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1. Introduction

Hazard Mitigation is defined as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from hazards and their effects. Hazard Mitigation Planning is the process through which natural hazards that threaten communities are identified, likely impacts of those hazards are determined, mitigation goals are set, and appropriate strategies that would lessen the impacts are determined, prioritized, and implemented.

In that regard, this plan (a) documents the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (HMPU) process; (b) identifies natural hazards and risks within the parish; and (c) identifies the parish's hazard mitigation strategy to make Ouachita Parish and its jurisdictions less vulnerable and more disaster resilient. It also includes mitigation project scoping to further identify scopes of work, funding sources, and implementation timing requirements of proposed selected mitigation projects. Information in the plan will be used to help guide and coordinate mitigation and local policy decisions affecting future land use.

The Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan that includes the following jurisdictions which participated in the planning process:

- Unincorporated Ouachita Parish
- City of Monroe
- Town of Richwood
- Town of Sterlington
- City of West Monroe

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), now under the Department of Homeland Security, has made reducing losses from natural disasters one of its primary goals. The Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and subsequent implementation of recommended projects, measures, and policies is the primary means to achieving these goals. Mitigation planning and project implementation has become even more significant in a post-Katrina/Rita, Gustav/Ike, and Laura/Delta environment in south Louisiana.

This Hazard Mitigation Plan is a comprehensive plan for disaster resiliency in Ouachita Parish. The parish is subject to natural hazards that threaten life and health and have caused extensive property damage. To better understand these hazards and their impacts on people and property, and to identify ways to reduce those impacts, the parish's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness undertook this Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. "Hazard mitigation" does not mean that all hazards are stopped or prevented. It does not suggest complete elimination of the damage or disruption caused by such incidents. Natural forces are powerful and most natural hazards are well beyond our ability to control. Mitigation does not mean quick fixes. It is a long-term approach to reduce hazard vulnerability. As defined by FEMA, "hazard mitigation" means any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event.

Every community faces different hazards, and every community has different resources and interests to bring to bear on its problems. Because there are many ways to deal with natural hazards and many agencies that can help, there is no one solution for managing or mitigating their effects. Planning is one of the best ways to correct these shortcomings and produce a program of activities that will best mitigate the impact of local hazards and meet other local needs. A well-prepared plan will ensure that all possible activities are reviewed and implemented so that the problem is addressed by the most appropriate and

efficient solutions. It can also ensure that activities are coordinated with each other and with other goals and programs, preventing conflicts and reducing the costs of implementing each individual activity.

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (42 USC 5165), a mitigation plan is a requirement for Federal mitigation funds. Therefore, a mitigation plan will both guide the best use of mitigation funding and meet the prerequisite for obtaining such funds from FEMA. FEMA also recognizes plans through its Community Rating System (CRS), a program that reduces flood insurance premiums in participating communities. This program is further described in Section Three: Capability Assessment.

This plan identifies activities that can be undertaken by both the public and the private sectors to reduce safety hazards, health hazards, and property damage caused by natural hazards. It fulfills the Federal mitigation planning requirements, qualifies for CRS credit, and provides Ouachita Parish and its communities with a blueprint for reducing the impacts of these natural hazards on people and property.

Geography, Population and Economy

Geography

Ouachita Parish is located in north-eastern Louisiana and is approximately 35 miles south of the border of Arkansas from the parish's center city, Monroe. (*Figure 1-1*). Ouachita is currently the 8th most populated parish in Louisiana while being in the bottom 40% in terms of land area (610 square miles). The total area of the parish is approximately 404,480 acres, of which 13,440 acres is water. Union and Morehouse Parishes border it to the north, Richland Parish to the east, Caldwell Parish to the south, and Lincoln and Jackson Parishes to the west.

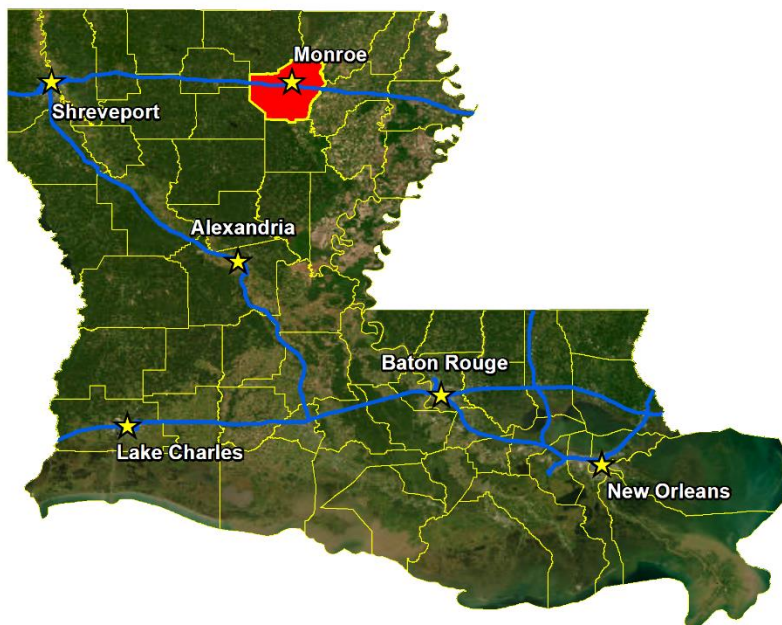


Figure 1-1: Location of Ouachita Parish in the State of Louisiana

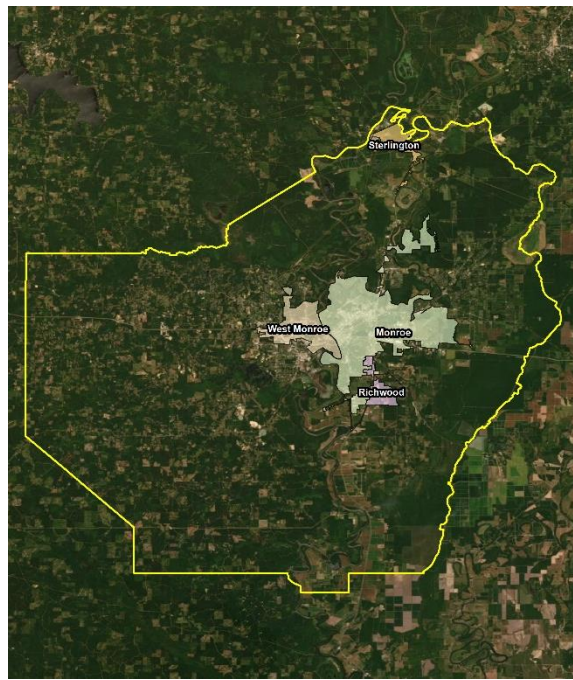


Figure 1-2: Incorporated Jurisdictions within Ouachita Parish

Ouachita Parish weather is typically warm and humid. Variations in daily temperature are determined by distance from the Gulf of Mexico and, to a much lesser degree, by differences in elevation. The average annual temperature for the state as a whole is 68°F. January is typically the coldest month for Louisiana, averaging approximately 54°F, while July is typically the warmest at an average of 83°F. Winter months are usually mild with cold spells of short duration. For Ouachita Parish in particular, the summer months are usually quite warm, with an average daily maximum temperature in July and August of 93°F. Winters are typically mild. Snowfall averages at one inch per year. Average annual rainfall for the area is 55 inches. Ouachita Parish is susceptible to the normal weather dangers, such as thunderstorms and flooding, but due to its location within the state and its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, the parish is highly susceptible to tropical cyclones. Even though Ouachita Parish is a little over 200 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, the states proximity to the gulf still makes Ouachita parish susceptible to tropical cyclones. Hurricane season lasts from June 1st to November 30th, with most hurricanes forming in August, September, and October.

Ouachita Parish is located in Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Region 8 (*Figure 1-3*).

As noted above, Ouachita Parish is located in the north-central region of Louisiana.



Figure 1-3: Louisiana Homeland Security Regions

Population

The population of Ouachita Parish is estimated at 160,368 (2020 Census) with a population percent change from April 1, 2010 – April 1, 2020 of 4.14%.

*Table 1-1: Ouachita Parish Population
(Source: US Census)*

	2010 Census	2014 Estimate	2020 Census	Percent Change 2010 - 2020
Total Population	153,734	156,325	160,368	4.14%
Population Density (Pop/Sq. Mi.)	251.8		262.7	4.15%
Total Households	64,481	66,292	71,295	9.56%
Persons Per Household			2.63	-----

Economy

Ouachita Parish acts as a population center and economic hub for northeast Louisiana. Over time, the Ouachita Parish area economy has moved from one of dependency on the agriculture and wood/timber industries to one of industry and innovation. The parish's location on Interstate-20 makes it very enticing for manufacturers and processors, warehousing/distribution, telecommunications and back office facilities or any business looking for access to major markets and a skilled labor force. Several new primary industries, including, plastics, insurance, telecommunications, and medical services, now provide a broad base for the local economy and surrounding region. Industry data for business patterns in Ouachita Parish can be found in the table on the following page.

