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Commit public leadership to a philosophy of recovery:

Make emergency management a high priority, part of continuous planning, and commit to practice to make perfect. Make incremental progress by improving protocols and communication for next time. Don't spend time reinventing the wheel. Make personal plans, be ready.

Offer evacuation options and support for citizens during evacuation:

Citizens may choose any route given the farm-to-market lateral road system. Initiate contra flow on the highway system from the beginning of the evacuation. Convert the toll way systems during evacuation to free highways. The state may supply fuel bladders to provide gas for citizens to get to the next exit.

Focus on enhanced communication between coordinating entities:

Coordinate between cities. Identify a coordinating person or liaison to keep communication lines open between the counties and major cities.

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