

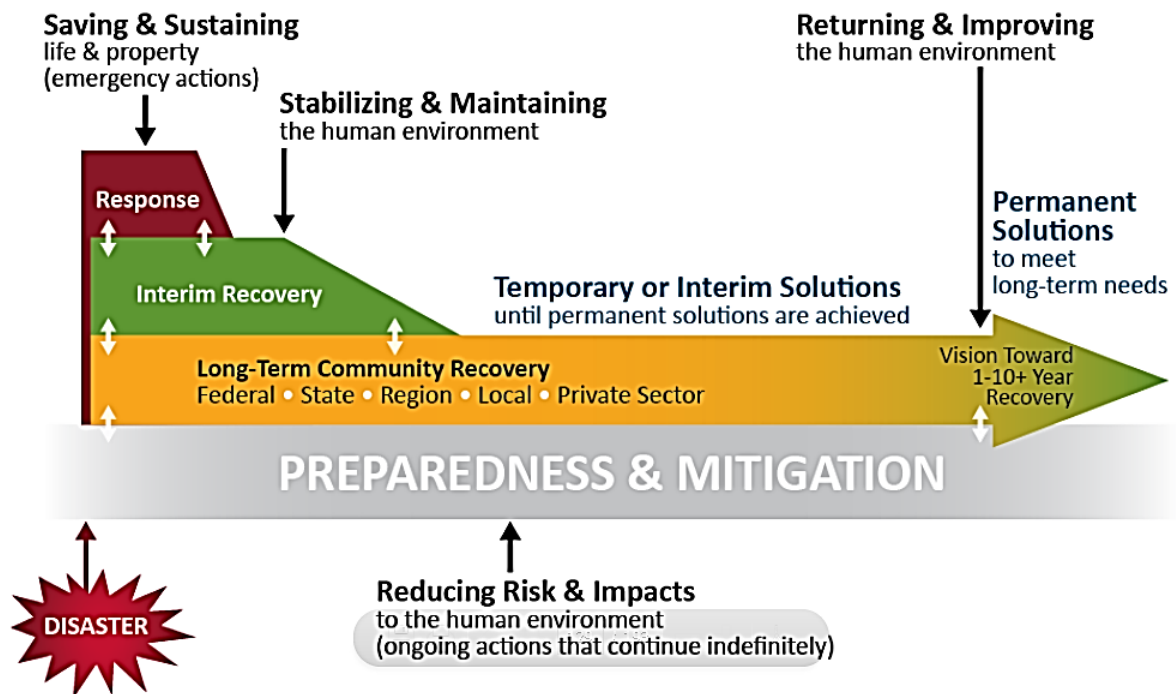
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# Memorial Day Tornado Outbreak

## Situation Updates

Nearly three weeks after the Memorial Day tornado outbreak, LSS Disaster Services and other community partners are coordinating on-going short-term recovery operations and organizing long-term recovery efforts. Long-term recovery is the time following a disaster in which agencies and organizations help individuals, families, and communities to develop and implement plans and processes to resume daily activities and a sense of normalcy.

The graphic below gives an example of the stages of a disaster. Though the disaster precipitates the community's reaction and movement toward recovery, preparedness and mitigation (grey line) ideally are happening before, during, and after disaster response and recovery efforts occur within a community in order to build community disaster resilience.



At the most basic level, the long term recovery process involves:

- Identifying individuals and families with unmet needs;
- Providing disaster case management services to prioritize how the unmet needs will be addressed; and
- Developing and delivering goods, services, and funds to address unmet needs.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> National VOAD, Long-Term Recovery Guide, 2012, <https://www.nvoad.org/mdocs-posts/long-term-recovery-guide/>.

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The next step is for counties to begin development of collaborative long-term recovery groups. A long term recovery group (LTRG) is a cooperative body that is made up of representatives from faith-based, non-profit, government, business, and other organizations working within a community to assist individuals and families as they recover from disaster. A LTRG is needed when personal resources, insurance, government grants/loans are insufficient to meet the need of disaster survivors. In Montgomery County alone, nearly 3,000 structures were impacted, and the rate of uninsured households in some jurisdictions is as high as 50%.<sup>2</sup> Initial county-level conversations about organizing long-term recovery have already occurred in some areas - Mercer County, 6/6; Miami County, 6/12; Greene County, 6/14.

The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, in partnership with The Dayton Foundation, LSS Disaster Services, American Red Cross, St. Vincent de Paul, Sinclair College, Community Action Partnership, Catholic Social Services, The Salvation Army, St. Mary's Development Corporation, will convene a community meeting on **Wednesday, 6/19/2019, from 9 am - 11 am at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Trotwood - 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood, Ohio 45426** - to coalesce community partners around the long-term recovery effort.<sup>3</sup>

### The Response of the Faith Community

Please remember that disaster recovery is a marathon, not a sprint. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to be engaged. Immediate relief and response are important and highly visible; however, long-term recovery is many times forgotten and under-resourced. Please consider reserving a percentage of your resources - financial and social - for recovery efforts.

#### Outreach:

16 Lutheran churches in the Dayton area have convened to develop plans to organize collaborative mission opportunities, maximize resources, and minimize duplication of effort. These churches are also working to activate existing faith partnerships in order to broaden participation. Churches can also be engaged in door-to-door neighborhood outreach. Just-in-time educational workshops are available for churches interested in outreach efforts. **LSS has limited resources to meet immediate household needs**; please contact John Pyron for additional information on just-in-time workshops and/or to request resources.

#### Donate:

To support the LSS Disaster Services response and recovery efforts click [here](#).

### About LSS Disaster Services

LSS Disaster Services is the statewide coordinating entity for disaster services for the ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod, the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, the ELCA Southern Ohio Synod, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Ohio District, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, and represents over twenty Lutheran social services agencies in the state of Ohio.

<sup>2</sup> According to initial damage assessments conducted by Montgomery County/City of Dayton, 6/5/2019

<sup>3</sup> Montgomery County, Ohio Press Release, 6/13/2019, <https://abc22now.com/news/miami-valley-tornadoes/mont-co-names-partners-for-long-term-recovery-after-tornadoes>

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