

**BUSINESSES, AGRICULTURE,
CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (BACH-DA)**

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WHY?



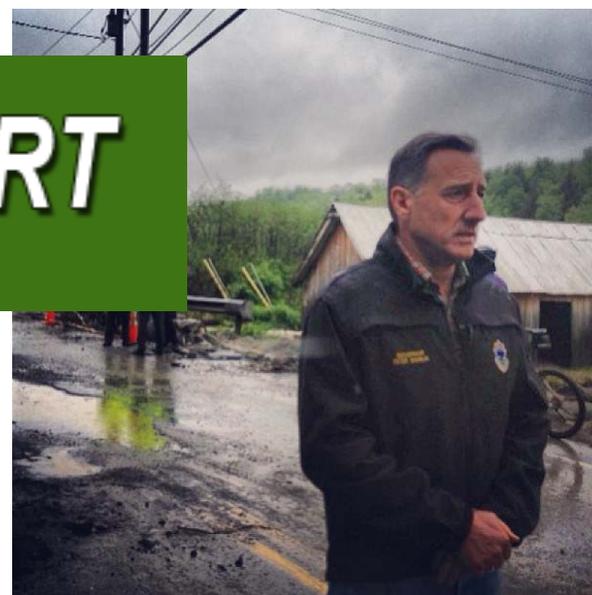
Why?

- **Gather information on damage from businesses, farms and historic and cultural resources in one centralized database**
- **Improve communication and coordination of support after an event**
- **Ensure those impacted have information on recovery resources**

WHO?

- Designated Downtown Organizations
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Preservation Trust of Vermont
- Regional Development Corporations (RDCs)
- Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs)
- Vermont Arts Council
- Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility (VBSR)
- VT-Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- USDA (NRCS, Farm Service Agency)
- UVM – Cooperative Extension
- VT Agency of Transportation
- VT Association of Conservation Districts
- VT State Archives

WHEN?



Timing

- Before an event
 - Email alert of potential event that included:
 - Link to website with resources on prep and recovery
 - Link to sign in for online assessment form with password reminder
 - PDF of assessment form and tip sheet
 - Coordination suggestions