Table 1-2: Ouachita Parish Business Patterns
(Source: US Census, CBP)

Business Description	Number of Establishments	Number of Employees	Annual Payroll (\$1,000)
Retail Trade	645	8,863	234,093
Manufacturing	96	4,427	267,120
Health Care and Social Assistance	673	13,337	541,253
Transportation and Warehousing	121	1,542	66,867
Construction	342	3,475	156,993
Administration/Support and Waste Management/Remediation Services	217	4,084	135,914
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	229	1,162	50,708
Wholesale Trade	176	2,481	121,670
Other Services (except Public Administration)	378	3,083	90,320
Accommodation and Food Services	310	6,634	88,498
Financial and Insurance	304	3,324	190,094
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	439	2,691	139,776
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	10	20	481
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	17	188	9,769
Utilities	23	440	39,981
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	56	843	8,590
Educational services	36	552	12,898
Information	90	2,264	182,793
Management of companies and enterprises	19	610	44,510
Industries not classified	5	2	89

Hazard Mitigation

To fully understand hazard mitigation efforts in Ouachita Parish and throughout Louisiana, it is first crucial to understand how hazard mitigation relates to the broader concept of emergency management. In the early 1980s, the newly-created Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was charged with developing a structure for how the federal, state, and local governments would respond to disasters. FEMA developed the *four phases of emergency management*, an approach which can be applied to all disasters. The four phases are as follows:

- Hazard Mitigation**—described by FEMA and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) as “any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event.” The goal of mitigation is to save lives and reduce property damage. Besides significantly aiding in the obviously desirous goal of saving human lives, mitigation can reduce the enormous cost of disasters to property owners and all levels of government. In addition, mitigation can protect critical community facilities and minimize community disruption, helping communities return to usual daily living in the aftermath of disaster. Examples of mitigation involve a range of activities and actions including the following: land-use planning, adoption and enforcement of building codes, and construction projects (e.g., flood proofing homes through elevation, or acquisition or relocation away from floodplains).

- **Emergency Preparedness**—includes plans and preparations made to save lives and property and to facilitate response operations in advance of a disaster event.
- **Disaster Response**—includes actions taken to provide emergency assistance, save lives, minimize property damage, and speed recovery immediately following a disaster.
- **Disaster Recovery**—includes actions taken to return to a normal or improved operating condition following a disaster.

Figure 1-4 illustrates the basic relationship between these phases of emergency management. While hazard mitigation may occur both before and after a disaster event, it is significantly more effective when implemented before an event occurs. This is one of the key elements of this plan and its overall strategy: reduce risk before disaster strikes in order to minimize the need for post-disaster response and recovery.

As *Figure 1-4* demonstrates, mitigation relies on updating in the wake of disaster. This can give the appearance that mitigation is only reactive rather than proactive. In reality, post-disaster revision is a vital component of improving mitigation. Each hazardous event affords an opportunity to reduce the consequences of future occurrences.

Unfortunately, this cycle can be painful for a community. For instance, the risks of disasters that could create catastrophic incidents in Louisiana were thought to be relatively well-understood prior to 2005. However, the impact of the 2005 hurricane season on the Gulf Coast region of the United States prompted a new level of planning and engagement related to disaster response, recovery, and hazard mitigation. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit three weeks apart and together caused astonishing damage to human life and to property. The two storms highlighted a hurricane season that spawned 28 storms—unparalleled in American history. The 2005 hurricane season confirmed Louisiana’s extreme exposure to natural disasters and both the positive effects and the concerns resulting from engineered flood-protection solutions. More recently, the historically impactful 2020 hurricane season reinforced the need for proper planning and mitigation strategies.



Figure 1-4: The Four Phases of Emergency Management and their Relation to Future Hazard Mitigation (Source: Louisiana State Hazard Mitigation Plan 2014)

The catastrophic tropical events of 2005 and 2020, coupled with the unprecedented flooding events of 2016 have had profound impacts on emergency management and hazard mitigation throughout Louisiana. As detailed later in this document, significant funding has been made available to the State of Louisiana and its parishes for the purpose of hazard mitigation planning. The storms also raised awareness of the importance of hazard mitigation among decision-makers and the general population, which has been particularly important since natural hazards will likely be increasing in frequency, magnitude, and impact in the coming years due to climate change.

General Strategy

During the last update to the Louisiana State Hazard Mitigation Plan, the State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT) began a long-term effort to better integrate key components of all plans with hazard mitigation implications in Louisiana to ensure that the programs, policies, recommendations, and implementation strategies are internally consistent. As each of these documents has been adopted by various agencies within the state, the SHMT has worked to incorporate this information into the decision process.

Part of the ongoing integration process is that the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) encourages the parishes and the local communities with independent hazard mitigation plans to utilize the same plan format and methodologies as the State Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to create continuity of information from local to state mitigation plans and programs.

The 2023 Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) maintains much of the information from the 2017 plan version, but it now incorporates the order and methodologies of the 2019 Louisiana State Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The sections in the 2017 Ouachita Parish HMP were as follows:

- Section One Introduction
- Section Two Hazard Identification and Parish-Wide Risk Assessment
- Section Three Capability Assessment
- Section Four Mitigation Strategy
- Appendix A Planning Process
- Appendix B Plan Maintenance
- Appendix C Essential Facilities
- Appendix D Plan Adoption
- Appendix E State Required Worksheets

This plan update also coheres with the Plain Writing Act of 2010, which requires federal agencies to use clear communication that is accessible, consistent, understandable, and useful to the public. While the State of Louisiana and its political subdivisions are not required to meet such standards, the Act aligns with best practices in hazard mitigation. Since successful hazard mitigation relies on full implementation and cooperation at all levels of government and community, a successful hazard mitigation plan must also be easily used at all of these levels. Nevertheless, the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee recognized the benefits from the successful analysis and mitigation planning executed in previous plan updates, as well as improvements to be made in the 2023 update. This plan update remains coherent with those documents, retaining language and content when needed, deleting it when appropriate, and augmenting it when constructive.

2023 Plan Update

This 2023 plan update proceeds with the previous goals of the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current goals are as follows:

1. Protect health and safety
2. Protect existing properties
3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish
4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner

This plan update makes a number of textual changes throughout, but the most obvious changes are data related and structural edits. First, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Centers for Environmental Information's (NCEI) Storm Events Database was used in the analysis, which provides historical hazard data from 1950 to 2023. The planning committee was also instrumental in providing detailed data where appropriate to more accurately reflect hazard impacts on the parish and jurisdictions. Furthermore, all of the sections were updated to reflect the most current information and the most current vision of the plan update. The most significant changes are the newly developed hazard profiles and risk assessments, as well as the removal of much repetition between sections from the previous plan updates.

The 2023 plan update is organized in the same format as the 2017 update, with one minor change to this 2023 update as outlined below:

- Section One Introduction
- Section Two Hazard Identification and Parish-Wide Risk Assessment
- Section Three Capability Assessment
- Section Four Mitigation Strategies
- Appendix A Planning Process
- Appendix B Plan Maintenance
- Appendix C Critical Facilities
- Appendix D Plan Adoption
- Appendix E State Required Worksheets

Table 1-3: 2023 Plan Update Crosswalk

Plan Update Crosswalk	
2017 Update	2023 Update
Section 1: Introduction	Section 1: Introduction
Section 2: Hazard Identification and Parish-Wide Risk Assessment	Section 2: Hazard Identification and Parish-Wide Risk Assessment
Section 3: Capability Assessment	Section 3: Capability Assessment
Section 4: Mitigation Strategy	Section 4: Mitigation Strategy
Appendix A: Planning Process	Appendix A: Planning Process
Appendix B: Plan Maintenance	Appendix B: Plan Maintenance
Appendix C: Essential Facilities	Appendix C: Critical Facilities
Appendix D: Plan Adoptions	Appendix D: Plan Adoptions
Appendix E: State Required Worksheets	Appendix E: State Required Worksheets

Despite numerous changes in this plan update, the plan remains consistent in its emphasis on the types of hazards that pose the most risk to loss of life, injury, and property in Ouachita Parish and its communities. The extent of this risk is dictated primarily by its geographic location. Most significantly, Ouachita Parish remains at high risk of water inundation from various sources, including flooding and tropical cyclone activity. The entire parish is also at high risk of damages from high winds and wind-borne debris. The 2016 flooding events, along with the 2020 hurricane season were both felt heavily in all parts of Ouachita Parish. Other hazards threaten the parish and/or its communities, although not to such great degrees and not in such widespread ways. In all cases, the relative social vulnerability of areas threatened and affected plays a significant role in how governmental agencies and their partners (local, parish, state and federal) prepare for and respond to disasters.

Mitigation efforts related to particular hazards are highly individualized by jurisdiction. Flexibility in response and planning is essential. The most important step forward to improve hazard management capability is to improve coordination and information sharing between the various levels of government regarding hazards.

2. Hazard Identification and Parish-Wide Risk Assessment

Overview

The risk assessment identifies and assesses a large variety of threats and hazards that impact the parish to identify a strategy for mitigation. Having identified the categories of hazards, emergencies, disasters, and catastrophes, this section describes the risks associated with each identified hazard of concern. Each section (1) defines the hazard, (2) explains how each hazard is measured, (3) provides the hazard's geographic extent, (4) analyzes the previous occurrences, (5) evaluates each hazard's future likelihood of occurrence, and (6) identifies the worst-case scenario for each hazard.

The following steps were used to define the risk of each hazard:

- Profile and describe each hazard
 - Geographic areas most affected by the hazard
 - Previous occurrences and detailed description of events occurring in the last 5-years
 - Occurrence probability/frequency estimates
 - Worst-case scenarios
- Determine exposure to each hazard
 - Exposure was determined by overlaying hazard maps with an inventory of structures, facilities, and systems to determine which of them would be exposed to each hazard
 - Vulnerability analysis for people and infrastructure

The primary source for historical data used throughout the risk assessment is the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) Storm Events Database, which provides natural hazard event data from 1950 to the present. In staying consistent with climatological studies, the NCEI Storm Events Database was evaluated for the past 30 years (1993 – 2022) to determine the future probability and frequency of a hazard occurring when data was available.

Data Limitations

Throughout the planning process, every effort was made to use the best available data. Much of the historic natural-hazard occurrence information was obtained through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) NCEI. The NCEI Storm Events Database contains data from January 1950 to the present (i.e., within the past few months); however, there are some issues with events recorded prior to 1996. From the years 1950 to 1954, the NCEI Storm Events Database only contain information on tornado events, until thunderstorm wind and hail events were added to the database for the time period between 1955 and 1992. All event types identified in the National Weather Service (NWS) Directive 10-1605 (48 in total) are recorded from 1996 to the present. For these hazards, only 27 years (1996 – 2022) worth of data was evaluated to determine the future probability and frequency of a hazard occurring. Additionally, property damage and crop damage estimates from the NCEI Storm Events Database are a "best guess" based on all available data at the time of the event publication.

