

# Mitigation and Recovery From Natural Disasters: A One-Day Interactive Workshop

**11/14/2020**

**9:00am-4:00pm CT**

**Virtual Classroom**

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A day-long group exercise workshop to learn the essential skills and considerations in planning for hazard mitigation and disaster recovery with a real case study from a coastal community in Texas. Participants will be presented with case study background material from Hurricane Harvey to help them understand the impacts from wind and flooding and common mitigation and recovery needs in small towns and cities. These include rebuilding and enhancing commercial districts and restoring livability in residential neighborhoods, the use of green infrastructure, and ways to revitalize economic activity while better protecting the community from natural hazards. The workshop will take place in a Zoom-based online format, allowing planning practitioners to participate directly from their own home or office.

The day will begin with a one-hour presentation about the case study community, accompanied by digital maps and a summary paper containing essential community data for consideration. Planners will form one or more small groups (depending on numbers) for a role-playing exercise to develop a basic outline of a recovery plan, including hazard mitigation components. The instructors will be available for consultation throughout the day, encouraging participants to use their professional imaginations to seek the most resilient solutions feasible within the community's physical and economic constraints.

## Instructors:

### JAMES C. SCHWAB, FAICP

He is the principal for Jim Schwab Consulting LLC and adjunct assistant professor in the University of Iowa School of Planning and Public Affairs. He was the long-time Manager of the APA Hazards Planning Center until 2017, known for several innovative PAS Reports and research and training projects. He has a BA in Political Science from Cleveland State University, and MA's from the University of Iowa in both Urban and Regional Planning and Journalism. He is currently chair of the APA Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Planning Division.

### AMANDA TORRES

She is the Community Planner for the City of Rockport, Texas. She oversees land use planning and floodplain management for her organization. Prior to becoming Community Planner in Rockport, Amanda was City Planner and Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Aransas Pass, Texas. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics and a Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Ms. Torres has been recognized for her work in resilience and disaster recovery by the Gulf of Mexico Climate & Resilience Community of Practice and the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

### CAROL BARRETT, FAICP

In 2019, Carol led APA's Rockport Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT). Carol Barrett has worked in cities around the U.S. for the past four decades with an emphasis on places with historic downtowns. Her experience includes working as a senior professional in Annapolis, MD; Berkeley, San Gabriel, and Burbank, CA; and Austin and San Marcos, TX. She has written and implemented a variety of development ordinances and served as staff to Historic Preservation Commissions. She has also worked as a consultant on development streamlining projects. With this background, she accepted the invitation to lead the CPAT in Rockport, which focused on questions around the conservation and redevelopment of the Historic Downtown.

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