

Effect of Near-miss Events on Pre-disaster Recovery Planning for Public Housing

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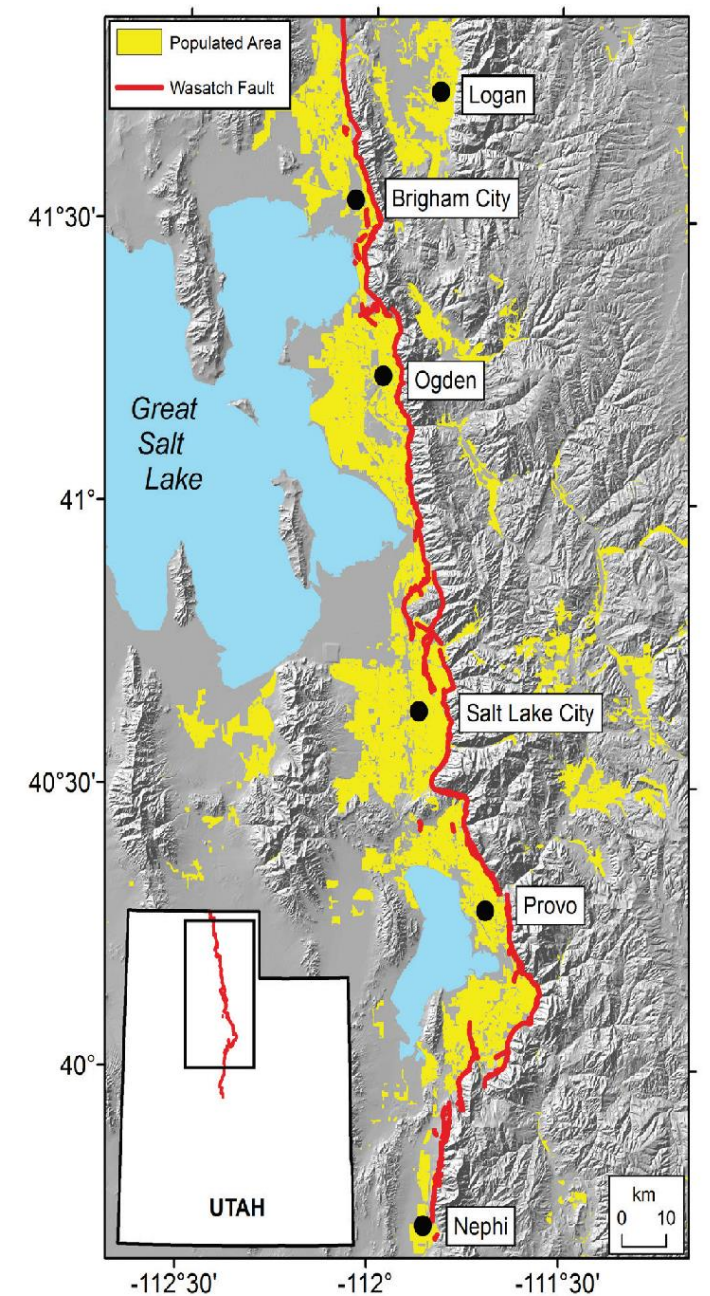
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Introduction

- **Near-miss community**
A community at risk of disaster that hasn't yet experienced one.
- **Public housing**
where vulnerability intersects with institutional complexity.
- **Utah case**



Key Findings

- **Planning Gaps Remain**
- **Near-Miss Events Raise Awareness—but Action Lags**
- **Major Barriers to Action:**
 - Poor Interagency Coordination
 - Lack of Funding
 - No Clear Leadership
 - Capacity Gaps
 - Competing Priorities
- **Cross-Hazard Learning is Possible**



Implications for Mitigation Policy

- **Formalized interagency collaboration**
- **Designated funding streams**
- **Leadership and policy**
- **Community education**

FUNDER AND AFFILIATION LOGOS

Next Step

- **A new project at Towson University**
“Enhancing Disaster Resilience in Baltimore County Through Improved Interagency Collaboration”

It aims to translate the lessons from my Utah study to a new urban context—one that faces both **high disaster exposure** and **persistent housing inequality**.