The NCEI Storm Events Database does not record all events, only occurrences that have sufficient intensity to cause loss of life, injuries, significant property damage, and/or disruption to commerce. Even then, there are events that may not be covered due to changes in data collection and processing procedures over time. Also, events such as tornadoes or hailstorms rely heavily on eye-witness accounts which creates a reporting bias in urban areas. The inception of Doppler radar in 1980

significantly decreased this bias, especially for tornado events, but records prior to 1980 are not as detailed or complete as post 1980-records.

The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) National Severe Weather Database browser examines convective/thunderstorm-related winds only and does not include wind data from hurricane or non-thunderstorm wind damage. This data contains measured and estimated wind gusts including wind damage without estimated wind speeds. For many observations, this results in several thunderstorm wind events with no estimated or actual wind speed estimates.

The vulnerability estimates provided herein use the best data currently available, and the methodologies applied result in an approximation of risk. These estimates may be used to understand the relative risk from hazards and potential losses. However, uncertainties are inherent in any loss estimation methodology, arising in part from incomplete scientific knowledge concerning hazards and their effects on the built environment, as well as approximations and simplifications that are necessary for a comprehensive analysis.

Identifying Hazards

Several emergency management and hazard mitigation documents at the state and local levels were reviewed to identify a comprehensive list of hazards that may impact the parish. These documents addressed a wide range of hazards including natural, technological, and human-caused. The two main documents referenced in finalizing the parish's comprehensive hazard list were the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the parish and the state of Louisiana's 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Typically, unless otherwise noted in the plan, all hazards previously identified in the parish's 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan and all hazards in the state of Louisiana's 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan identified as medium or high risk by the state are profiled in the risk assessment. The table on the following page provides a comprehensive list of the hazards selected based on the above criteria.

Table 2-1: Hazard Profile Summary.

Hazard	Profiled in Last Plan	Considered Medium or High Risk in the State's HM Plan	Profiled in the 2023 Update
Dam Failure	X		+
Drought	X		X
Excessive Heat	X		X
Flooding	X	X	X
Levee Failure	X		X
Thunderstorms (Hail, Lightning, & Wind)	X	X	X
Tornadoes	X	X	X
Tropical Cyclones	X	X	X
Wildfires	X		X
Winter Weather	X		X

+ Hazard was discounted.

Historical Context and Previous Occurrences

The following table and figures display past Presidential Declaration occurrences and provides background on the type of natural disasters that have affected the parish in the past.

Table 2-2: Major Disaster Declarations in the Parish.

Disaster Number	Year	Declaration
208	9/10/1965	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Betsy
374	4/27/1973	Severe Storms and Flooding
418	2/23/1974	Flooding
470	6/6/1975	Heavy Rains, Tornadoes, and Flooding
565	9/20/1978	Severe Storms and Flooding
675	1/11/1983	Severe Storms and Flooding
829	5/20/1989	Severe Storms and Flooding
904	5/3/1991	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding
1264	1/21/1999	Severe Ice Storm
1314	2/15/2000	Severe Winter Storm
1357	1/12/2001	Severe Winter Ice Storm
1437	10/3/2002	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Lili
3172	2/1/2003	Loss of Space Shuttle Columbia
1548	9/15/2004	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Ivan
1603	8/29/2005	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Katrina
1607	9/24/2005	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Rita
1668	11/2/2006	Severe Storms and Flooding
1786	9/2/2008	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Gustav
1863	12/10/2009	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding
4080	8/29/2012	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Isaac
4263	3/13/2016	Flood
3416	7/11/2019	Tropical Cyclone – Tropical Storm Barry
4462	9/19/2019	Flood
4484	03/24/2020	COVID-19 Pandemic
3527	6/7/2020	Tropical Cyclone – Tropical Storm Cristobal
3538	8/23/2020	Tropical Cyclone – Tropical Storms Laura and Marco
4559	8/28/2020	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Laura
3543	9/14/2020	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Sally
4570	10/16/2020	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Delta
3549	10/27/2020	Tropical Cyclone – Tropical Storm Zeta
3556	2/18/2021	Severe Winter Weather
4590	3/9/2021	Severe Winter Weather
4611	8/29/2021	Tropical Cyclone – Hurricane Ida
3574	9/13/2021	Tropical Cyclone – Tropical Storm Nicholas

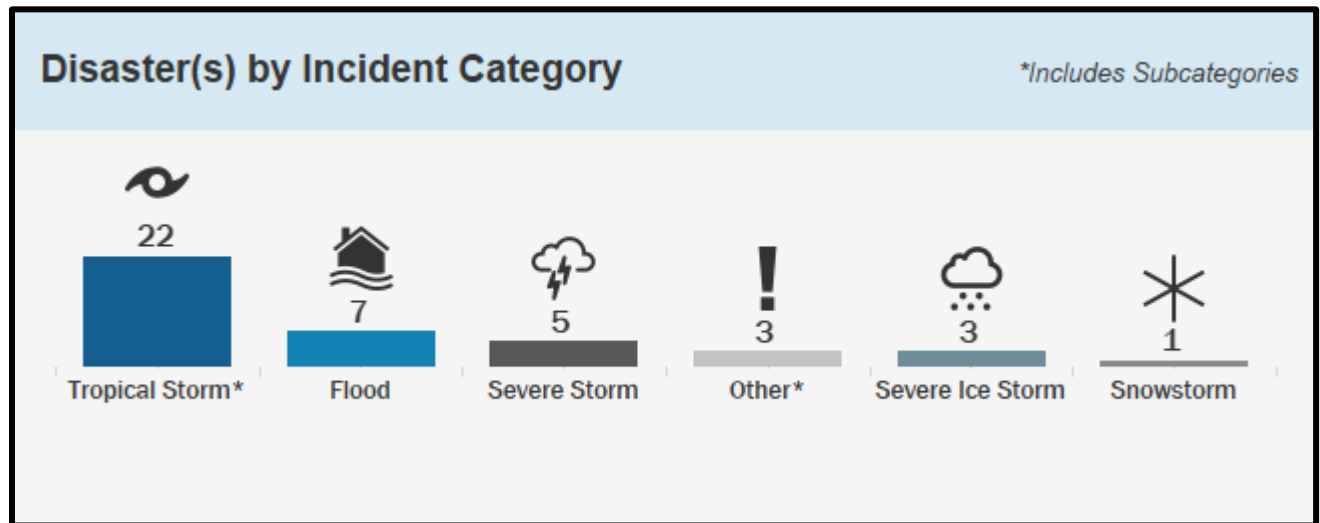


Figure 2-1: Presidential Disaster Declarations for the Parish by Disaster Type Since 1950.
(Source: FEMA Disaster Declarations Summary: Open Government Dataset)

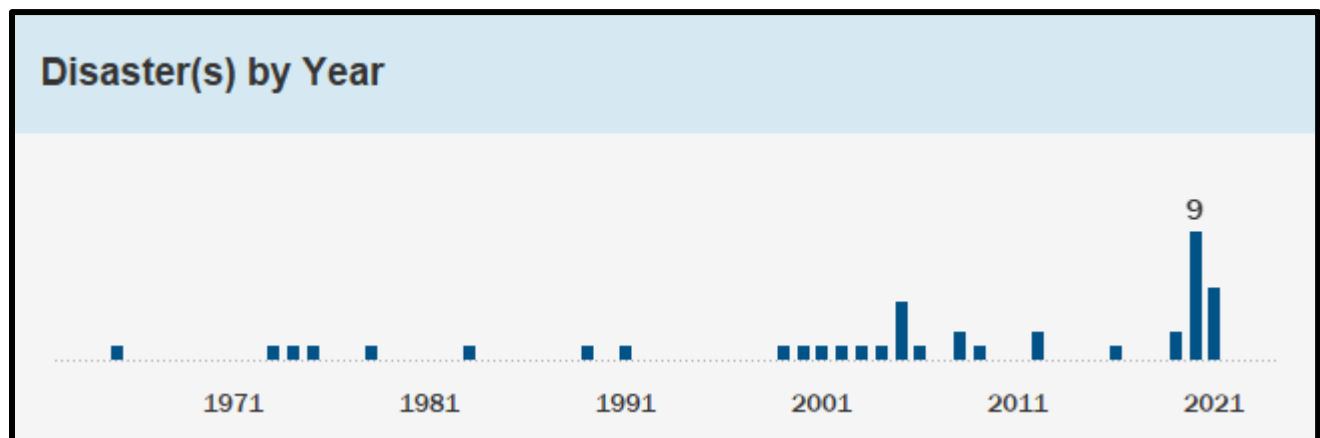


Figure 2-2: Total Presidential Disaster Declarations Yearly Totals for the Parish from 1950 to 2022.
(Source: FEMA Disaster Declarations Summary: Open Government Dataset)

Probability of Future Threats and Hazards

The probability of each hazard occurring in the parish is estimated in the following table:

Table 2-3: Probability of Future Hazard Reoccurrence.

Hazard	Probability				
	Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe
Dam Failure	Discounted	Discounted	Discounted	Discounted	Discounted
Drought	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%
Extreme Heat	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%
Flooding	100%	81%	22%	26%	70%
Levee Failure	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%
Thunderstorms - Hail	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Thunderstorms - Lightning	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%
Thunderstorms - Winds	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tornadoes	67%	67%	67%	67%	67%
Tropical Cyclones	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%
Wildfires	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%	< 1%
Winter Weather	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

As shown in the above tables, flooding for the unincorporated area of the parish, hail, and winds have the highest chance of occurrence in the parish (100%). These are followed by flooding for Monroe (81%), flooding for West Monroe (70%), tornadoes (67%), extreme heat (52%), lightning (33%), winter storms (30%), drought and flooding for Sterlington (26%), tropical cyclones (24%), and flooding for Richwood (22%). Wildfires and levee failure have an annual chance of occurrence of less than 1%. Dam failure was discounted due to having no high hazard dams located in or around the parish.