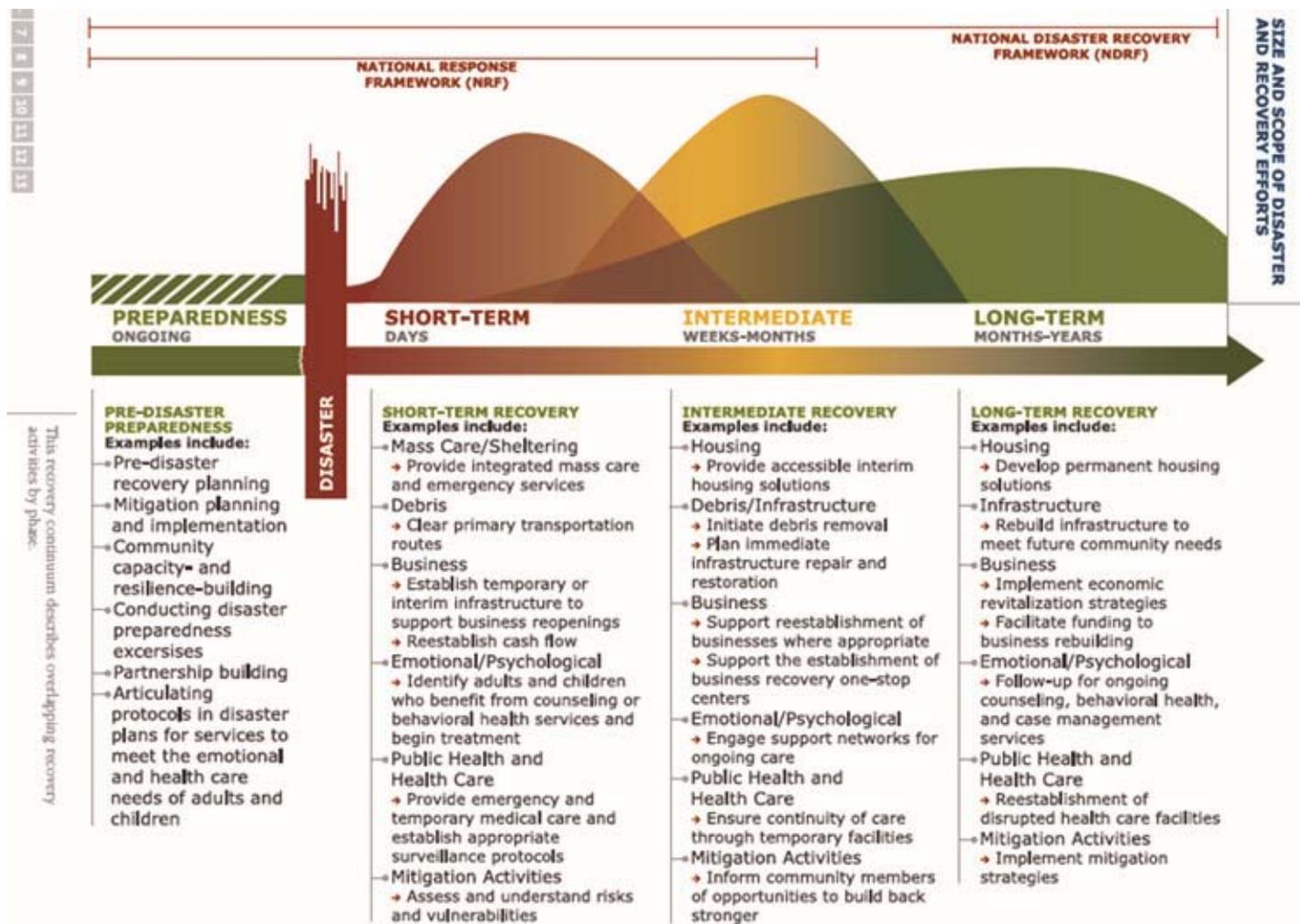


Timing

- **After an event**
 - **Email including:**
 - **Link to website with resources on response and recovery info**
 - **Link to sign in for online assessment form**
 - **PDF of assessment form and tip sheet**
 - **Request to input damage assessment online over coming weeks and months**

The Online System

Recovery - our role



The Online System

Response collection system

- Form to input damage assessment linked to a particular event
- When an event occurs, we will 'open' the log in process, send out an email alerting partners and begin to collect damage information



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BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, CULTURAL AND HISTORIC DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

One lesson learned after Tropical Storm Irene was that the State and our partners in disaster response and recovery needed a consistent way to assess damage and impact to businesses, farms and cultural and historic resources and a centralized location for the information. Such a system would allow for a more collaborative and strategic response and the ability to communicate with those impacted as new assistance programs became available. It would allow us to pinpoint the types of assistance that was needed and ensure that all those impacted were offered support.

Working with our partners at the [Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets](#), the [Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security](#) and organizations outside state government, the [Agency of Commerce and Community Development](#) have developed an online system where damage assessment information can be collected, referrals for assistance made and follow up and alerts provided.

The system will be activated in the case of a significant regional or state-wide incident. When such an incident occurs, our partners will have access to the online database and can assist you if you are a business, farm or have cultural or historic resources that were impacted.

Below are resources that can provide guidance on preparing for a disaster and how best to respond during an emergency.

[Business, Agricultural, Historic & Cultural Assessment \(BACH-DA\)](#) (To enter information online.)

[Printable version of the Business, Agricultural, Historic & Cultural Assessment Form](#) (pdf) Please note we encourage you to fill this out online.

[Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security](#) (DEMHS) for information on specific events and emergency protocols.

If you are an individual with home damage in need of assistance after a disaster, please contact your town official.

