

THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE HANDBOOK IN ACTION:

How to get involved

BEFORE**FIND**

your local Disaster Assistance Program through state or local AIA chapters.

If a local program doesn't already exist, consider spearheading one using the information found on [page XX](#).

COORDINATE

with your state or local chapter to institute the five components of a State Disaster Assistance Program.

Start today on [page 55](#).

DEVELOP

relationships with the community—well in advance of a disaster.

Find out who your best allies are on [page 53](#).

BUILD

a broad geographic network of volunteers.

When disaster strikes, architects within the affected area will be focused on their own families, homes, and businesses.

Learn how on [page xx](#).

DURING**CONFIRM**

that a request for assistance has been made by the authority.

See the disaster protocol on [page 72](#).

LEARN

what it takes to serve your community in an emergency on [page 72](#).

CONFIRM

that liability protection is in place if you're volunteering with your local State Assistance Disaster Program.

Compare your state's Good Samaritan legislation on [page XX](#).

AFTER**UNDERSTAND**

local challenges and needs.

Case studies of common hurdles and unexpected opportunities featured on [page XX](#).

PREVENT

the next hazard from becoming a disaster.

Employ hazard mitigation tactics on [page 43](#).

ANYTIME**REDUCE RISK**

of disaster in your everyday practice by evaluating how vulnerable you and your clients are.

Find the data you need to prioritize hazard mitigation design decisions in accordance with your client's comfort with risk on [page 42](#).

PARTICIPATE

in disaster-related community planning and policy efforts to create a more resilient community.

See policy efforts outlined on [page 34](#).

GET INVOLVED

in your community's adoption, application, and enforcement of codes and standards on [page 39](#).