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The Housing Recovery Plan Assessment (HRPA) Tool is the first-of-its-kind housing recovery plan evaluation tool with the aim of improving housing recovery plans. In response to extensive damage caused by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Texas's 86th legislative session - meeting in 2019 - passed Senate Bill (SB) 280. SB 289 became effective on January 1, 2020 and directed Texas A&M University's HRRC to collaborate with the Texas General Land Office to create the Housing Recovery Plan Assessment (HRPA) Tool and Guidebook. Ideally, strengthening housing recovery plans throughout the state of Texas and beyond.

Rooted in traditional planning literature, the Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center (HRRC) created this tool that can assess local housing recovery plans - either stand alone plans or annexes to other recovery planning or emergency documents. On the HRRC website, local governments and jurisdictions will find the HRPA Tool and Guidebook. Using the information provided, the local jurisdictions can draft their own housing recovery plan. Once drafted the housing recovery plan can be submitted to the HRRC for review and feedback.