

Shaping The Future of Community Preparedness:

FEMA's Whole Community Approach on Bainbridge Island



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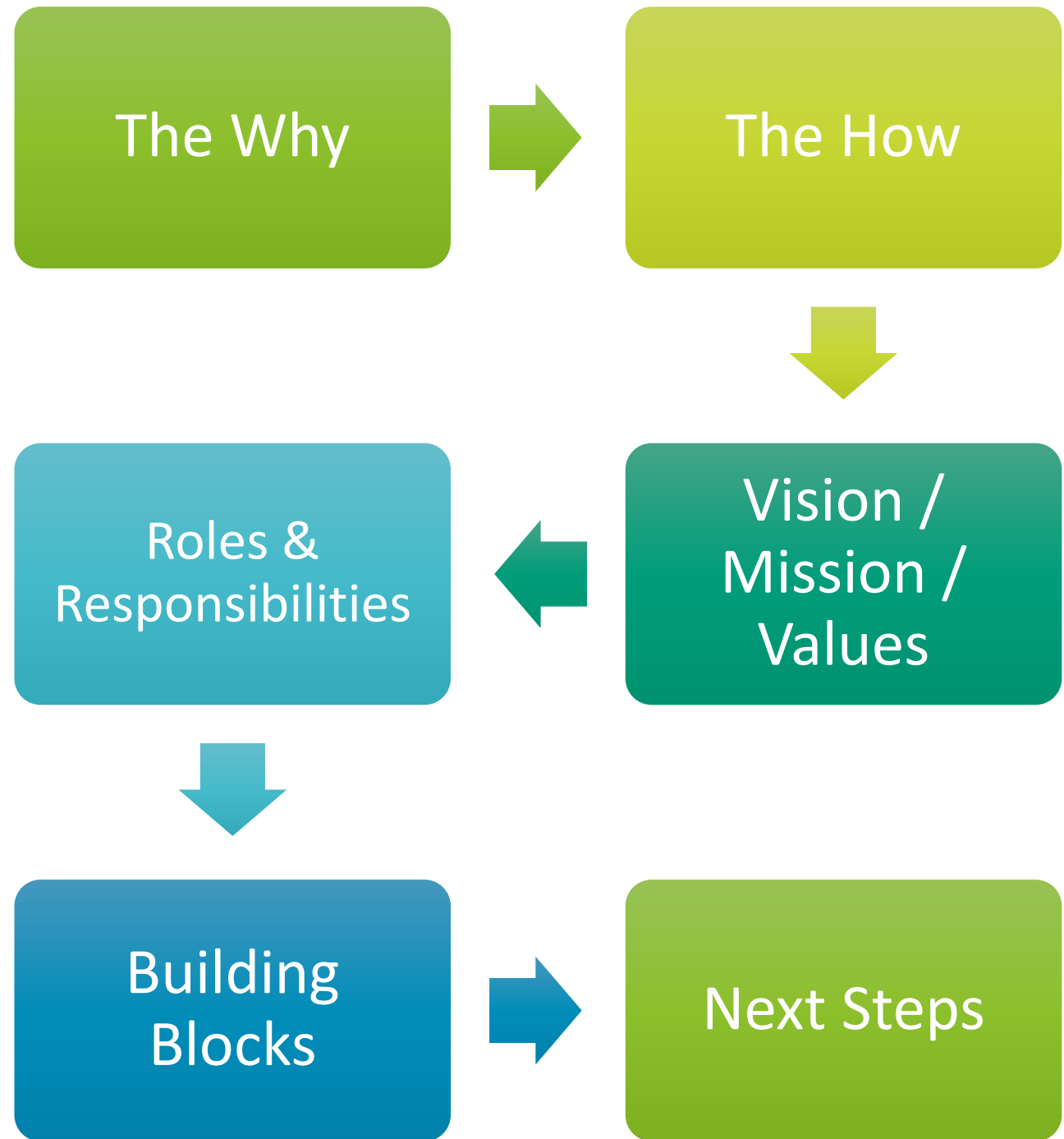
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U.S. 2018 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters

