

Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction

Onagawa Town, Miyagi Prefecture

The outbreak of the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 caused an unprecedented level of damage, not only because of the extensive stricken region but also of the immersion as a result of the tsunami. Taking advantage of know-hows of massive urban development, UR formed partnership with Onagawa Town, one of the most

devastated localities. UR has offered comprehensive support to the reconstruction by undertaking housing relocations to higher grounds, formation of a safer town by elevating the midtown area with embankments, and constructing disaster recovery public houses (6 districts/561 houses).

Locations : Onagawa Town, Oshika County, Miyagi Prefecture
Site area : Approx. 277ha

-  Project coordination
-  Enhancement of disaster-prevention functions
-  Infrastructure development
-  Area management / community support

- Awards**
- Japan Good Design Award 2018 (Category: Urban Space)
 - Townscape Award 2018 (Category: Urban Space)
 - JCEA Award 2018 (Category: Housing)
 - Good Design Award (Category: Disaster Recovery Design) 2014
 - The 48th SDA Award 2014 (won a prize)
 - Machinaka Good Design Award 2014 (Category: Jury's Special Recognition)



Downtown Onagawa before the disaster [July 2010] Courtesy of Onagawa Town



Downtown Onagawa brought back to life



Downtown Onagawa after the disaster [April 2011] Courtesy of Onagawa Town



UR-built disaster recovery public housing [Onagawa Athletic Park Housing] Photo by Shinkenchi-Sha

