Disaster Recovery – Butte County Camp Fire

Image Source: The Enterprise-Record
Community Housing Improvement Program
www.chiphousing.org
Community Profile

• Butte County
  • Total population 225,207
  • Median HHI $46,516 (CA is $67,169)
  • 2/3 of renters are low-income
  • 1/3 of homeowners are low-income
  • Increasing homelessness (2015-2017)
  • 1-2% vacancy rate (pre-fire)
  • Rate of homeownership - 58%
  • 55% of renters cost burdened
  • 28% of owners cost burdened
  • 35% of residents have SSI (CA is 27%)
  • 82% of population identifies as white (CA is 61%)

• Town of Paradise
  • Population 46,766
  • Median HHI $49,348
  • 30% of population 62+ (CA average is 16%)
  • 13% of seniors have a disability
  • Low home values (1/5 of owner-occupied was less than 100k)
  • 30% mobile homes
  • Natural affordability (historically)
  • Rural
  • Lack of economic diversity
The Camp Fire

The Camp Fire was the deadliest, most destructive fire in California history.

- More than 19,000 structures destroyed
  - including over 14,000 homes,
- 85 people died
- 153,336 acres burned

Source: Cal Fire Public Information Map, November 18, 2018
An Unprecedented Disaster

- Evacuations in place for 85 days.
- Congregate shelters open for 100 days.
- Non-Congregate sheltering continues.
- More than 14,000 households displaced

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Infrastructure & Business

- Utilities
- Water systems
- County roads and facilities
- Regional Landfills and Recycling Facilities
- Private bridges and roads (no public assistance for recovery)
- Debris Removal
- Tree Removal
- 1,400 businesses destroyed
- Medical industry significantly impacted
- Impacts to employers in surrounding communities
- Tax-Credit Amenities gone – grocery stores, clinics, transportation, etc.
- Cost of Insurance
Community Impacts

- Trauma
- Crime
- Mental health
- Health Care Services
- Loss of Community – diaspora

Image Source: The Enterprise-Record
Data Layer / Map Description:
Number of IA applicants where damaged dwelling address is different than current address.

*Current Mailing Address (CMA) is self-reported during registration process and subsequent follow up with IA & Case management, exact location is not field verified. Concentrated areas can be indicative of an established P.O. Box.

Data as of 3/12/2019

Query used specific to this Map:

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DAMAGED_ADDRESS_CITY = 'PARADISE' AND
VALID_REG = 'Y'
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Legend

- Applicant reported
- Current

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Homelessness

- 2019 Point in Time
  - 16% Increase from 2017
  - Less than expected
  - 23% of respondents said they were impacted by the Camp Fire
- 33 individuals remain in TSA
- FEMA trailers still not fully online
- Many people still living precariously (RVs, cars, couch-surfing)
Vision:

Paradise is a town, rich in natural beauty and community spirit. As residents, we will work together to rise above any challenge. An unbreakable bond now exists that can be used to create a safer, stronger, more resilient town.

• Town Council adopted the Recovery Plan on June 25
• 18 Town-Led Projects and 22 Partner-Led Projects across all aspects of the Town’s Recovery
• Goals
  • Make Paradise Safer
  • Rebuild Paradise’s Range of Housing and Welcome Residents Home
  • Rebuild Paradise’s Economy
  • Make Paradise Better
  • Make Paradise Greener
The Path Forward

- State support / funding
- Rural re-designation
- CDBG-DR – moving relatively quickly
- Private Philanthropy
  - North Valley Community Foundation
  - Sierra Nevada
  - Butte Strong Fund
- Private Capital
- Bi-partisan
Resources

• Community Disaster Recovery – Joan Rave, Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator FEMA, Powerpoint
• Camp Fire Impacts/Butte County – Shari McCracken, Butte County Chief Administrative Officer, Powerpoint
• Housing Impact Assessment May 6, HUD Housing Recovery Support Function
• Department of Finance Report: May 1, 2019. Re: Demographic changes, impact of fire on local populations, housing
• Butte County Continuum of Care 2019 Point in Time Executive Summary
• The Enterprise-Record – Images
• KQED