Hurricane Katrina:
Response and Recovery
Efforts Post Katrina: A 14
Year Analysis









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Katrina Devastation

- First ever mandatory evacuation of the city 8/28/2005
- 26,000 residents at the Superdome
- 1,836 people died
- 53 breaches in surge protection levees
- 80% of the city was flooded
- 2/3 caused by multiple failures of the city's floodwalls
- \$125 Billion in damages
- Displaced over 1 million people





Outline

- Lessons Learned
- Remaining Issues
- Innovative Solutions
- New Challenges







Lessons Learned

- People to People
- Use Everything
- Share Everything
- Don't be a Victim
- Decide
- Commerce Will Find a Way





People to People

- Establish Relationships
- Prepare/Mitigate
- Trust
- Practice
- Politics is irrelevant







Use Everything

- Debris removal
 - From problem to asset
 - Creativity
- Opportunity









Share Everything

- Nothing is proprietary in a disaster
 - Codify
 - Train
 - Trust
- Public-Public
- Private-Public
- Misinformation







Don't be a Victim

- Redundancy outside of the disaster zone
- Help for those that have to help
- Replace those who need replacement
- Plan for the inevitable
 - Human Resource
 - Basic Necessities







Decide

- Time
- Preparation
- Risk
- Determination







Commerce Will Find a Way

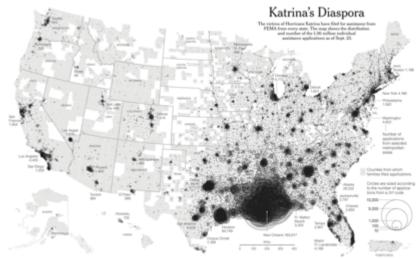
- Port of New Orleans
 - Value
 - System Breakdown
- Recovery and Resilience





Remaining Issues

- Federal Policy
 - Replace in-kind
- Population Loss
 - Houston victimization
 - Culture loss
- Housing Loss (200,000)
- Community
 - Charity Hospitalhttps://vimeo.com/122496816
 - Public Housing (5,000 to 1,900)
- Communication









Innovative Solutions

- Adopt a Catch Basin
- Evacuspots
- Cajun Navy
- Big Data
 - Social Media
 - Information exchange
- 3D Printing



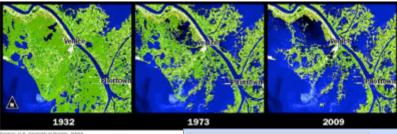






New Challenges

- Coastal Erosion
 - Land loss
 - Barrier Island Protections
- Gentrification (46%)
 - Population Change
 - Culture constraints
- Housing Prices
- Commerce Constrained
 - Mississippi River Gulf Outlet
- Cyber Security













Thank you