January–September 2018



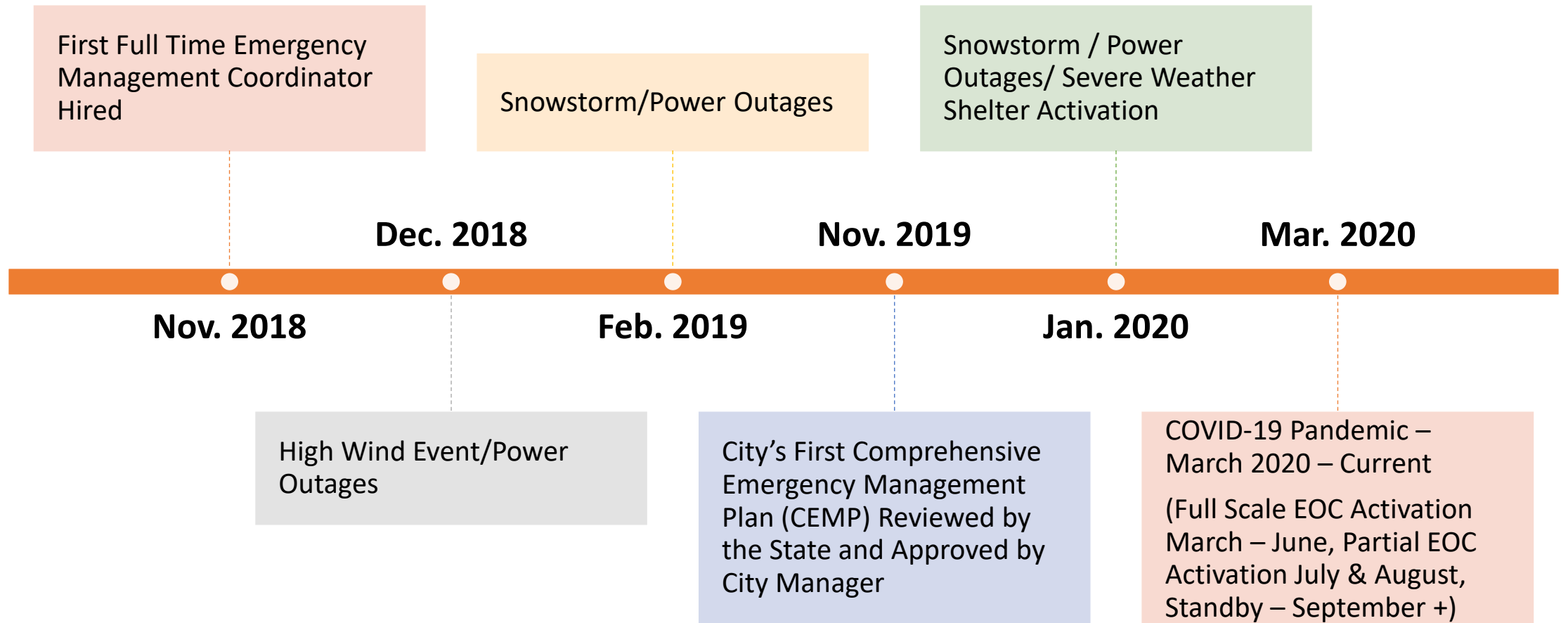
This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 11 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States from January–September 2018.

Bainbridge Island

- Connected to Kitsap County via bridge and Seattle via ferry
- 28 square miles
- 53 miles of shoreline
- 25,000 residents
- Staff/volunteers:
 - + COBI: 130 + 30 BIPD
 - + BIFD: 40 + 25 volunteers
 - + BP: 320 volunteers and rapidly growing



