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- *Recovery activities will begin at the City level, from the damage assessment to recovery activities such as Points of Distribution (PODs), comfort stations, and disaster recovery centers. The City is at the center of that coordination and ensures that all citizens have the information and access.*
- *After Hurricane Irma, the City identified some strategies that would help us better serve our vulnerable population that includes:*
  - *Street Teams – teams that will canvass homes in the vulnerable community, passing out important information to aid in recovery efforts.*
  - *Comfort Stations – places such as recreation centers and libraries located in the communities that will be available for residence to come cool off, charge devices, and receive recovery information.*
- *The City maintains a comprehensive Disaster Operations Plans (DOP) that encompasses how the City handles a disaster throughout its life cycle - from the preparedness stage, through the response, and finally the recovery stage. The DOP specifically talks about how the City will recover from disasters in the immediate aftermath, the short term, and then the long term. Planning for this recovery process is vital for the City to be resilient.*



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## *Why People Don't Evacuate*

*The role of cities continues to evolve providing the following enhanced needs for residents helps to build more resilient communities.*

- Developing and investing in programs that have wrap around services already in place before an emergency. MBSK Model*
- Serving the needs of the entire family and support them to build emergency funds.*
- Addressing core issues of distrust and equity of some evacuation options.*
- Public transportation options to be communicated on a regular basis not just during an emergency.*

