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Maria Watson is an urban planner with expertise in disaster recovery.

Biography

Maria Watson's research focuses on housing and small business recovery after disaster events. Maria is interested in the effectiveness of disaster recovery programs, particularly the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program and Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. Maria has been a part of multiple interdisciplinary disaster recovery research efforts in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina after Hurricanes Ian, Ike, Harvey, Matthew, Florence, Laura, and Delta.

Areas of Expertise

Disaster Assistance, Disaster Recovery, Small Business Recovery

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