

Hurricane Harvey at 10

Building a More Resilient Future

A ten-year retrospective report and regional convening led by the Greater Houston Disaster Alliance and strategic partners.

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Who Is Leading This Work?

GREATER HOUSTON DISASTER ALLIANCE (GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION + UNITED WAY OF GREATER HOUSTON)

GREATER HOUSTON DISASTER ALLIANCE

A partnership of Greater Houston Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Houston.

Leads the region's philanthropic disaster response.

Strengthens year-round preparedness and coordination.

Connects philanthropy, nonprofits, government, business, and community partners to support effective recovery and long-term resilience.

GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A trusted philanthropic partner and regional convener serving Greater Houston for more than 30 years.

Helps donors turn generosity into lasting community impact.

Connects donors, nonprofits, public institutions, and community leaders around shared challenges.

Provides philanthropic expertise, grantmaking support, and the convening capacity that helps move partners from shared vision to coordinated action.

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UNITED WAY Greater Houston | GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Ten years after Hurricane Harvey, Greater Houston has an opportunity to turn a decade of evidence and experience into a shared agenda for the future.

1

LOOK BACK

Assess how Greater Houston has recovered, adapted, and changed since Hurricane Harvey.

2

LEARN

Identify which investments, strategies, and collaborations worked, and where vulnerabilities remain.

3

ALIGN

Bring together research, cross-sector expertise, and lived experience around common findings.

4

ACT

Define priorities and coordinated actions for the region's next decade of resilience.

HAZARD REDUCTION & RECOVERY CENTER

Four Questions Guiding the Work

A SHARED EVIDENCE BASE FOR REGIONAL DECISION-MAKING

1 How has resilience changed?

To what extent has Greater Houston strengthened resilience across neighborhoods and systems since Hurricane Harvey?

2 What worked, and what remains?

Which investments and collaborative efforts contributed most, and where do gaps or vulnerabilities remain?

3 What can inform future decisions?

What lessons from Greater Houston's recovery can support regional decision-making and broader learning?

4 What should leaders do next?

What strategic priorities and coordinated actions should regional leaders advance?

Research question → shared finding → regional priority → coordinated action

How We Are Building the Evidence

RESEARCH + CROSS-SECTOR EXPERTISE + COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH & DATA

40+

existing studies and reports reviewed

STAKEHOLDER INSIGHT

50+

in-depth interviews across sectors

COMMUNITY VOICE

10

listening sessions with local partners

PUBLIC INPUT

1,000+

survey response goal

Combined with neighborhood-level case studies and input from government, nonprofit, philanthropy, business, academia, and residents with firsthand experience.



A Regional, Cross-Sector Effort

MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES SHAPE THE REPORT AND CONVENING



MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED

Greater Houston Partnership, Harris County OEM, City of Houston OEM, Harris County Flood Control District, JPMorgan Chase, CenterPoint, H-E-B, Kinder Institute, Baker Institute, Connective, BakerRipley, Houston Habitat for Humanity, Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, Texas Medical Center, Houston Food Bank, and others.

From Research to Regional Action

TURNING THE TEN-YEAR MILESTONE INTO A FORWARD AGENDA

NOW

Research + engagement

1

Literature review, interviews, listening sessions, surveys, and case studies

EARLY 2027

Synthesis + interpretation

2

Validate findings, identify remaining gaps, and test emerging priorities

SUMMER 2027

Findings + priorities

3

Translate the evidence into a focused set of regional resilience priorities

AUGUST 26, 2027

Report + convening

4

Bring leaders and community voices together around findings, priorities, and next steps

NEXT DECADE

Partnership + action

5

Use shared priorities to guide collaboration, investment, policy, and preparedness

The goal is to align Greater Houston around a focused set of resilience priorities and mobilize the partnerships, actions, and investments needed to advance them.

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