

TO THE RESCUE! PARKS AND RECREATION IN DISASTER

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Has this happened to you recently?



Topics to Cover

- ✓ What is Operation Recreation Response?
 - ORR Concepts
 - ORR Objectives
 - ORR Model
 - Preparing Our Agencies – Key Tools
 - Preparing Our Staff
- ✓ Partnering with Save the Children
- ✓ Open Forum / Discussion



What is Operation Recreation Response?

Parks and recreation agencies are the core fabric of U.S. communities, serving families every day and in times of crisis.

When disaster strikes, we are the frontlines of response, often serving as shelters or reunification centers and facilitating recovery.

Our commitment to safe and healthy communities builds resilience before and after the storm.

- Preparing Parks and Recreation Agencies before Disaster Strikes
- Offering Assistance During and After the Event
- Facilitating Community Recovery



ORR Concepts

Parks and recreation provide the basic quality of life and tension-relieving services and programs that are critical to helping a community return to normalcy as quickly as possible after a disaster. Goals include:

- Build capacity to facilitate relief services for communities impacted by natural disasters through their parks and recreation department
- Improve management practices that effectively prepare park and recreation agencies to respond to natural disasters affecting their system and community

ORR Objectives

- Emergency Preparedness for Park and Recreation Agencies through proactive planning.
- Helping our communities and the families we serve best prepare for disasters.
- Providing mutual aid type assistance to Park and Recreation Agencies affected by disaster.
- Providing recreation services for children and adults to those sheltered during disaster for tension relief.
- Providing assistance to rebuild and repair park and recreation agencies after a disaster.

ORR Model

- Initiative is Flexible and Scalable
- National Recommendations or Guidelines need to be developed within the PR network
- Project Mission Driven and not revenue based
- Project should take into account existing networks and recommendations that local/state consider a priority
- Designed to engage broadest range of Communities while also providing corresponding benefits resulting from commitment and participation.
- Engages professionals, retirees, partners, & citizens in varying roles:
 - Administration
 - Coordination
 - Relief Leadership
 - Advisory-peer group mentoring

