

Emergency Support Function – 19
Cultural/Historical



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ESF – 19 Cultural/Historical

ESF COORDINATOR:

Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR) - Chatham County Lead

SUPPORT AGENCIES:

American Prohibition Museum
Andrew Low House Museum
ARTS Southeast / Sulfur Studios
Beach Institute African American Cultural Center
Bonaventure Historical Society
Catholic Diocese of Savannah Archives & Records
Chatham County Botanical Garden, Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs (SACGC)
City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Coastal Heritage Society (CHR; 8 sites)
 Frogtown Tenement #1
 Frogtown Tenement #2
 Georgia State Railroad Museum
 Harper Fowlkes House
 Old Fort Jackson
 Pin Point Heritage Museum
 Savannah Children's Museum
 Savannah History Museum - Battlefield Memorial Park
Congregation Mickve Israel - Nancy & Lawrence Gutstein Museum
Davenport House Museum
Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home
Fort Pulaski National Monument, National Park Service
Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR)
Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC)
Georgia Historical Society
Girl Scout First Headquarters
Gray's Reef Ocean Discovery Center (NOAA)
Green-Meldrim House -- St. John's Church
Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF)
Historic Tours of America
Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Kiah House Museum
King-Tisdell Cottage
Lane Library, Georgia Southern University/Armstrong
Live Oak Public Libraries (12 Chatham County sites)
 Bull Street Library
 Carnegie Library
 Forest City Library
 Garden City Library
 Islands Library
 Oglethorpe Mall Library (new site confirmed for constructed)
 Pooler Library
 Port City Library
 Southwest Chatham Library
 Tybee Library
 W. W. Law Library
 West Broad Library

Massie Heritage Center (Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools System)
Mercer Williams House Museum
Mighty Eighth Air Force
National Museum of the Ossabaw Island Foundation
Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum
Savannah African Art Museum
Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (US Fish & Wildlife Service)
Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Society
Savannah Technical College Library
Savannah Theatre
SCAD Museum of Art (Savannah College of Art & Design)
Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum
Skidaway Island State Park (Georgia Department of Natural Resources)
Telfair Museums
 Jepson Center for the Arts
 Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters
 Telfair Academy
That Great Gretsck Sound Museum Exhibit
The LAMAR Institute
Tybee Island Historical Society -- Light Station and Museum
Tybee Island Marine Science Center
Tybee Post Theater
UGA Marine Extension Service & Georgia Sea Grant
Wassaw Island Caretta Research Project
Webb Military Museum
Wormsloe State Historic Site (Georgia Department of Natural Resources)

INTRODUCTION

In the state of Georgia, NCH properties are coordinated within ESF-11 under the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Historic Preservation Division (GA DCA HPD) is the state's lead agency for statewide NCH coordination efforts and shares joint oversight of NCH emergency and disaster operations with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division (GA DNR PRHSD). Georgia's NCH Workgroup Partners include the Georgia Archives and the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS), both of which are units of the University System of Georgia, as well as the Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR) and the GaNCH online directory.

In Chatham County, ESF-19 serves primarily to coordinate with local and state agencies involved in the preservation and protection of Public and Private Non-Profit (PNP) Natural, Cultural and Historical (NCH) properties. The emergency support function of cultural/historical services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster. Regional Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR) serve as the coordinators for this ESF.

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF)-19 provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. ESF-19 serves

primarily to coordinate with local and state agencies involved in the preservation and protection of Public and Private Non-Profit (PNP) Natural, Cultural and Historical (NCH) properties. Through a collaborative effort, NCH institutions will be encouraged to inventory and prioritize collections, identify potential risks to their resources and develop Standard Operating Guides (SOG) identifying processes for disaster preparedness, response, continuity of operations, recovery and mitigation.

Scope

ESF-19 acts to manage, monitor, and assist in preparedness, response and recovery actions in order to minimize damage to natural, cultural and historical (NCH) property resources, including essential government and historical records.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-19 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-19 Cultural/Historical in the EOC.

Preparedness

- a. Develop an inventory of natural, cultural and historical resources and prioritize collections.
- b. Participate in and/or conduct workshops for cultural/historical properties to encourage the development of disaster preparedness, response and recovery plans.
- c. Participate in mutual aid agreements with governmental agencies, professional organizations and private sector entities.
- d. Ensure all ESF-19 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

- a. Report the locations of damage and impacts on natural, cultural and historical properties to include the degree of damage and any pertinent information to the EOC.
- b. Provide technical assistance to public and PNP NCH properties in damage assessment; request technical assistance and damage assessment support from the GEMA SOC.
- c. Coordinate with the state (e.g., GA Archives Liaison) regarding technical assistance on the preservation of and scientific process associated with records

and archival management. Obtain information related to the security of and logistical requirements necessary for damaged natural, cultural and historical records.

- d. Coordinate public information and provide updates to ESF-15 for dissemination to local media outlets and members of the public.
- e. Report and document damages for possible recovery and Public Assistance reimbursements.

Recovery

- a. Support disaster recovery operations with all available resources.
- b. Work with the state to reopen public natural, cultural and historical properties to the public as soon as safely possible.
- c. Resume day-to-day operations.
- d. Report re-opening status.

Mitigation

- a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-19 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location (e.g., WebEOC) as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-19 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-19 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-19 Cultural/Historical
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or tactical-level approaches to meet defined objectives. <p>This includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Developing and maintaining SOGs➤ Developing and maintaining MOAs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participating in and/or conduct training and exercises to evaluate local capabilities.
Natural and Cultural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect natural and cultural resources and historic properties through appropriate planning, mitigation, response and recovery actions to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate and restore them. <p>This includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consistency with post-disaster community priorities ➤ Compliance with applicable environmental and historic preservation laws ➤ Compliance with executive orders

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness. • Coordinate communication with all Support Agencies • Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations. • Coordinate the reopening of public natural, cultural and historical properties to the public as soon as safely possible. • Conduct impact assessment within impacted areas • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center. • Maintain the WebEOC NCH Dashboard and report accordingly to the County and State EOCs • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cultural/Historical Properties

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Support Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory and Prioritize Historical and Cultural collections. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) is in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Vendor Contracts, Checklists, Go-Kits and

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	<p>other supporting documentation as necessary to facilitate execution of the responsibilities to this ESF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct risk assessments to determine vulnerabilities• Ensure measures are taken to protect and preserve the cultural site and collections.• Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF.• Maintain and provide updated contact information for site points of contact in the NCH WebEOC Dashboard• Coordinate with other ESF Agencies through regularly scheduled meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out in support of this ESF.• Identify Agency staff representatives supporting this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations.• Prepare to support the EOC as necessary.• Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually when requested.• Conduct impact assessment of the agency's site, report any damages/losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities.• Prepare to collect and maintain detailed, comprehensive records of expenditures and document resources (personnel and items) utilized during response/ recovery operations.• Develop a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the facility and identify long-range recovery needs assuming temporary/long-term loss of occupancy of the agency structure and access to records/collections.

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