Key Response Events & Milestones

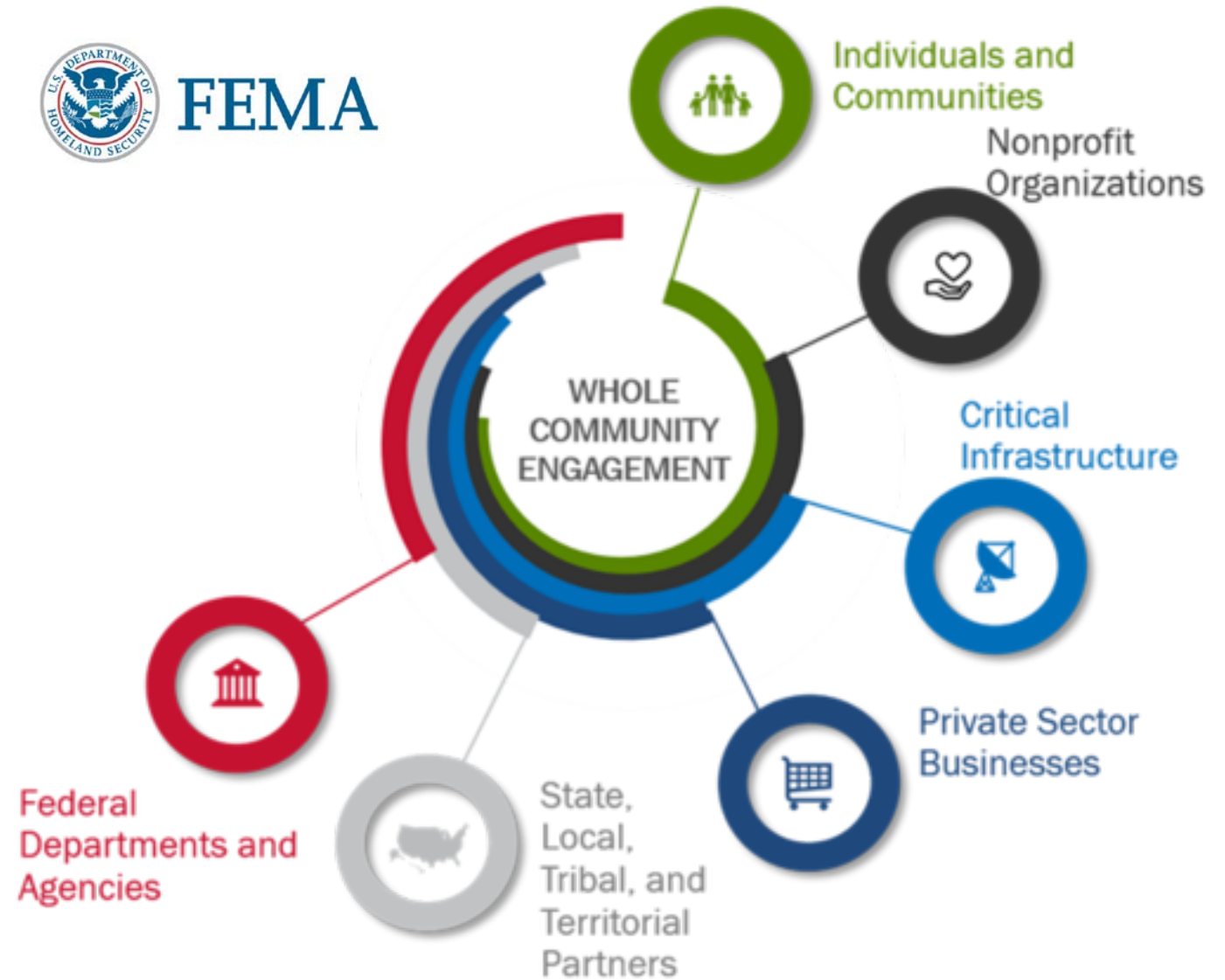




FEMA's Whole Community Approach



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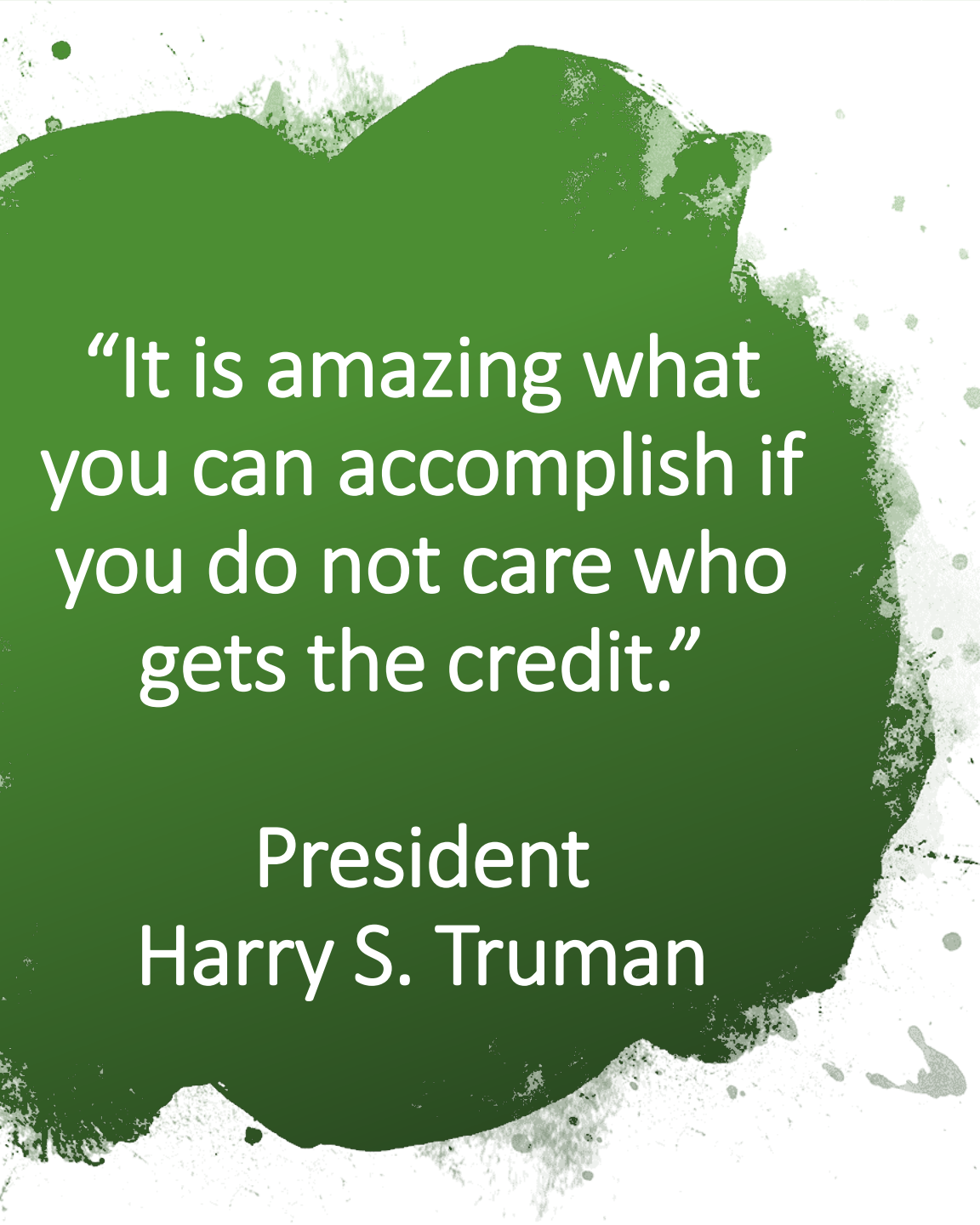
A municipality, fire district,
and NGO walk into a bar...

- + Empower direct action
- + Encourage community members to lead, not follow
- + Emergency professionals promote and coordinate – not direct – the work

FEMA's Whole Community Approach

Our interpretation via an innovative
three-way partnership





“It is amazing what
you can accomplish if
you do not care who
gets the credit.”

President
Harry S. Truman

Bainbridge Island Emergency Management Program

Vision: A whole community approach to create a safer, more resilient Bainbridge Island

Mission: To continuously improve the resilience and readiness of the community and the ability to respond to and recover from natural and human-caused disasters

Values:

- + Active
- + Embraced by island culture
- + Collaborative
- + Institutionalized in response agencies
- + Innovative
- + Positive
- + Inclusive

Emergency Management Strategic Planning Organizational Chart

Lead Agency



Preparedness Teams

Mitigation
Communication
Strategic Partnerships
Continuity of Governance
Volunteer Management & Credentialing
Critical Infrastructure, Transportation & Logistics

Emergency Response Teams

City Flotilla
Public Safety & Security
Damage Assessment Team
Severe Weather / Overnight Shelter
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Partner Agency



Preparedness Teams

FireWise Program
Community Risk Reduction
(CPR, Stop the Bleed, Fire Extinguisher Training, Community Outreach)

Emergency Response Teams

Firefighting
Casualty Collection
Search and Rescue
Emergency Medical Services
Department Operations Center (DOC)

⌘ *Disaster Hubs provide the following limited services for a limited duration after a wide-scale disaster. Hubs have a formal relationship with COBI and are staffed by Bainbridge Prepares volunteers.*

Community Nonprofit



Preparedness Teams

Map Your Neighborhood
Ready Congregations
Food & Water Resilience
Access & Functional Needs
Community Outreach & Training

Emergency Response Teams

Citizen Flotilla
Medical Reserve Corps
Emergency Medical Responders
Emergency Auxiliary Radio Service
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Disaster Hubs Teams ⌘

