

What is NJCAR?

The New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response (NJCAR) empowers New Jersey's cultural communities to preserve their valuable assets and sustain operations before, during, and after disasters strike. This new Alliance is comprised of a network of organizations, associations, agencies, and individuals dedicated to safeguarding the State's cultural heritage. NJCAR is affiliated with the national group — Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works' Alliance for Response.

What is New Jersey's cultural community?

- Libraries
- Museums and galleries
- Performing arts venues
- Archives and manuscript repositories
- Historic districts, sites, and parks
- Artists
- Historical societies
- Arboretums and botanical gardens
- Archaeological sites
- Affiliated persons, agencies and organizations



Protecting
New Jersey's
Cultural Resources

www.njstatelib.org/njcar

NJCAR is affiliated with the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works' Alliance for Response. This national group works on connecting local emergency responders with representatives of the cultural heritage community. Regardless of the scope of the emergency, the first response will always be local. The need for dialogue is clear, and partnerships must be in place before disaster strikes. See www.heritageemergency.org for more information.



How NJCAR helps you

Our primary aims are to prevent and mitigate the loss of cultural and historic resources in the event of a disaster and to serve as a statewide resource. To accomplish this, NJCAR:

- Supports information exchanges, training, exercises, and education related to emergency preparedness and response for cultural and historic resources.
- Provides remote and onsite assistance to natural, cultural and historical organizations or history, cultural and creative professionals who experience an emergency or disaster.
- Maintains a database of members and list of experts and services related to emergency response for collections, facilities, and other needs.
- Partners with other organizations and communities that have similar interests.



Surflight Theater after Hurricane Sandy

NJCAR brings emergency managers to you

NJCAR helps in many ways. Our network brings state, local and federal emergency managers into direct contact with leaders of the cultural community. Working closely with the NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) we have incorporated the State's valuable cultural resources into the statewide Emergency Response Framework for disaster planning, risk assessment, hazard mitigation and recovery. As a result, county and local government emergency managers can connect through OEM and NJCAR with managers of cultural assets in their local communities.



(top) Processing damaged records; (below) Morristown Public Library

Join the NJCAR Network



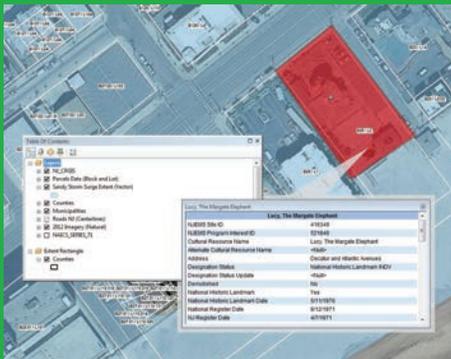
Interested in becoming a member? Join cultural institutions from across the State in developing a cooperative disaster response network. Becoming a member will assist local emergency responders in protecting your cultural and historical properties.

How? Complete the NJCAR Membership Form at: www.njstatelib.org/njcar. Or scan the QR code. It only takes a minute for you to become part of this valuable network.



Belmar Barricades, Belmar Arts Council

NJCAR IN MOTION: GIS MAPPING OF CULTURAL ASSETS PILOT LAUNCHED



To protect our cultural assets during a crisis, emergency planning and response depend on knowing what they are, where they are located, and who is responsible for them. A top priority for NJCAR then, as well as NJOEM, is mapping of cultural resources using GIS (geographic information system) technology.

NJCAR has launched a GIS Pilot Project in selected Ocean County communities, led by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (HPO). In partnership with the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, NJCAR will collect basic data on cultural institutions for mapping purposes, including:

- name and type of cultural asset
- location (latitude and longitude)
- key contacts
- description of collections, if applicable
- evaluation of hazards, threats and risks
- emergency response and mitigation plans, extant or needed
- building/facility plans

The project will test the effectiveness of the data-gathering and mapping process. It will also determine the real-time value of GIS in connecting emergency responders with cultural institution managers to safeguard assets before, during and after disasters. After testing and refinement, NJCAR plans to extend GIS mapping statewide.