Assessing Vulnerability Overview

The purpose of assessing vulnerability is to quantify and/or qualify exposure and determine how various threats and hazards impact life, property, the environment, and critical operations of the parish. Vulnerability can be defined as the manifestation of the inherent states of the system (e.g., physical, technical, organizational, cultural) that can be exploited to adversely affect (cause harm or damage to) that system. For example, identifying areas within the parish that suffer disproportional damage compared to other areas, or overall exposure of the entire parish to flooding. Identifying and understanding vulnerability to each threat and hazard provides a strong foundation for developing and pursuing mitigation actions.

The vulnerability analysis builds upon the information provided in the risk assessment by assessing the potential impact and amount of damage that each hazard has on the parish. To complete the analysis, the best available data were collected from a variety of sources, including local, state, and federal agencies and multiple analyses were performed qualitatively and quantitatively. The estimates provided in the vulnerability analysis should be used to understand the relative risk from each hazard and the

potential losses that may be incurred; however, uncertainties are inherent in any loss estimation methodology, arising in part from incomplete scientific knowledge concerning specific hazards and their effects on the built environment, as well as incomplete datasets and from approximations and simplifications that are necessary to provide a meaningful and complete analysis. Further, most datasets used in this assessment contain relatively short periods of records, which increases the uncertainty of any statistically based analysis.

Vulnerability Analysis Methodology

To direct the vulnerability analysis effort for the parish, two distinct methodologies were applied. The first includes a quantitative analysis that relies upon the best available data and technology, while the second methodology includes a qualitative analysis that relies more on local knowledge and rational decision-making. Upon completion, the methodologies are combined to create a vulnerability analysis that allows for some degree of quality control and assurance. The quantitative assessment focuses on potential hazard loss estimates, while the qualitative assessment is comprised of a scoring system built around values assigned by the Planning Team as to the likelihood of occurrence, spatial extent, and potential impact of each hazard.

Quantitative Methodology

The quantitative methodology consists of utilizing Hazus, a geographic information system (GIS)-based loss estimation software available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as a detailed GIS-based approach independent of the Hazus software. These two GIS-based studies together help form a quantitative vulnerability analysis. GIS technology allows for the identification and analysis of potentially at-risk community assets such as people and infrastructure. This analysis was completed for hazards that can be spatially defined in a meaningful manner (i.e., hazards with an official and scientifically determined geographic extent) and for which GIS data were readily available.

Additionally, the National Risk Index developed by FEMA was utilized to determine the composite risk to 18 natural hazards to include avalanche, coastal flooding, cold wave, drought, earthquake, hail, heat wave, hurricane, ice storm, landslide, lightning, riverine flooding, strong wind, tornado, tsunami, volcanic activity, wildfire, and winter weather. Historic loss ratio, expected annual loss, and overall risk factor for any of the above hazards which are profiled in this plan are provided in the vulnerability analysis to provide further context on the risk associated to the hazard. Expected annual loss and the risk factor are calculated using the following formulas:

$$\text{Expected Annual Loss} = \text{Exposure} * \text{Annualized Frequency} * \text{Historic Loss Ratio}$$

$$\text{Risk Index} = \text{Expected Annual Loss} * \text{Social Vulnerability} / \text{Community Resilience}$$

Qualitative Methodology

The qualitative assessment relies less on technology, but more on historical and anecdotal data regarding expected hazard impacts. The qualitative assessment completed for the parish is based on the Priority Risk Index (PRI). The purpose of the PRI is to prioritize all potential hazards, and then group them into three categories of high, moderate, or low risk to identify and prioritize mitigation opportunities.

The PRI is a good practice to use when prioritizing hazards because it provides a standardized numerical value for hazards to be compared. Adapted PRI scores were calculated using five categories:

- Probability
- Impact
- Spatial Extent
- Warning Time
- Duration

Each degree of risk is assigned a value (1-4) and a weighting factor. To calculate the Risk Factor for a given hazard, the assigned risk value for each category is multiplied by the weighted factor, and the sum of all five categories is totaled together for a final score. The highest possible Risk Factor is a 4.0.

$$\text{Risk Factor} = [(Probability * 0.25) + (Impact * 0.25) + (Spatial Extent * 0.20) + (Warning Time * 0.15) + (Duration * 0.15)]$$

Priority Risk Index and Hazard Risk

Hazard risk is determined by calculating the Risk Factor for each hazard impacting the parish. A summary of the PRI is found in the following table. The conclusions drawn from the qualitative and quantitative assessments are fitted into three categories based on High, Moderate, or Low designations. Hazards identified as high risk have a risk factor of 2.5 or greater. Risk factors ranging from 2.0 to 2.4 are deemed moderate risk hazards while hazards with risk factors less than 2.0 are considered low risk.

Table 2-4: Summary of the Priority Risk Index.

PRI Category	Degree of Risk			Assigned Weighting Factor
	Level	Criteria	Index Value	
Probability	Unlikely	Less than 1% annual probability	1	25%
	Possible	Between 1 and 10% annual probability	2	
	Likely	Between 10 and 100% probability	3	
	Highly Likely	100% annual probability	4	
Impact	Minor	Very few injuries, if any. Only minor property damage and minimal disruption on quality of life. Temporary shutdown of critical facilities.	1	25%
	Limited	Minor injuries only. More than 10% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than one day.	2	
	Critical	Multiple deaths/injuries possible. More than 25% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than a week.	3	
	Catastrophic	High number of deaths/injuries possible. More than 50% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for 30 days or more.	4	
Spatial Extent	Negligible	Less than 1% of area affected	1	20%
	Small	Between 1 and 10% of area affected	2	

	Moderate	Between 10 and 50% of area affected	3	
	Large	Between 50 and 100% of area affected	4	
Warning Time	More than 24 hours	Self-explanatory	1	15%
	12 to 24 hours	Self-explanatory	2	
	6 to 12 hours	Self-explanatory	3	
	Less than 6 hours	Self-explanatory	4	
Duration	Less than 6 hours	Self-explanatory	1	15%
	Less than 24 hours	Self-explanatory	2	
	Less than one week	Self-explanatory	3	
	More than one week	Self-explanatory	4	

Table 2-5: Associated Risk Factor with PRI Value Range.

Risk Factor	PRI Range
High Risk	2.5 to 4.0
Moderate Risk	2.0 to 2.4
Low Risk	0 to 1.9

Vulnerability Analysis (NRI & PRI)

The first table is the overall risk associated with each threat and hazard with 2.5 or above deemed high risk, 2.0 to 2.4 deemed medium risk, and less than 2.0 deemed low risk. The final table summarizes the composite risk of 18 natural hazards outlined previously on the parish by expected annual loss, social vulnerability, community resilience, and overall risk rating.

Table 2-6: PRI Vulnerability Analysis for the Parish.

Hazard	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Overall Risk
Drought	3	2	4	2	3	2.8
Extreme Heat	3	1	4	1	3	2.4
Flooding	4	4	3	4	3	3.65
Levee Failure	3	2	4	2	3	2.8
Thunderstorms - Hail	4	2	3	3	1	2.7
Thunderstorms - Lightning	3	2	2	3	1	2.25
Thunderstorms - Wind	4	2	3	3	1	2.7
Tornadoes	3	3	2	4	3	2.95
Tropical Cyclones	3	4	4	1	4	3.3
Wildfires	1	3	4	1	2	2.25
Winter Weather	3	3	4	1	2	2.75

*Table 2-7: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Risk to Eighteen Natural Hazards for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Loss	Social Vulnerability	Community Resilience	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively Moderate	Very High	Relatively High	Relatively Moderate

Inventory of Assets for the Entire Parish

As part of the Risk Assessment, the planning team identified essential facilities throughout the parish. Within the entire planning area, there is an estimated value of \$25,116,344,000 in structures throughout the parish. The table below provides the total estimated value for each type of structure by occupancy.

Table 2-8: Estimated Total of Potential Losses throughout the Parish.

Occupancy	Parish	Unincorporated Area	Monroe
Agricultural	\$55,044,000	\$36,398,000	\$13,392,000
Commercial	\$5,960,373,000	\$1,187,949,000	\$3,278,790,000
Government	\$221,516,000	\$22,391,000	\$179,632,000
Industrial	\$1,200,330,000	\$571,782,000	\$477,556,000
Religion	\$666,248,000	\$286,920,000	\$294,188,000
Residential	\$16,757,019,000	\$9,424,990,000	\$5,427,832,000
Education	\$255,814,000	\$77,569,000	\$129,721,000
Total	\$25,116,344,000	\$11,607,999,000	\$9,801,111,000

Occupancy	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe
Agricultural	\$0	\$164,000	\$5,090,000
Commercial	\$25,622,000	\$13,564,000	\$1,454,448,000
Government	\$5,624,000	\$1,124,000	\$12,745,000
Industrial	\$479,000	\$7,357,000	\$143,156,000
Religion	\$3,646,000	\$4,334,000	\$77,160,000
Residential	\$164,038,000	\$204,295,000	\$1,535,864,000
Education	\$940,000	\$4,732,000	\$42,852,000
Total	\$200,349,000	\$235,570,000	\$3,271,315,000

Critical Facilities of the Parish

The following figures show the locations and names of the essential facilities within the parish:

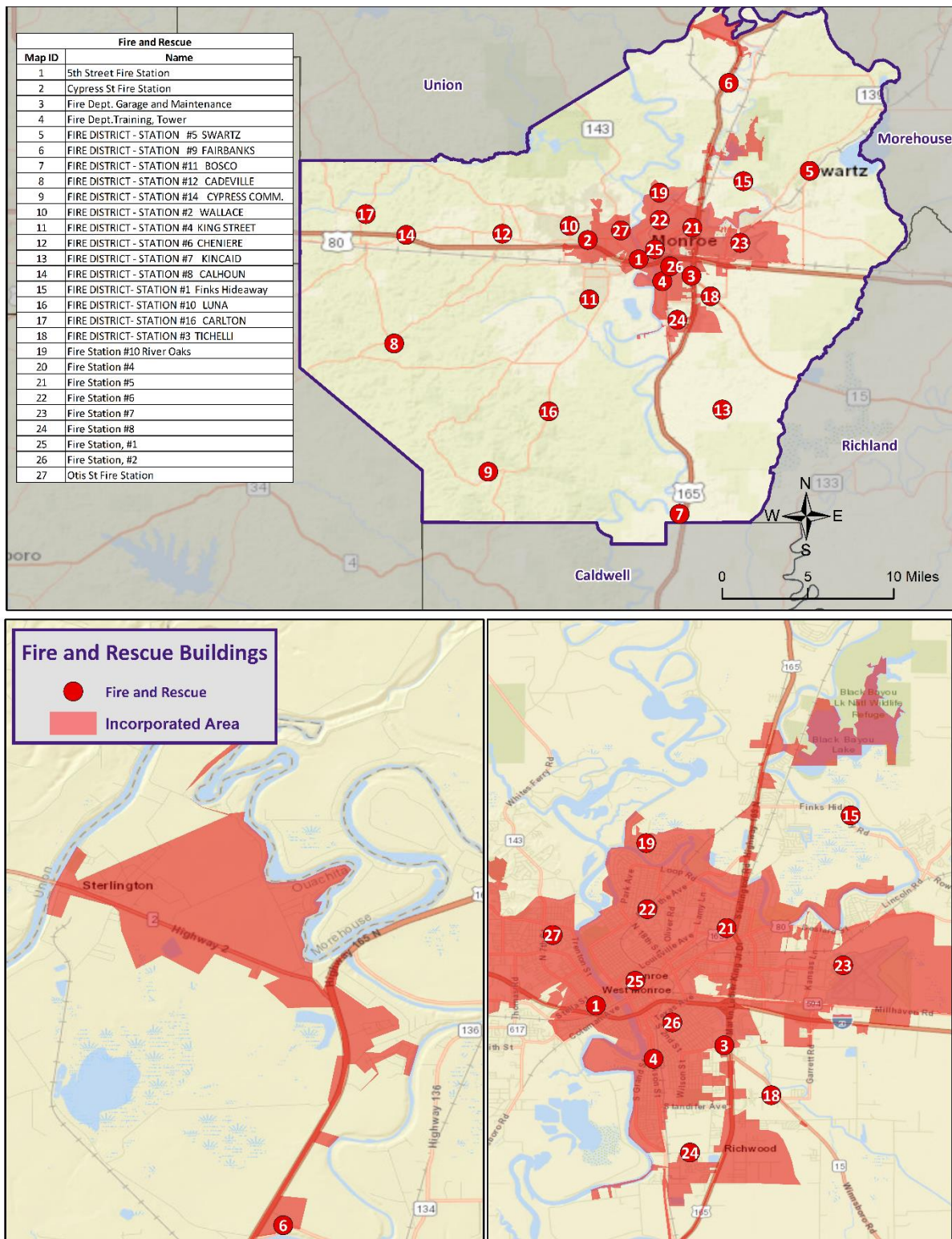


Figure 2-3: Fire and Rescue Facilities in the Parish.

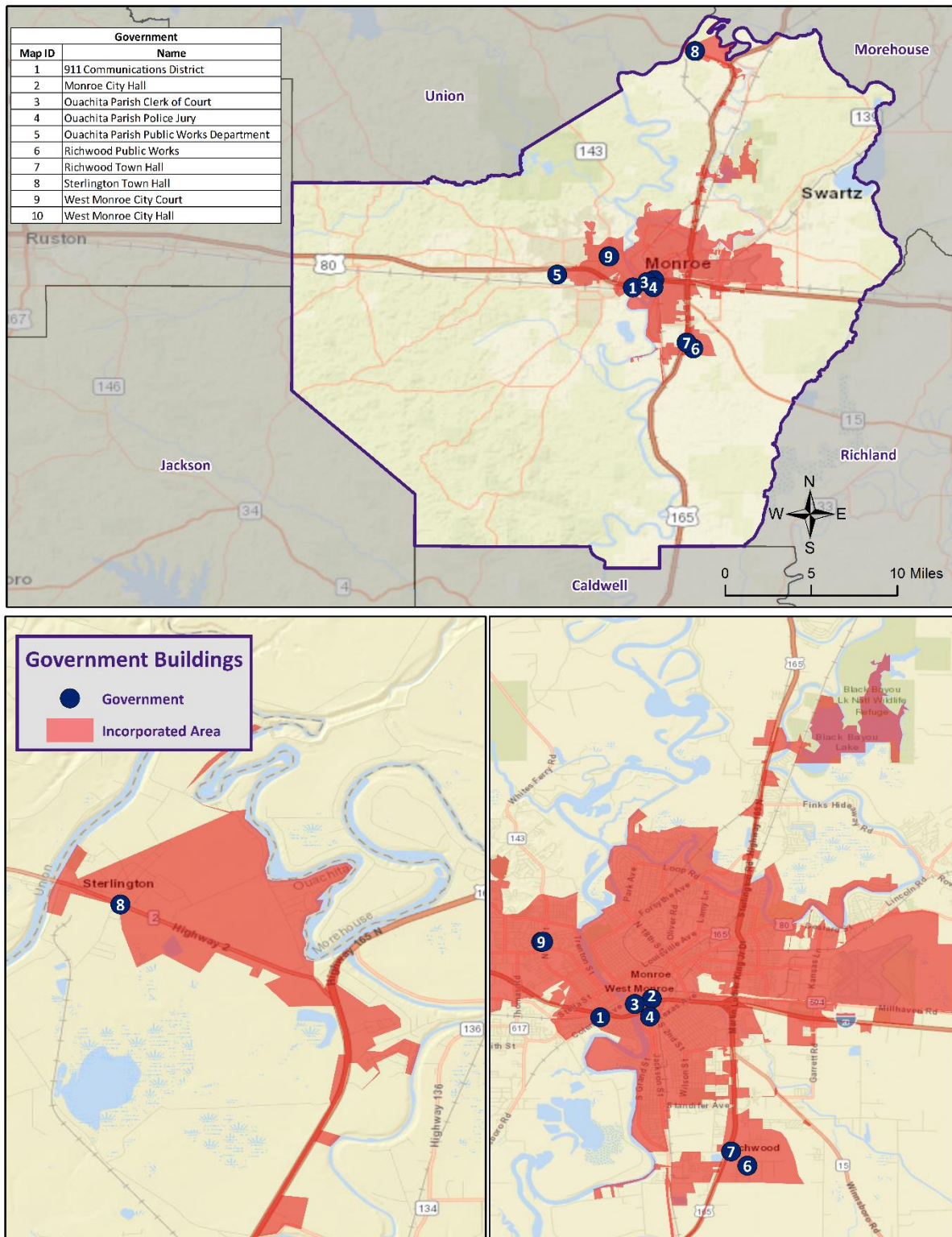


Figure 2-4: Government Buildings in the Parish.

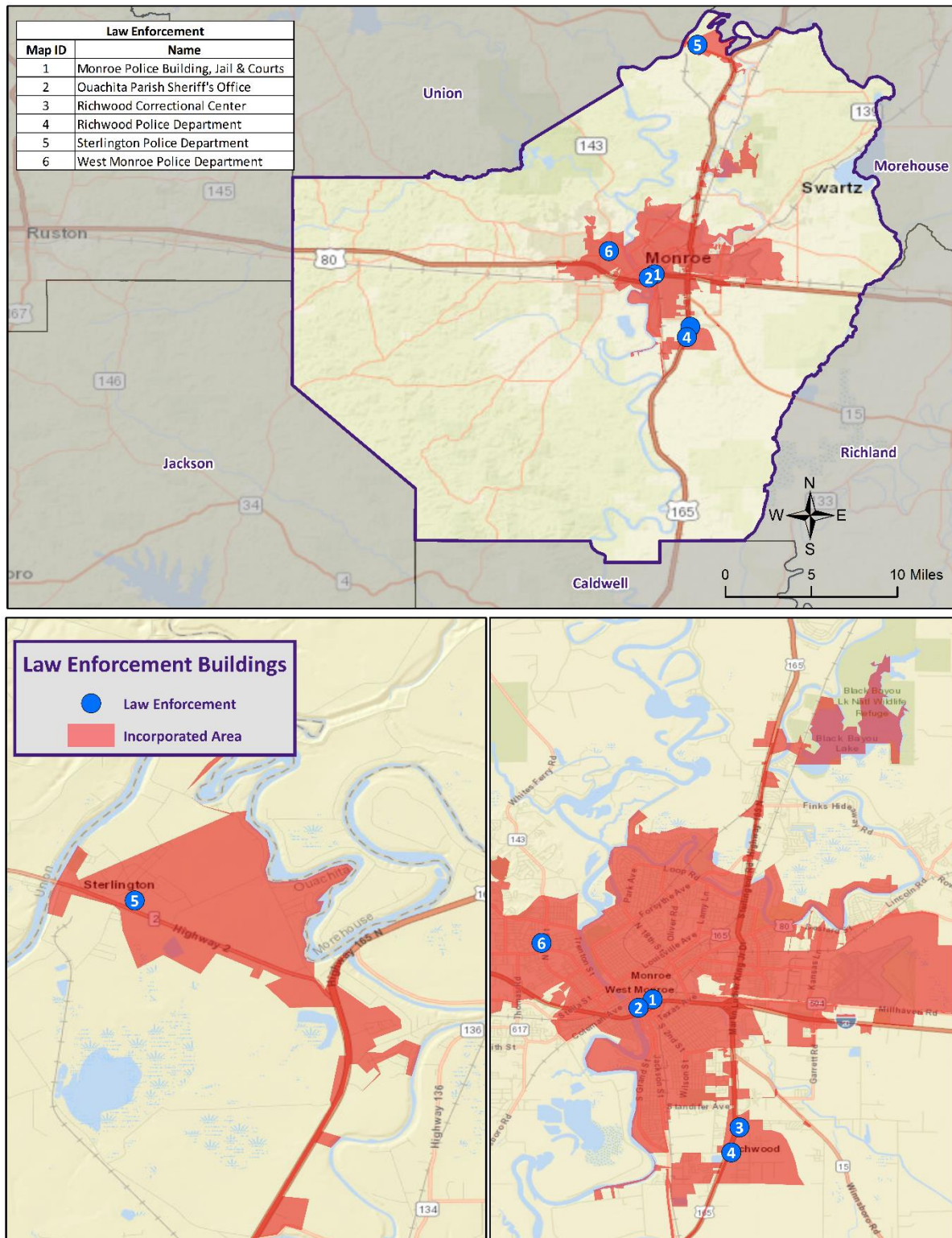


Figure 2-5: Law Enforcement in the Parish.