Sign In |

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Select Language

Response Collection System

Section: General Information

This section captures the contact information for the person collecting the damage info and the person reporting the damage (aka the impacted individual)

- 'Your Information'
 - **Person collecting information:** your name
 - **Organization of the person collecting the information:** your organization

Tip: These first two fields are filled in when you log on.

Red = required field

Response Collection System

Section: General Information

- 'Person, Location, and Contact Information
 - **Contact first and last name:**
Tip: this is the name of the person who was impacted & reporting damages.
 - **E911 street number; street name; city or town name; postal code**
Tip: City/Town is a drop down screen
 - **Primary contact phone number:** for the person impacted
Tip: for phone #'s no special format is needed.

Response Collection System

Section: General Information

- 'Person, location, and contact Information'
 - Contact home phone number; Contact mobile phone number: we want to make sure we have multiple numbers for the individual as well as a 'secondary contact' (see below)
 - **Contact E-mail**; and alternative email
 - Secondary contact full name; Contact mobile phone and email address
- Tip:* for phone #'s no special format is needed. If the survivor has no email, type 'none' or 'no email'

Questions?



Response Collection System

Section: Property Information

This section captures information on the property that was impacted – location/ownership/type of structure or use, etc.

- **County:**

Tip: this is a drop down screen and includes the counties in VT

- Are you the owner of the building/property:

Tip: 'radio button' with choice of yes or no.

Why this question?

- Building owner name; phone; email; address

- Structure or property use:

Tip: option list for you to choose and you can check multiple boxes

Response Collection System

Section: Property Information

- Is the structure older than 50 years?:
Tip: radio buttons to choose (yes/no/unknown)
- Is the structure listed on the National or State Register?
Tip: radio buttons to choose (yes/no/unknown)
- Is the property or structure subject to recorded conservation or historic easement?
Tip: radio buttons to choose (yes/no/unknown)

Questions



Response Collection System

Section: Damage Information

This section captures information on the damage – type, estimated cost, etc..

- **Date damage occurred:** allows us to sort various declared disasters
Tip: calendar control provided for you to choose date
- **Cause of damage:**
Tip: radio buttons to choose from a list of potential damages
- **Is the damage in a flood zone, way or plain?:**
Tip: radio buttons to choose (yes/no/unknown)

Response Collection System

Section: Damage Information

- Damage type and estimated cost: allows us to sort various declared disasters

Tip: if you do not know the estimated costs, just let us know the type of damage and estimates can be filled in later. Structural damage is to a building while non-structural would include damage to road access, inventory, etc.

- Other damage: would include inventory, livestock, equipment, manure pits, etc.

Tip: same as above

Response Collection System

Section: Damage Information

- Is the organization, business, municipality or non-profit open?:

Tip: options to choose all that apply.

- Are employees working onsite or elsewhere:
looking for impact such as reduced hours, limited access for employees and customers

Tip: radio buttons to choose (yes/no/partially open)

- Regarding Cultural Institutions, were your collections impacted?

Tip: options to choose all that apply

Questions



Response Collection System

Section: Monetary Information

This section captures information on insurance, loan and contact with federal agencies, etc.

- Do you have insurance?:

Tip: options to choose all that apply

- Have you registered with FEMA, the SBA, the USDA or any other agency or organization?: helpful for HMGP funding and other federal programs that require FEMA registration

Tip: options to choose all that apply

- Has a prior FEMA, SBA, VEDA or USDA claim been filed for this property?

Tip: options to choose all that apply

- Do you have a VEDA loan?

