## **Planning Improves Response and Recovery**

Examples of planning to improve response includes pre identifying housing and other resources that may be needed during a disaster and that will allow animals to be cared for. And last but not least planning for the recovery from disasters should aim to define the desired future state of the community and should engage the community at large, community planners, developers, financiers and subject matter experts.

For many, planning for the recovery from a disaster is a variation on project risk management for ongoing community development. In other words community development should assess the impact of how a potential disaster could impair planned progress, including grasping the opportunity to reprioritize the direction of a community's development.