Interpretation (LEP)
Domestic Animal Care
Medical (MRC & BIEMRs)
Psychological First Aid & Wellness
Child Safety & Family Reunification

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Pre-Disaster
Preparedness & Mitigation

DISASTER

Post-Disaster Response & Recovery

- Community Capacity Building
- Training/Exercises
 - EOC
 - Hubs
 - CERT
 - WFR/BIEMRS
 - MRC
 - BIFD/BIPD/COBI
- Outreach
 - Seasonal events (3DoP, ShakeOut, etc.)
 - Personal Preparedness (Library) & Neighborhood Preparedness (MYN)
 - Psychological First Aid
 - Business Continuity Planning
 - Schools/After-school enrichment
 - Food resilience classes
- Written Response Plans
- Supply Caches
- Emergency Notification
 - Nixle
 - Facebook/Twitter
- Mitigation
 - FireWise
 - Community Risk Reduction

COBI EOC

Initial disaster assessment

Coordination and operational support for field response (BIFD, BIPD, CERT, Hubs, MRC, Flotilla, etc.)

Local emergency proclamation

Messaging to Community

Post-earthquake damage assessment

MYN

Implements local neighborhood response plans

CERT

Initial help in neighborhood (search & rescue, fire suppression, basic first aid)

Get people to Hubs, as appropriate

HUBS

Basic medical care (WFR / BIEMR)

Mental health

Shelter workers

Water & food distribution

Communications (HAM)

Animal care

Information

Access & functional needs support

Family reunification

MRC

Medical support at local clinics / Alternate Care Sites for more advanced medical needs

Flotilla

Assist with EOC resource requests

Assist with City Staff transport

Oil spill response

Recovery

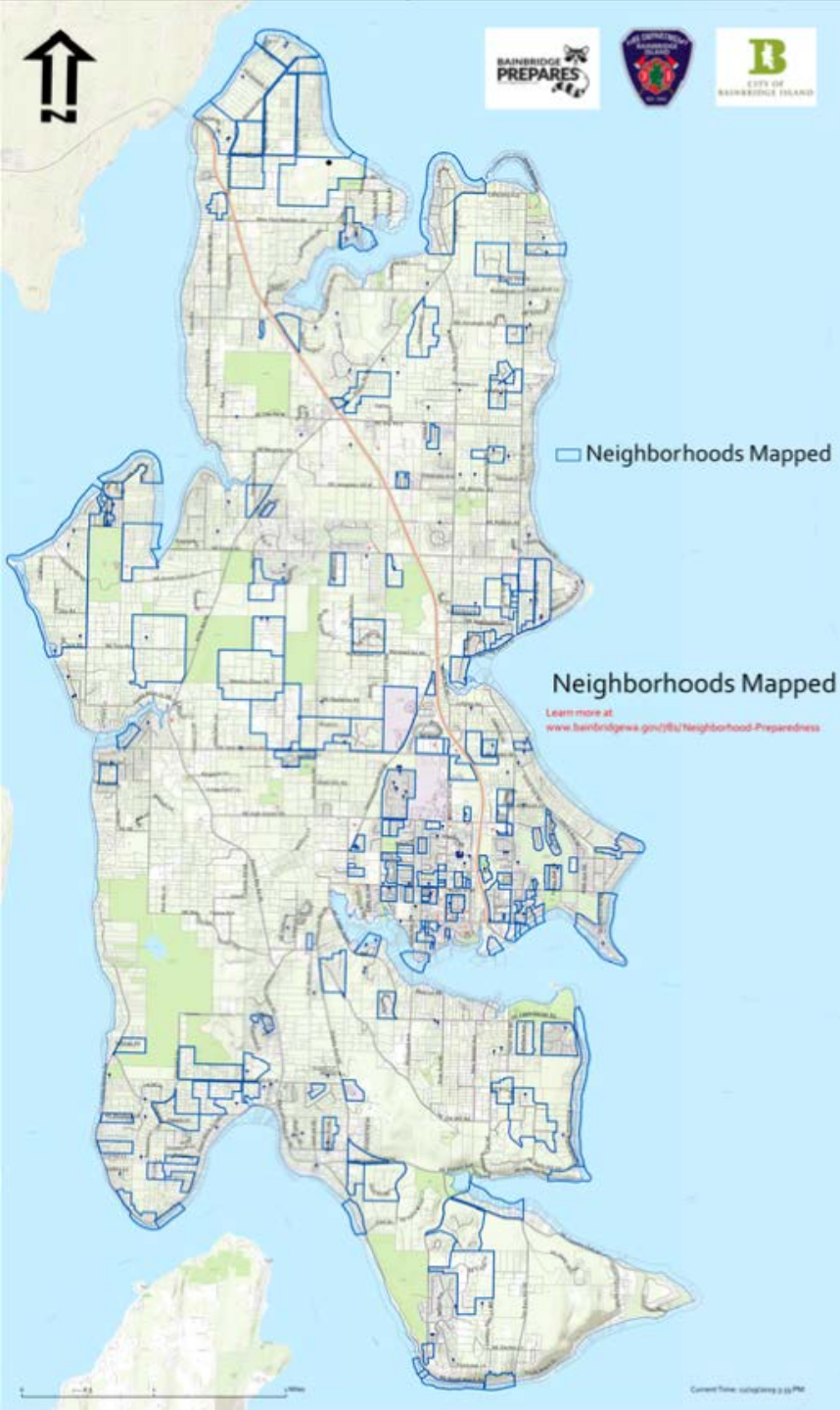
Assessment of “new normal”

