Teams of skilled volunteers from reputable Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) will arrive in the Miami Valley this Spring.

The Long-Term Operations Group, comprised of committed non-profit and community organizations, is leading the process to coordinate the work of the VOADs to provide maximum benefit to those impacted by the disaster with limited resources to rebuild through other means.

All property owners must be in the disaster case management system to be eligible for VOAD repair/rebuild assistance so that the full scope of their needs can be identified and verified, all relevant sources of support coordinated, and donated materials/funds efficiently leveraged.

The VOADs will bring hundreds of volunteers, many of them highly skilled and professionally licensed contractors. The teams will tackle as many properties in impacted communities as we can have ready for them.

The coordination of this effort with the government leaders responsible for permitting, inspections and zoning is absolutely essential.

MVRPC, as leader of the Long-Term Community Recovery Network and in partnership with the leaders of the non-profit Individual Recovery Operations Group, is convening a task force to assist in this effort.

We ask that a point person from your organization who holds authority over planning, permitting, zoning and inspection services commit to serving on the Spring 2020 Repair & Rebuild Task Force.

The goal of the task force will be to prepare for the surge in repair/rebuild projects this spring by creating an expedited, well-coordinated and appropriately resourced process for the permitting and inspections of construction.

The task force will be asked to review the following list of questions and considerations universally, and for each jurisdiction to outline any requirements and expectations related to the questions that may be specific to their community.
Repair & Rebuild Task Force Questions and Considerations*

- What resources might we need as a region to support this effort?
- What processes can we establish to streamline for all involved?

Jurisdiction Specific Questions:

- Who is the point person for your organization? Person to take day-to-day calls with any issues?

- What types of projects require permits? Are there any special conditions?
  - Roofing?
  - Siding?
  - Windows?
  - Doors?
  - Walls?
  - Foundations?
  - Electrical?
  - Mechanical?
  - Plumbing?
  - Demolition?

- What types of projects require inspections? Are there any special conditions? What is the typical cycle time for inspections to occur?
  - Roofing?
  - Siding?
  - Windows?
  - Doors?
  - Walls?
  - Foundations?
  - Electrical?
  - Mechanical?
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- What types of projects require plans / drawings? Are there any that require highly technical or specialized plans from certified experts?

- Does your jurisdiction have a 50% rule? If so, how do you calculate the 50%? Will volunteer labor and/or donated supplies impact calculation? Are systems outside of the scope of work considered? If so, how?

- How should we handle special circumstances?
  - Property taxes in arrears?
  - Complicated circumstances related to structure or property such as asbestos, lead, infrastructure instability?
  - Property is in “hold back” area where jurisdiction would like to wait for strategic redevelopment? (Need these areas defined by jurisdiction with clear boundaries)

- Do you require licensing for any types of work? What if the volunteer is licensed? What if out of state vs. in-state?

- Can property owners pull permits for work to be completed by volunteers?

- What are your safety regulations that VOAD volunteers need to follow?

*This list of questions and considerations is a starting point for the multiple areas where the work of the VOADs will need to be coordinated with the jurisdictions. It is not an exhaustive or complete list, and the role of the task force will be to identify other areas of consideration.