilding Choice Places that are Part of Vital Communities

After attending Restoration 2006, I revamped the city of Pacific’s emergency plan to include information I learned in some of the workshops. When we activated the EOP during November’s floods, we were much better organized and prepared, saving property, lives and over $250,000. For me, Restoration 2006 has had a great return on investment.

Richard Hildreth
Mayor, city of Pacific, Wash.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The easiest way to sign up for Restoration 2007 is to use our online system at restoration2007.org. You can also download a PDF version of the registration form. If you have trouble or would like a copy of the registration form e-mailed or faxed to you, please contact Sheritha Wright at 202-962-3533 or by e-mail at swright@icma.org.

Registration Rates

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EXHIBITING AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Restoration 2007 will feature government agencies, professional associations, and private sector firms in a solutions-oriented exhibit hall. If your firm or organization is interested in exhibiting, contact Nancy Monahan at The Bridge Group, 703-425-1186, extension 123, or by e-mail at nancy@tbgevents.com. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Danielle Miller Wagner at 202-962-3671 or by e-mail at dmwagner@icma.org.

RESTORATION TRANSACTION FORUM

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

This deal-making forum offers an opportunity for property owners, developers, brokers, and investors to network and craft redevelopment deals. At the Restoration Transaction Forum, participants can:

- Meet with site owners about properties available for purchase and lease
- Talk with brokers and developers seeking properties
- Look a detailed listing information and market data.

This unique opportunity provides an opportunity to view properties from around the country and initiate development deals. To learn more, contact Bryan Barnhouse at bbarnhouse@icma.org or 202-962-3613.
For those that have never been to the JazzFest, it is quite the musical, cultural and culinary treat. I know; I have been to over 20 JazzFests and love it more than ever.

William A. Pappas, M.P.A.
C.F.O., Assistant Fire Chief, Mobile Fire-Rescue Department

HOTEL INFORMATION
Located at 500 Canal Street, the Sheraton New Orleans offers over 1,000 rooms just steps away from the historic French Quarter. You can make reservations by calling toll-free 1-888-627-7033. When you call to make your reservations be sure to ask for the “Restoration 2007 Block.”
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