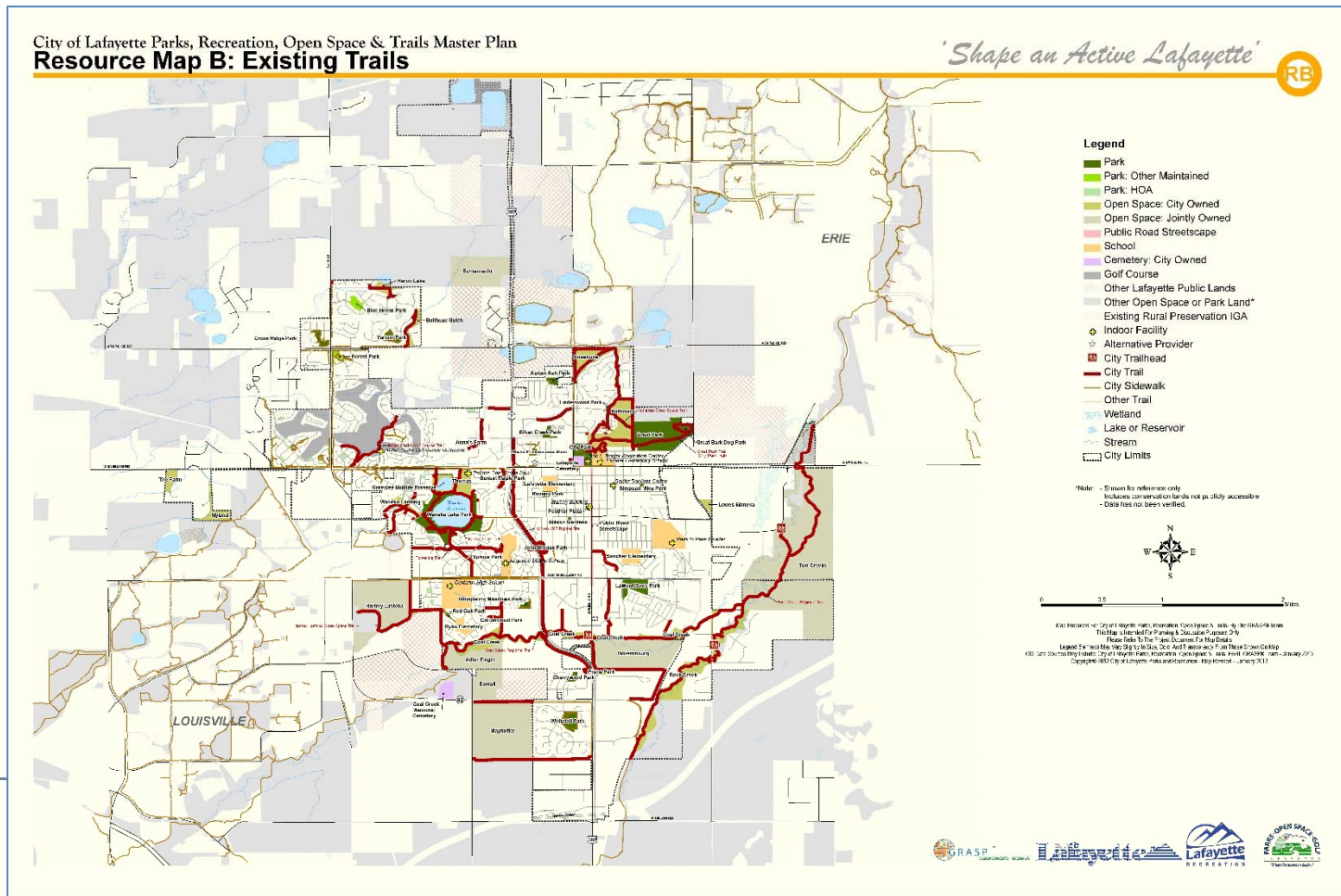
Preparing our Agencies – Key Tools

1. Emergency Preparedness Recommended Guidelines
2. Standardization of Best Practices for Digital Inventory of Assets Prior to Disaster
3. National Volunteer Corps interested in Supporting Communities in Need
4. National/State Disaster Alliance Registry
5. Disaster Recovery Assistance Submission



Example – Lafayette, CO 2014 Flood Component-Based Digital Inventory In Advance

Allowed for quick trail and bridge restorations



Preparing our Staff

- It CAN happen here:
 - 3 “100” year floods in the last 2 years
 - Climate change
- Inventory
- Include programs and staff
- If you are willing to give help, you are willing to accept help
- If you are willing to accept help, you are willing to give help

Partnering with Save the Children



Save the Children invests in childhood – every day, in times of crisis and for our future. In the United States and around the world, we are dedicated to ensuring every child has the best chance for success. Our pioneering programs give children a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. Our advocacy efforts provide a voice for children who cannot speak for themselves. As the leading expert on children, we inspire and achieve lasting impact for millions of the world's most vulnerable girls and boys. By transforming children's lives now, we change the course of their future and ours.

Protecting our Future

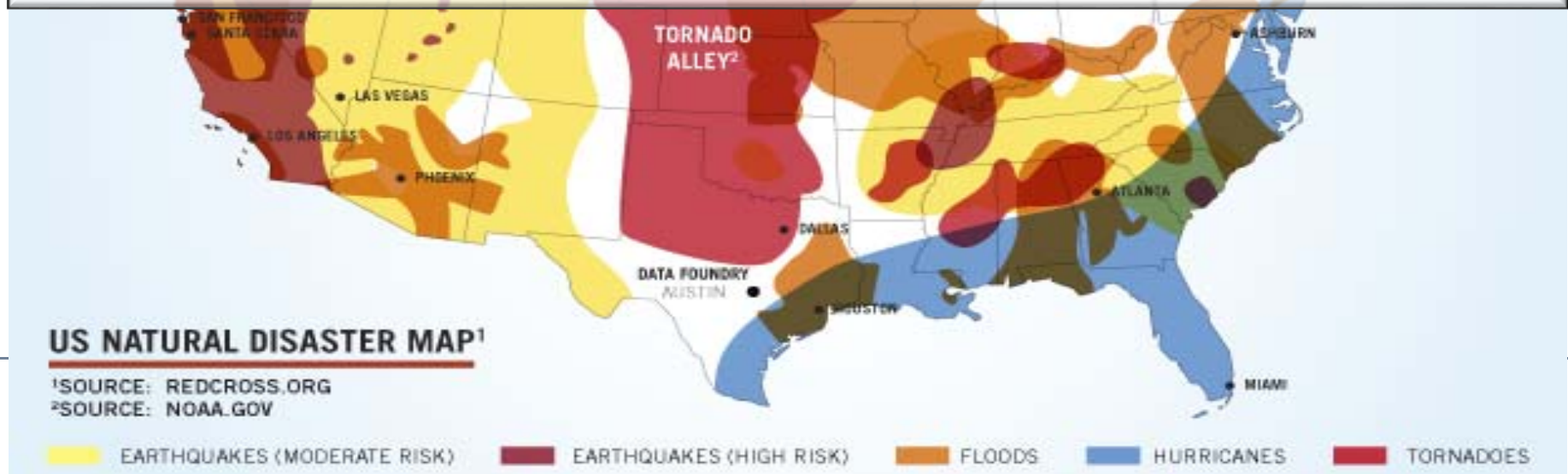
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When
Disaster
Strikes, Save
the Children
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Is Your Community Prepared?

