

A STUDY ON THE POST-DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING TO ACHIEVE THE
CONTINUITY OF COMMUNITY
-ANALYSIS OF NEW ORLEANS RECOVERY PLANNING AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA -

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[SYNOPSIS]

This paper examines the characteristics of post-disaster recovery planning process and its contents compared with another urban disaster “Great Hanshin Earthquake (1995)”, and evaluate the post-disaster recovery planning from viewpoint of continuity of community after Hurricane Katrina Disaster (2005) in city of New Orleans. The methodology is analysis of existing recovery status and interview for related parties engaging in planning.

In the Unified New Orleans Planning, it is developed by strategic planning framework with recovery goals set by citizens participation, however, the recovery grant from federal and state government is very slow and neighborhood lack technical assistance by professionals and local government in implementation stage. The population recovery have been flat after two years, and there is great needs for comprehensive neighborhood recovery based on citizens housing and living recovery, which contains recovery of social service, safety of levees, neighbors returning home etc. In order to achieve this strategy, it is significant to involve multiple and cross-sectional stakeholders such as citizens, neighborhood association, social service provider, private and non-profit housing developer and local government.

From the viewpoint of continuity of community, there is possibility for individual housing reconstruction assistance program(Road Home Program), soft-mortgage program in target development area, and blighted property redevelopment programs to achieve its goal. Especially for blighted property redevelopment implementation stage, it is essential for local government to set criteria to transfer or sell those properties for third parties, such as housing developer and community development corporation, in order to revitalize New Orleans as safer, livable and sustainable city. The next research questions would be “What kind of gap does choice of place of housing reconstruction of Road Home Program exist by district and neighborhoods level and why?”. This is important for our country to examine the housing rebuilding assistance program in Japan after disaster.