Business resumption

Rebuilding / restoration of primary infrastructure & critical facilities

Resettlement of displaced individuals

Analysis of future mitigation needs



Map Your Neighborhood Program (MYN)



Knowing what to do in the first hours after a disaster may help you save a life, reduce injury, and decrease neighborhood damage.

Disaster Hubs

A system of networked community centers within walking distance of every island home that offer stopgap services during a disaster:

- Official information
- Shelter (some accommodate pets)
- Targeted medical care
- Basic sustenance for injured
- Targeted psychological care



Disaster Hubs

The Disaster Hub program is a partnership between the City of Bainbridge Island, the community nonprofit Bainbridge Prepares, and the location owner. The Hubs are meeting points within walking distance of the surrounding neighborhoods that provide limited, gap-filling emergency services following a catastrophic disaster such as an earthquake. Learn more about how you can get involved at bainbridgeprepares.org.



Hubs work best when surrounded by strong MYN teams!

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Business Continuity

- Reduce losses
- Reopen quickly
- Set employee expectations

Act now: easy link from
bainbridgeprepares.org

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WAY TO
PREPARE
YOUR
BUSINESS
FOR THE
UNEXPECTED.**



COVID-19 Response Timeline

- On March 23, Gov. Jay Inslee initiated extensive closures and restrictions statewide via “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” orders.
- On May 1, “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” orders were extended through May 31.
- On May 4, Gov. Inslee initiated a 4-phase “Safe Start” plan to re-open Washington State activities.
- Phase 1 was in place statewide May 5 through June 1.
- Phase 2 began in Kitsap County, on May 28 and will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

COVID-19 Emergency Response Priorities

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- Support public health efforts to reduce rate of transmission
 - Support essential community services as broader range of activities resumes
 - Support procurement of PPE for essential community workers and newly re-opened businesses and retailers
 - Support economic mitigation for local businesses and non-profits
 - Manage fiscal impact to City services and budgets
 - Implement physical changes to City facilities to support staff and customers

Support for COVID-19 Response Activities

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- Total volunteer hours: 1200 hours
+
 - Donations received
 - 1150 N95s
 - 350 surgical masks
 - 62 safety goggles
 - 48 face shields
 - 110 bottles of hand sanitizer
 - 415 hand sewn masks
 - Hundreds of gloves



COVID-19 Emergency Response Activities

70 Resource Requests Filled to support Community Businesses, Non-Profits

Partnership with BARN to produce thousands of reusable face coverings

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activation (in March) to support collection and redistribution of supply donations

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) activation (in April) to support County Community Based Testing Site

Purchased 16,000 face coverings - distributed through the Chamber of Commerce to local Businesses



September is Community Preparedness Month on Bainbridge Island

FEMA's National Preparedness Month **encourages and reminds Americans to be prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.**

Homeowners, families, communities, and businesses can use this opportunity to find ways or help others understand more about preparing for disasters and reducing risks to health and the environment.