- Disasters can strike **anywhere at any time**.
- Each workday, **68 million** children are in child care or school, separated from their families.
- **28 states and D.C.** lack basic standards for protecting children in child care facilities and schools.
- **More than half** of American families don't have an emergency plan. *FEMA*
- Following Hurricane Katrina, it took **6 months to reunite** the last child with her family. *National Commission on Children in Disasters*
- Children affected by large disasters are **five times as likely to have serious emotional issues** than those who are unaffected. *Children's Health Fund; Columbia University*



Preparing a Nation

Get Ready Get Safe is a pioneering Save the Children initiative designed to help US communities prepare to protect and care for the most vulnerable among us in times of crisis – our children. We help generate child-focused emergency plans, provide emergency training and ensure emergency resources are in place before crisis strikes.



We keep kids safe, securing the future we share.

Preparing to Protect Children and Families

- Pledge to Prepare
- Family and Caregiver Tools and Resources
- Training Hub
- Prep Rally Program
- Community Preparedness Index
- Disaster Report Card



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Engaging Communities

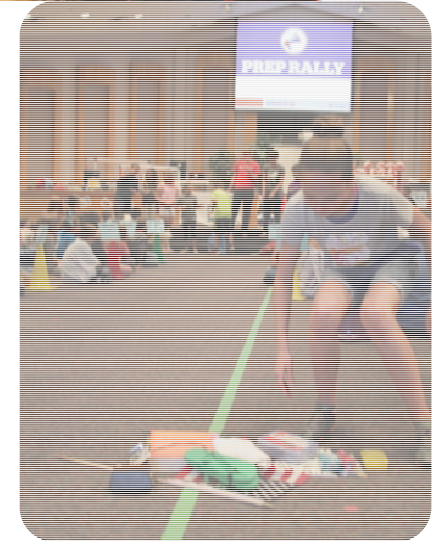


Prep Rally [prep ral-ee] noun --

1). An **event or gathering** that educates children and families about **emergency preparedness** and provides them with the resources they need to get ready and be safety advocates.

2). An **engaging, energetic experience** that gets children pumped to prepare for emergencies.

3). The **spark of a movement** building a generation of Americans who are ready for disaster.



Lassie is here to help!

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**When you
feel safe,
everything
looks up.**

Each day, 68 million children are away from their parents if a disaster strikes.



Join Save the Children and Lassie in protecting the kids you know and love. Save the Children's Prep Rally program helps communities prepare for emergencies so that when danger looms, families will be ready and children can be safe. The curriculum is free, easy to use and can be shaped to meet specific needs of your community—whether it's afterschool, summer camp or the start of tornado season.

**Get Ready.
Get Safe.**

**Be a champion for children.
You can help save their lives.**

Get your Prep Rally Kit today at:
SaveTheChildren.org/GetReady

Lassie

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Open Forum / Discussion

Parks and Recreation Agencies as leaders in protecting children

- How do you see this project?
- How do you see this being applicable to Park and Recreation in your state?
- Are you willing to be a part of it?
- How can we position parks and recreation communities as leaders in child-focused emergency preparedness and response? Is it a local or national role?
- Is there capacity / interest among parks and recreation professionals for training and deployment with Save the Children in disaster responses? How can we spread the word?
- What can Save provide parks and recreation professionals to help them prepare their staff, sites, and the families they serve?

Open Forum / Discussion

Family and Community Preparedness

- How can we help move the needle in family and community preparedness?
- How can we best incorporate preparedness into existing programming? Is there a prime audience, program or time of year to target? What types activities /motivators would work best?
- Does Lassie resonate as an emergency preparedness advocate? How can we best position her to spur children and families to action?
- Would you be interested in piloting the Prep Rally or Community Preparedness Index? Would you be more likely to host a Prep Rally if there were in-person/online training available?



Thank you!

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