

Planning Framework for Place-Based Recovery Support Teams

QUICK GUIDE

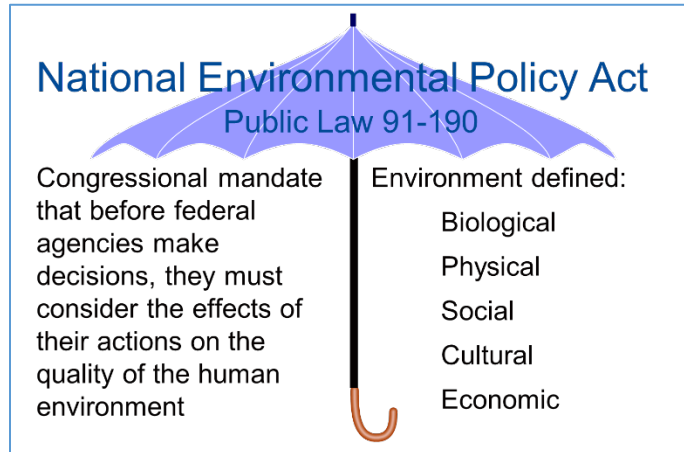
Vision

Utilize a tailored National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning framework to augment Place-Based Recovery Support teams that supports long-term community recovery, builds outcomes, and frontloads environmental compliance requirements into community project formulation for streamlining the delivery of federal assistance.

National Environmental Policy Act

In 1969, Congress established the National Environmental Policy Act, Public Law 91-190, which mandates that before federal agencies make decisions, they must consider the effects of their actions on the quality of the human environment (defined as biological, physical, social, cultural, and economic factors).

NEPA is an interdisciplinary approach to federal project planning and decision-making. It requires federal decision makers to consider environmental values alongside technical and economic considerations, describe appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of action, and solicit the views of other federal and state agencies and the public early in the decision making process.



Tailored NEPA Planning Framework

The NEPA planning framework serves as the umbrella to incorporate the environmental planning and historic preservation considerations into the Placed-Based Recovery Support planning and community engagement process.

Benefits

- Facilitates collaboration among federal, state and community stakeholders.
- Encourages practicable problem solving and does not dictate outcomes or alternatives.
- Fosters a whole community approach to decision-making.
- Flexible and adaptable to address diverse and competing community needs.
- Frontloads environmental compliance requirements early in project formulation.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (FDRC) approves the approach and process.
- FDRC Branch Representatives lead the Place-Based Recovery Support teams in communities.
- Community Planning and Capacity Building (CPCB) Recovery Support Function (RSF) and the Mitigation Advisor coordinate the overall planning process.
- NEPA Specialist facilitates the planning process with CPCB RSF support.

COMBINED PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR PLACE-BASED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