Tip: can indicate repetitive damage and helpful when considering funding assistance

Questions



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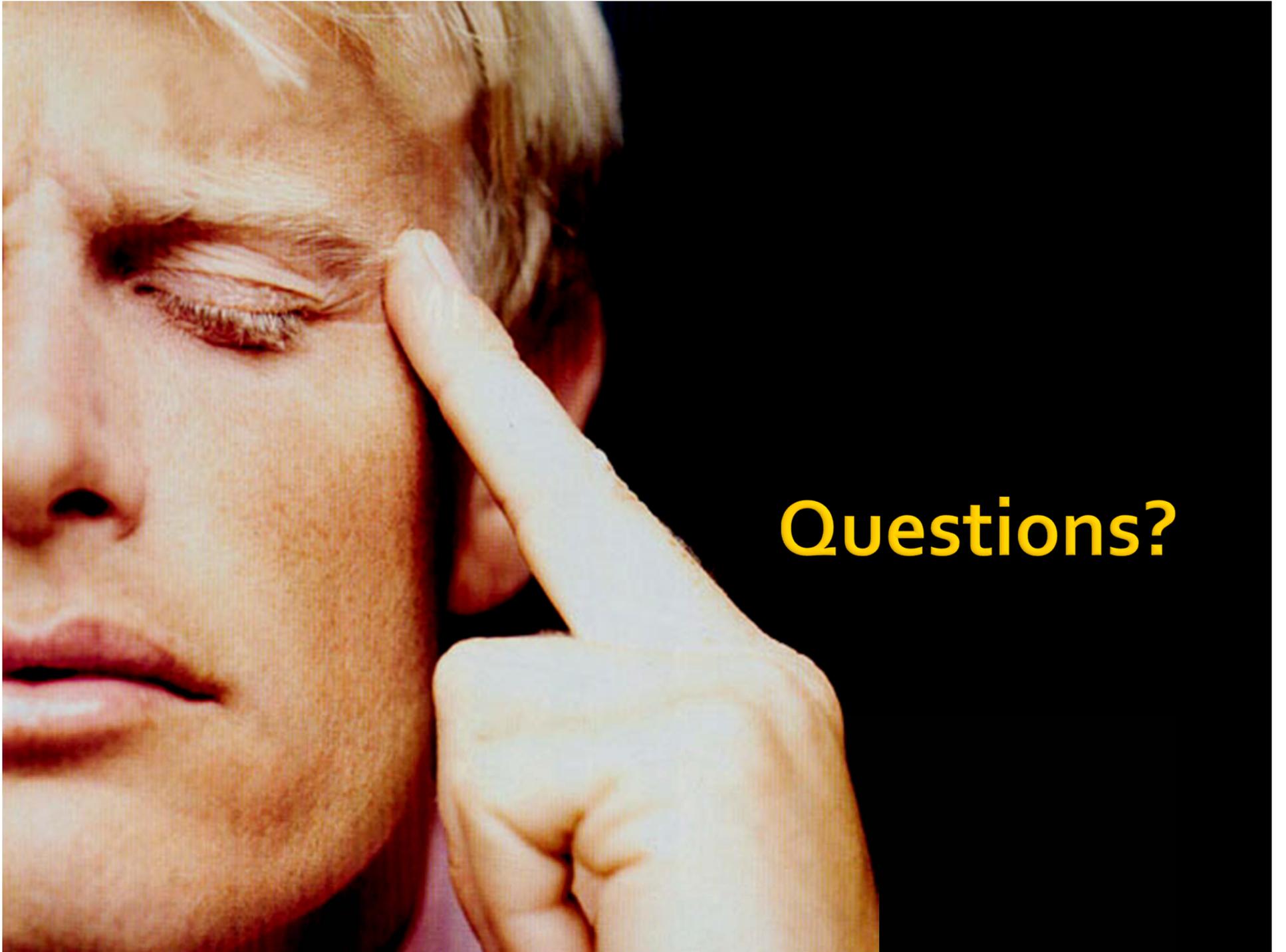
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Resources

- Continuity of Operations Planning:
 - VT-Small Business Development Center helps with COOP planning as well as after event analysis
 - RDCs
 - RPCs
 - Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+)





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THANK YOU

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