



Place Matters: Exploring Socio-Spatial Influences on Disaster Recovery

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues,

Over the past decade, disaster recovery processes have received increasing attention from local, state, and federal entities interested in improving community resilience in the wake of disasters. Planning for recovery presents many challenges, including how to best monitor and measure disaster impacts, how to address the needs of vulnerable populations, how different perceptions of recovery (for whom and from what) influence recovery outcomes, and how planning for recovery influences its pace and progression. Recent progress towards building pre-event disaster recovery plans has enabled emergency managers, planners, and decision-makers to focus more on the recovery process itself, define desirable outcomes, and start to track the recovery process which has historically been poorly tracked or systematically monitored. Consideration of differential recoveries based on underlying socioeconomic, physical, environmental, and cultural differences has further confounded the important task of understanding the pace and progression from...

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