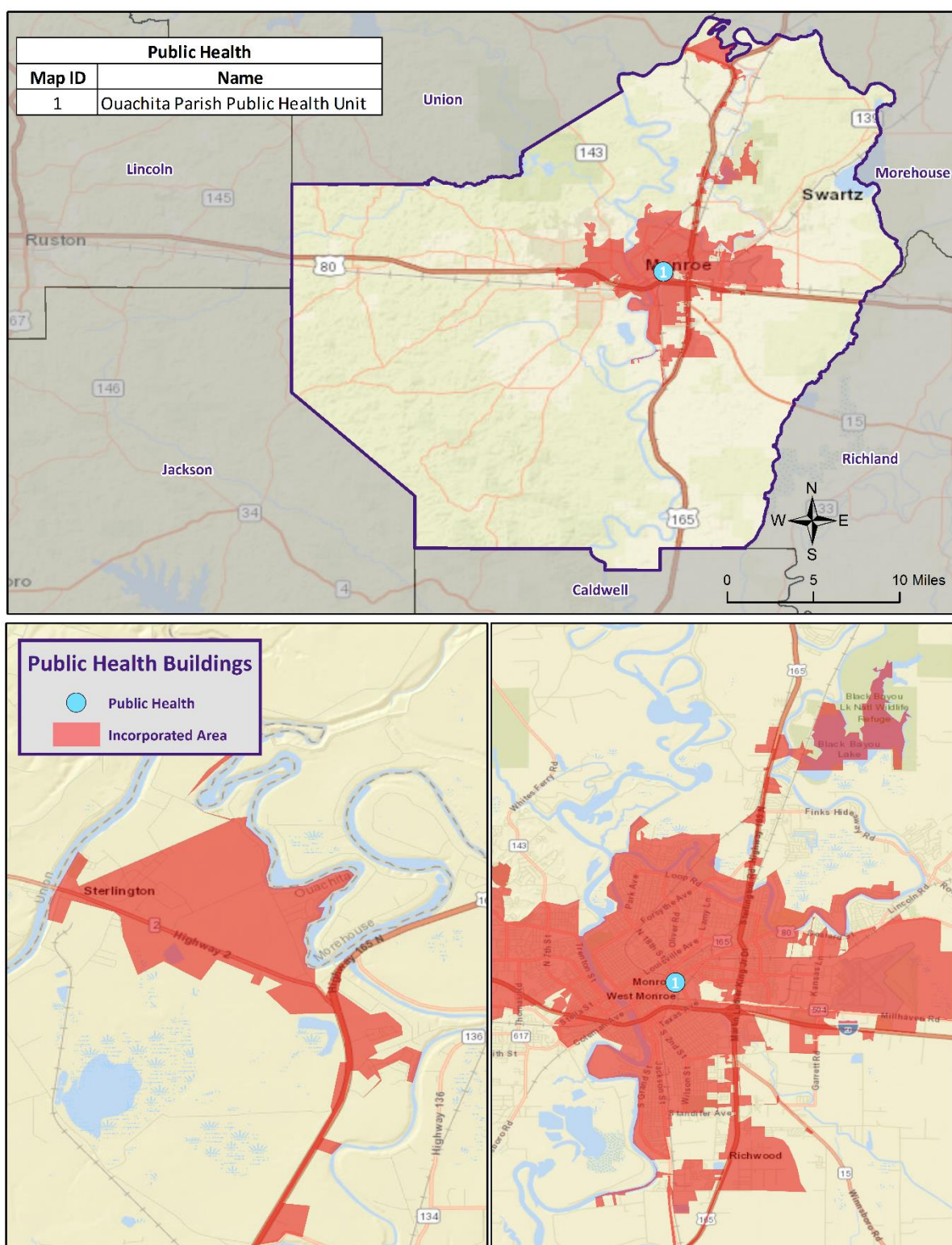


Figure 2-6: Public Health Facilities in the Parish.

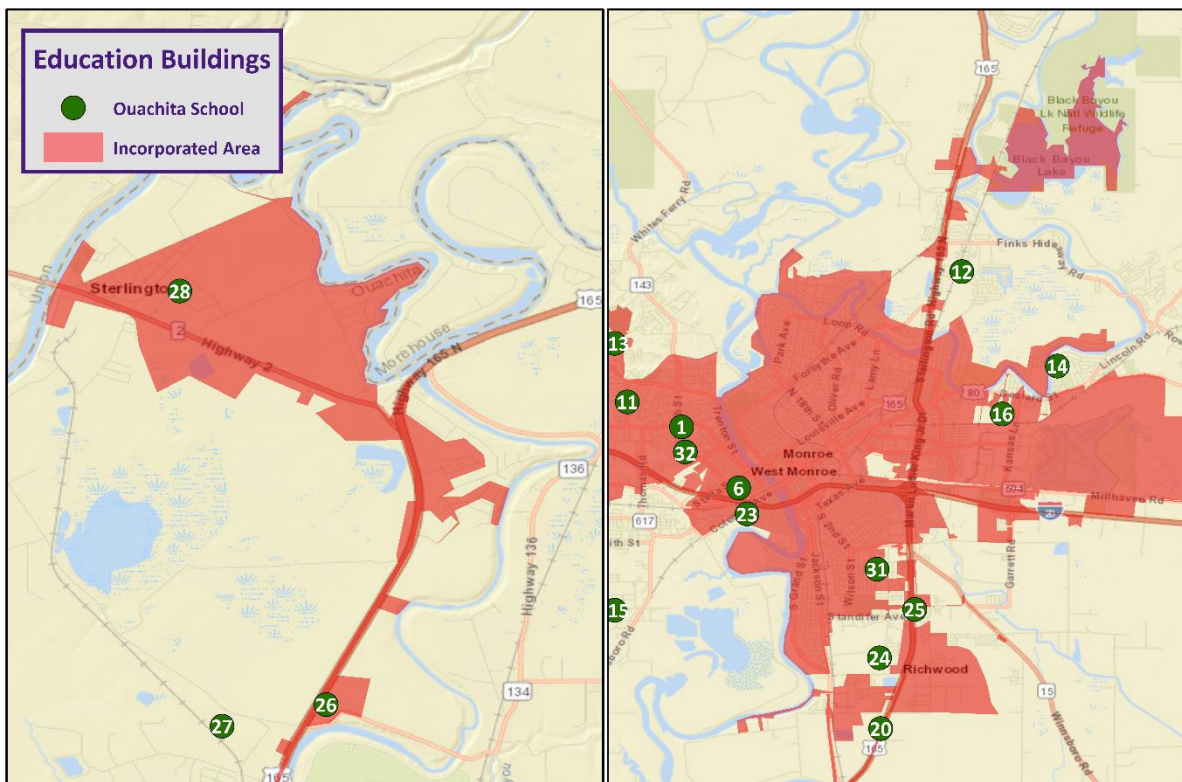
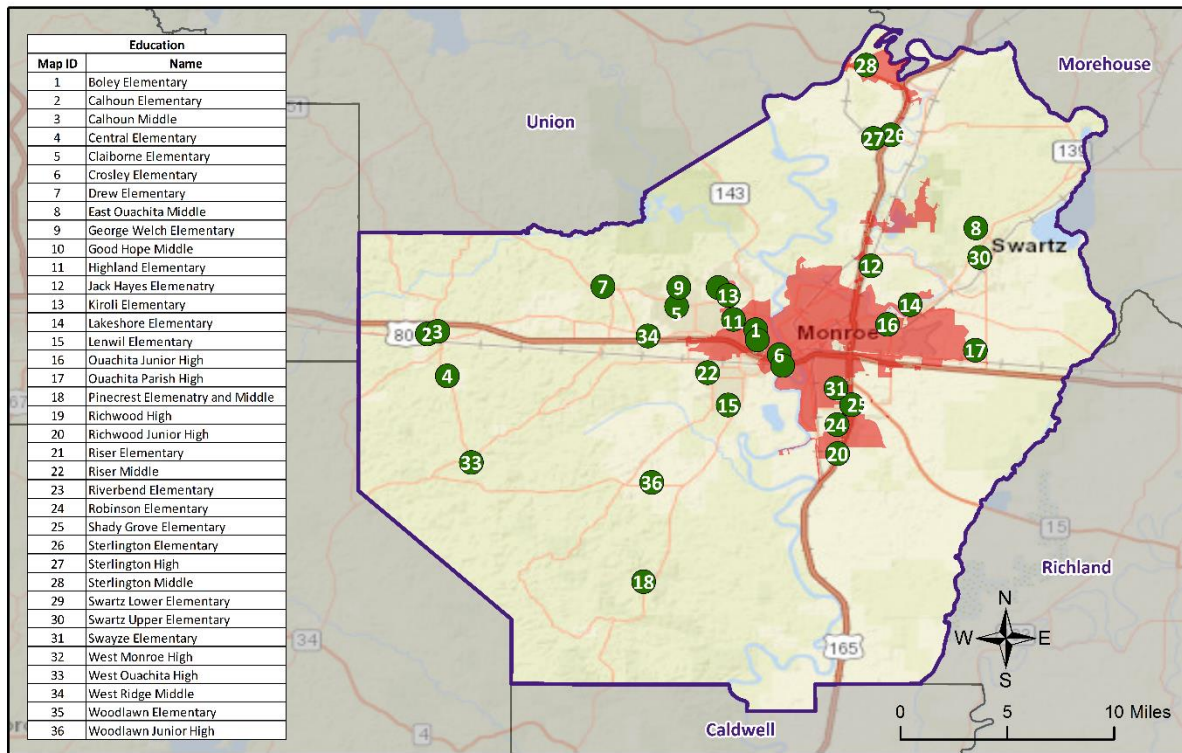


Figure 2-7: Educational Facilities in the Parish.