Community Call to Action

- Take the “Bainbridge Prepared” Household Assessment
- Participate in Map Your Neighborhood
- Prepare for the upcoming winter season
- Take a Training
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - CPR Training
 - Fire Extinguisher Training
 - Ham Radio
 - Stop the Bleed
 - Wilderness First Responder (WFR)



Community Call to Action

- Join a Volunteer Team
 - Bainbridge Island Emergency Auxiliary Radio Service (BEARS)
 - Bainbridge Island Emergency Medical Responders (BIEMRs)
 - Care and Shelter Team (CAST)
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - Flotilla
 - Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
 - Psychological First Aid (PFA)
 - Wellness Team
- Full List of Teams -
<https://bainbridgeprepares.org/teams/>



Save the Date:

(Virtual) Day of Preparedness



Saturday, September 26th from 10:00
AM – 2:00 PM



Participate online via Zoom



Full schedule available here:

<https://bainbridgeprepares.org/DOP>

**Join Us
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Earthquake Drill.**

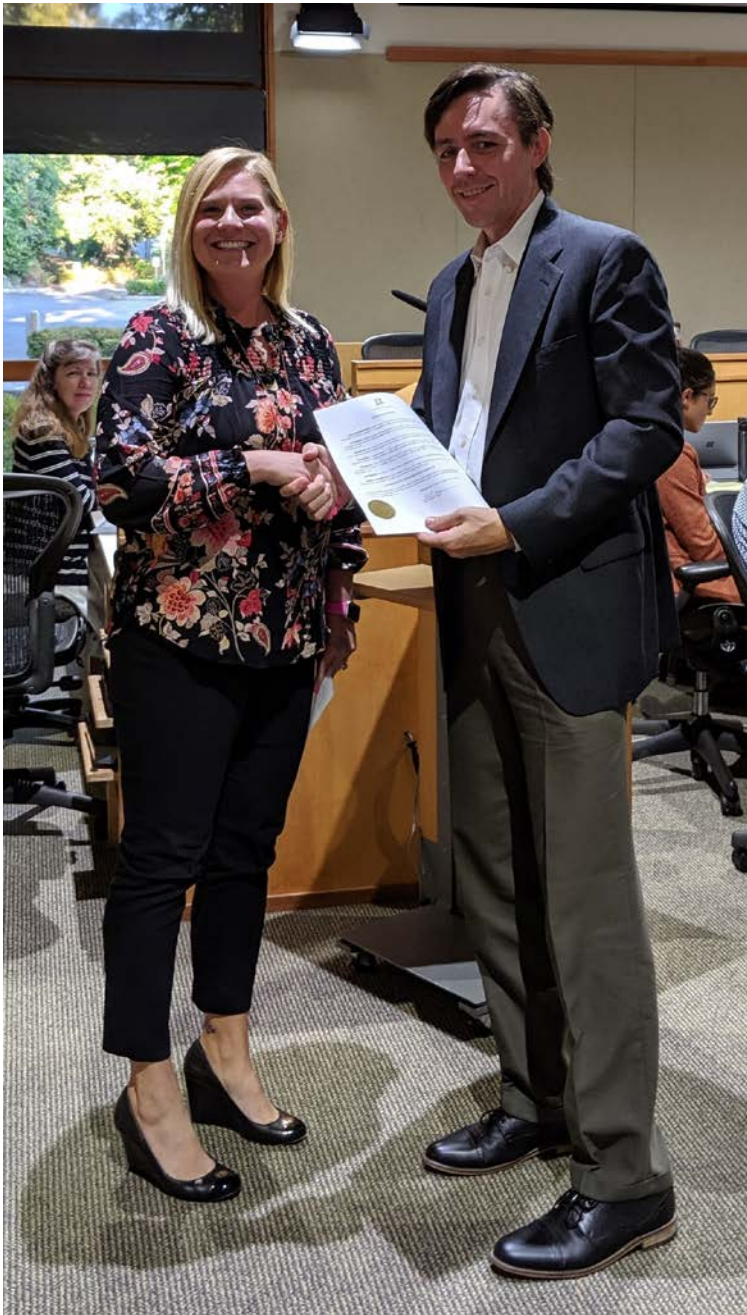
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**Shake
Out™**

www.ShakeOut.org

Save the
Date:

The Great
ShakeOut



“Nothing is more important than having trained people within the whole community ready to execute our collective mission.”
— Former FEMA Administrator Brock Long

Neighbors taking care of neighbors in support of our emergency professionals.

LOVE, NOT FEAR.



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