

Session title:

Small Communities-Big Disasters: Navigating the recovery process

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Session summary:

Disasters come in many forms and each one has its unique challenges that are specific to each community impacted. As small or mid-size communities that do not have frequent disasters, figuring out how to manage the recovery effort can be overwhelming and full of new challenges. Floods waters and 144 mph winds may be the easiest part of the disaster. Managing the State and Federal programs, data, emotions, rebuilding, funding, staff, the media and elected officials is the real challenge. Learn how the communities of Marshalltown and Mason City have worked through the recovery process following major disaster.