Socially Vulnerable Populations

The following tables illustrate at risk populations in Ouachita Parish, and their respective jurisdictions, compared to the United States as a whole. As seen in the tables below, Ouachita Parish and their jurisdictions demonstrate an above average percentage differences than that of the U.S. when dealing with at risk communities.

Based on the parish and their incorporated jurisdictions, reliability of the information presented becomes a factor. To combat misinformation and skewed values when dealing with socially vulnerable populations, the U.S. Census Bureau along with Headwater Economics, has denoted values by color and given them a reliability denotation. Any values in **black** are denoted as “high reliability”. This means that error in data based off of the sampling size for that specific population is relatively small and should not be cause for concern. Any values in **orange** are denoted as “medium reliability”. This means that values could be skewed based off of the sampling size being inaccurately examined. Populations and values in orange should be interpreted with caution. Any values in **red** are denoted as “low reliability”. This means that population values and data taken from the census are very unreliable as the sample size included for this data incorporation were very small or insufficient. An emphasis has been placed on values in red in that anyone using them for studies, local plans and regulatory measures, or projects, should consult the respective community for a more comprehensive evaluation of said population(s). *Neighborhoods at Risk* also cites a data limitation to any community with less than 1,000 people residing in it. (US Census Beau 2021, Headwater Economics)

Additionally, there are some limitations to the data that is provided below. Families in poverty are based upon the amount families within the identifiable area. Rental units, mobile homes, and households with no car are based upon the amount of housing units within the identifiable area. People who do not speak English well is based upon the population of the identifiable area who are five years of age or older. People without a high school degree are based upon the population of the identifiable area who are 25 years of age or older. All other indicators used to identify neighborhoods at risk are based upon the identifiable area’s total population. For reference to populations with specific limitations, the table below illustrates the population sample size used to evaluate their respective areas, not the total number of people a specific indicator applies to.

Table 2-9: Limiting Factors with Socially Vulnerable Populations in Ouachita Parish

Limiting Factors in Neighborhoods at Risk – Population Sample Size (2021)						
Indicators 2021	Ouachita Parish	City of Monroe	Town of Richwood	Town of Sterlington	City of West Monroe	United States
Families in poverty	36,838	9,507	491	574	3,005	80,755,759
Rental units, mobile homes, households with no car	58,493	17,914	759	759	5,443	124,010,992
People who do not speak English well	149,612	44,791	4,571	1,954	12,348	310,302,360
People without a high school degree	104,736	29,985	3,374	1,252	9,408	225,152,317
Total Population	160,227	48,105	4,837	2,094	13,103	329,725,481

Table 2-10: Socially Vulnerable Populations – Ouachita Parish

Neighborhoods at Risk – Ouachita Parish				
Indicators 2021	Ouachita Parish Population	Ouachita Parish Percentage	U.S. Percentage	Percentage Difference (Ouachita vs U.S.)
People under 5 years	10,615	6.6%	5.9%	11%
People over 65 years	23,860	14.9%	16.0%	-7%
People of color (including Hispanic)	68,870	43.0%	40.6%	6%
People who do not speak English well	400	0.3%	4.1%	-173%
People without a high school degree	12,376	11.8%	11.1%	6%
Families in poverty	7,092	19.3%	8.9%	74%
Housing units that are rentals	23,394	40.0%	35.4%	12%
Housing units that are mobile homes	6,792	11.6%	5.2%	76%
Households with no cars	5,222	8.9%	8.3%	7%
People with disabilities	20,686	13.3%	12.6%	5%
People without health insurance	12,636	8.1%	8.5%	-5%
Population of Ouachita Parish: 160,277				

Table 2-11: Socially Vulnerable Populations – City of Monroe

Neighborhoods at Risk – City of Monroe				
Indicators 2021	Monroe Population	Monroe Percentage	U.S. Percentage	Percentage Difference (Monroe vs U.S.)
People under 5 years	3,314	6.9%	5.9%	16%
People over 65 years	7,157	14.9%	16.0%	-7%
People of color (including Hispanic)	31,106	64.7%	40.6%	46%
People who do not speak English well	115	0.3%	4.1%	-173%
People without a high school degree	4,049	13.5%	11.1%	20%
Families in poverty	2,752	28.9%	8.9%	106%
Housing units that are rentals	9,758	54.5%	35.4%	42%
Housing units that are mobile homes	318	1.8%	5.2%	-97%
Households with no cars	2,902	16.2%	8.3%	64%
People with disabilities	6,072	13.0%	12.6%	3%
People without health insurance	3,723	8.0%	8.5%	-6%
Population of Monroe: 48,105				

Table 2-12: Socially Vulnerable Populations – Town of Richwood

Neighborhoods at Risk – Town of Richwood				
Indicators 2021	Richwood Population	Richwood Percentage	U.S. Percentage	Percentage Difference (Richwood vs U.S.)
People under 5 years	266	5.5%	5.9%	-7%
People over 65 years	252	5.2%	16.0%	-102%
People of color (including Hispanic)	3,804	78.6%	40.6%	64%
People who do not speak English well	0	0.0%	4.1%	-200%
People without a high school degree	1,095	32.5%	11.1%	98%
Families in poverty	228	46.4%	8.9%	136%
Housing units that are rentals	538	70.9%	35.4%	67%
Housing units that are mobile homes	113	14.9%	5.2%	97%
Households with no cars	120	15.8%	8.3%	62%
People with disabilities	316	14.3%	12.6%	13%
People without health insurance	354	16.0%	8.5%	61%
Population of Richwood: 4,837				

Table 2-13: Socially Vulnerable Populations – Town of Sterlington

Neighborhoods at Risk – Town of Sterlington				
Indicators 2021	Sterlington Population	Sterlington Percentage	U.S. Percentage	Percentage Difference (Sterlington vs U.S.)
People under 5 years	140	6.7%	5.9%	13%
People over 65 years	350	16.7%	16.0%	4%
People of color (including Hispanic)	597	28.5%	40.6%	-35%
People who do not speak English well	10	0.5%	4.1%	-157%
People without a high school degree	132	10.5%	11.1%	-6%
Families in poverty	103	17.9%	8.9%	67%
Housing units that are rentals	405	53.4%	35.4%	41%
Housing units that are mobile homes	86	11.3%	5.2%	74%
Households with no cars	39	5.1%	8.3%	-48%
People with disabilities	93	4.4%	12.6%	-96%
People without health insurance	159	7.6%	8.5%	-11%
Population of Sterlington: 2,094				

Table 2-14: Socially Vulnerable Populations – City of West Monroe

Neighborhoods at Risk – City of West Monroe				
Indicators 2021	West Monroe Population	West Monroe Percentage	U.S. Percentage	Percentage Difference (West Monroe vs U.S.)
People under 5 years	755	5.8%	5.9%	-2%
People over 65 years	2,293	17.5%	16.0%	9%
People of color (including Hispanic)	6,080	46.4%	40.6%	13%
People who do not speak English well	106	0.9%	4.1%	-128%
People without a high school degree	1,148	12.2%	11.1%	9%
Families in poverty	733	24.4%	8.9%	93%
Housing units that are rentals	3,024	55.6%	35.4%	44%
Housing units that are mobile homes	243	4.5%	5.2%	-14%
Households with no cars	610	11.2%	8.3%	30%
People with disabilities	2,164	16.6%	12.6%	27%
People without health insurance	1,237	9.5	8.5%	196%
Population of West Monroe: 13,103				

Population and Development Trends

Ouachita Parish experienced an increase in population and housing between the years 2000 and 2020, increasing in population from 147,271 with 60,154 housing units in the year 2000 to a population of 160,368 with 71,295 housing units in the year 2020. Richwood experienced the largest population increase within the parish increasing from a populace of 3,394 in 2010 to 4,837 in 2020 (42.5% overall increase). This is followed by the incorporated area of Sterlington with a 31.2% overall increase, the unincorporated area of the parish with a 6.5% overall increase, and West Monroe with a 0.2% overall increase. The incorporated area of Monroe experienced a decline in population during the same time period.

Richwood experienced the largest growth of housing units from 2010 to 2020 increasing from 635 in 2010 to 891 in 2020. This is followed by the incorporated area of Sterlington with a 29.5% overall increase, Unincorporated Ouachita Parish with a 15.9% overall increase, the incorporated area of Monroe with a 2.3% overall increase, and the incorporated area of West Monroe with a 1.9% overall increase. The future population and number of buildings can be estimated using U.S. Census Bureau housing and population data. The tables on the following page show population and housing unit estimates from 2000 to 2020:

Table 2-15: Population Growth Rate for the Parish.

