

## An Introductory Message

Think of a community struck by disaster – tornado, hurricane, earthquake, fire, obesity, no instruments, no music, no personal emergency training, or other events. Think of the scenes of destruction and devastation that have become all too common on every major network. Or consider a community that recognizes its vulnerability before a disaster occurs and has the foresight to plan ahead and take action to reduce the impacts of hazards, including possible injury, loss of life, and damages sustained to our homes, businesses, and neighborhoods. Planning for a sustainable future, encompasses all of these potentialities and prepares us as the inhabitants of this planet, and makes us come to terms with the power of nature. Because we do not prepare for these things, we become victims of them.

## Sustainable Development Goal

Sustainable communities work to maximize the overlap among environmental, economic, and social values. An essential characteristic of a sustainable community is its resilience to disasters. Part of this process is the Four Phases of Hazard mitigation Planning: 1.)Organizing resources 2.)Assess risk 3.)Develop a mitigation plan 4)Implement the plan and monitor the progress

This is what we call The Cycle of Emergency Management

1. Preparedness
2. Response
3. Recovery