Total Population	Parish	Unincorporated Area	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe
1-Apr-00	147,271	78,478	52,016	2,204	1,258	13,315
1-Apr-10	153,910	86,965	48,873	3,394	1,596	13,082
1-Apr-20	160,368	92,632	47,702	4,837	2,094	13,065
Population Growth between 2000 – 2010	4.5%	10.8%	-6.0%	54.0%	26.9%	-1.7%
Average Annual Growth Rate between 2000 – 2010	0.5%	1.1%	-0.6%	5.4%	2.7%	-0.2%
Population Growth between 2010 – 2020	4.2%	6.5%	-2.4%	42.5%	31.2%	-0.2%
Average Annual Growth Rate between 2010 – 2020	0.42%	0.65%	-0.24%	4.25%	3.12%	-0.02%

Table 2-16: Housing Growth Rate for the Parish.

Total Population	Parish	Unincorporated Area	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe
1-Apr-00	60,154	31,414	21,278	627	523	6,312
1-Apr-10	64,481	36,260	20,570	635	696	6,320
1-Apr-20	71,295	42,014	21,050	891	901	6,440
Housing Growth between 2000 – 2010	7.2%	15.4%	-3.3%	1.3%	33.1%	0.1%
Average Annual Growth Rate between 2000 – 2010	0.7%	1.5%	-0.3%	0.1%	3.3%	0.0%
Housing Growth between 2010 – 2020	10.6%	15.9%	2.3%	40.3%	29.5%	1.9%
Average Annual Growth Rate between 2010 – 2020	1.1%	1.6%	0.2%	4.0%	2.9%	0.19%

Land Use

The Parish Land Use table is provided below. Residential, commercial, and industrial areas account for only 16% of the parish's land use. Forest land is the largest category at 122,823 acres, accounting for 30% of parish land. At 103,027 acres, agricultural land accounts for 25% of parish lands, while 96,479 acres of wetlands account for 24% of parish lands. The parish also consists of 17,572 acres of water areas, accounting for 4% of all parish lands.

Table 2-17: Parish Land Use.

(Source: USGS Land Use Map)

Land Use	Acres	Percentage
Agricultural Land, Cropland, and Pasture	103,027	25%
Wetlands	96,479	24%
Forest Land (Not including forested wetlands)	122,823	30%
Urban/Development	64,416	16%
Water	17,572	4%

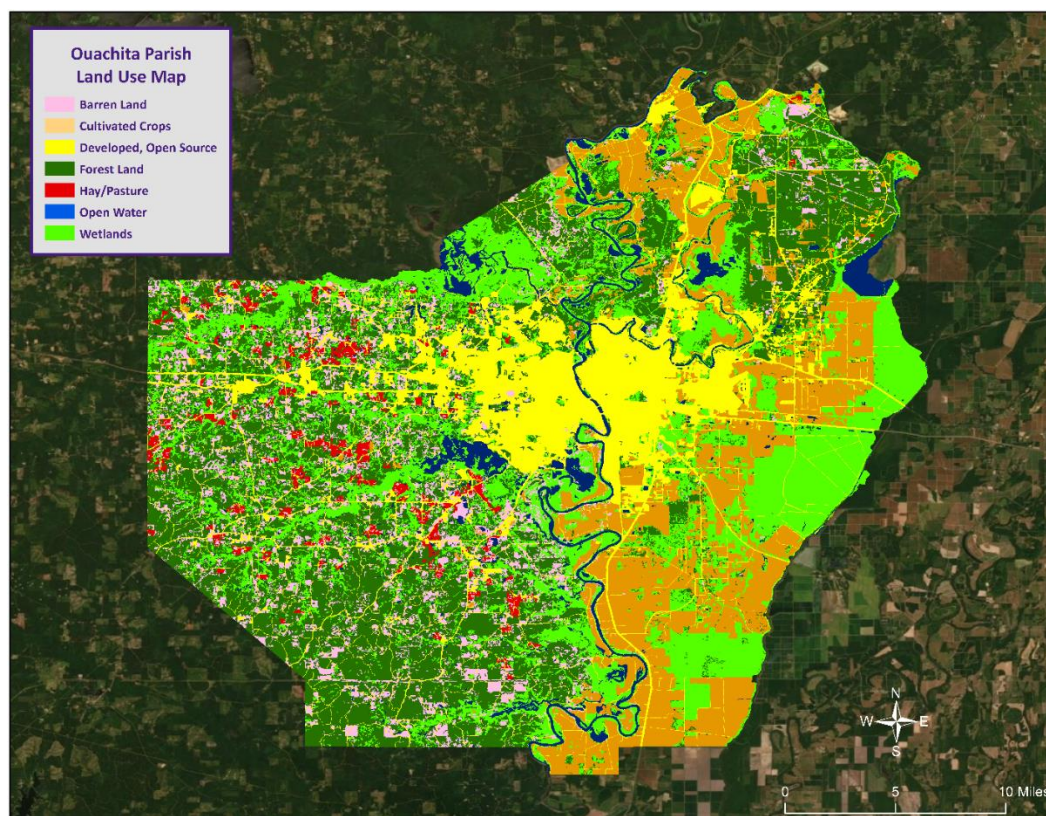


Figure 2-8: Parish Land Use Map.

(Source: USGS Land Use Map)

Future Hazard Impacts

Hazard impacts for flood and tropical cyclones were estimated for the years 2025 and 2030. Yearly population and housing growth rates were applied to parish inventory assets for composite flood and tropical cyclones. Based on a review of available information, it is assumed that population and housing units will decrease within the parish from the present until 2030. A summary of estimated future impacts is shown in the table below. Dollar values are expressed in future costs and assume an annual rate of inflation of 1.02%

*Table 2-18: Estimated Future Impacts, 2020 - 2030.
(Source: Hazus, US Census Bureau)*

Hazard / Impact	Total in Parish (2020)	Hazard Area (2020)	Hazard Area (2025)	Hazard Area (2030)
Flood Damage				
Structures	72,048	10,077	10,620	11,077
Value of Structures	\$25,640,653,759	\$3,586,090,886	\$3,976,350,418	\$4,318,921,755
# of People	160,528	22,451	22,564	22,654
Tropical Cyclones				
Structures	72,048	72,048	75,937	79,198
Value of Structures	\$25,640,653,759	\$25,640,653,759	\$28,431,020,726	\$30,880,415,710
# of People	160,528	160,528	161,333	161,979

Since the previous plan update in 2017, the population and housing development in the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish and their jurisdictions have increased. With that in mind, Ouachita Parish has been vigilant in offsetting any new development around the parish with appropriate mitigative actions. Initiatives such as active floodplain management have regulated the development of flood prone areas to continue supporting and encouraging safer communities within Ouachita Parish. The development that has occurred since 2017 has not in any knowing way altered the parish's vulnerability to natural hazards. Ouachita Parish will continue to monitor the rise of development and ensure that any new planning project is within the limitations of this hazard mitigation plan and for the best interest of the public, especially socially vulnerable populations.

Vulnerability with Future Development

Population increase and development can have various impacts on natural disasters and extreme weather events. The following sections below detail hazards profiled for East Baton Rouge Parish and how population and development trends can affect the areas vulnerability to said hazards.

Dam Failure

- Population Increase:** With a growing population, there may be an increased demand for water resources, leading to the construction of more dams. If not adequately designed and maintained, the increase in dam construction could lead to a higher risk of dam failures due to potential engineering flaws, lack of proper maintenance, or inadequate safety measures.
- Development:** Rapid development in areas near dams can increase the potential consequences of a dam failure. If there are more homes, infrastructure, and businesses downstream, a dam failure could result in more significant property damage and loss of life.

Drought

- a. **Population Increase:** As the population grows, the demand for water resources also increases, leading to higher water consumption. This can exacerbate drought conditions, especially in regions already experiencing water scarcity.
- b. **Development:** Land development can alter natural landscapes, leading to reduced water retention and increased runoff. This alteration of the natural hydrological cycle can worsen drought conditions by reducing groundwater recharge and surface water availability.

Excessive Heat

- a. **Population Increase:** With a growing population, there may be an increased demand for water resources, which could impact water supply for both households and agriculture during extreme heating events.
- b. **Development:** Rapid development in urban areas could increase the urban heat index which would require more planning and development strategies to mitigate.

Levee Failure

- a. **Population Increase:** A higher population density in flood-prone areas may lead to more extensive levee systems to protect these communities. However, if these levees are not properly designed or maintained to handle increased stress, they become more susceptible to failure during extreme flooding events.
- b. **Development:** Construction and urbanization in floodplains can increase the pressure on existing levees, reducing their effectiveness and increasing the likelihood of levee breaches during floods.

Thunderstorms and Tornadoes

- a. **Population Increase:** A higher population density in tornado-prone regions increases the potential for casualties and property damage during severe thunderstorms and tornado events.
- b. **Development:** Urbanization can lead to the creation of heat islands, altering local atmospheric conditions and potentially influencing thunderstorm development. Additionally, more infrastructure can obstruct natural wind patterns, potentially enhancing localized wind damage during tornadoes.

Wildfires

- a. **Population Increase:** As more people move into wildland-urban interface areas (where human development meets natural vegetation), the risk of wildfires and their impacts on communities increase. Human activities can also inadvertently trigger wildfires.
- b. **Development:** Construction in fire-prone areas may lead to an accumulation of combustible materials, such as buildings, which can serve as fuel sources during wildfire events.

Winter Weather:

- a. **Population Increase:** Higher populations in regions with cold climates can lead to increased demand for energy resources, such as electricity and heating. This higher demand can strain energy infrastructure during severe winter weather events, leading to power outages and potential hazards.
- b. **Development:** Urbanization and changes in land use can disrupt local microclimates, leading to altered patterns of snow accumulation and melt. Additionally, increased impervious surfaces in urban areas can lead to more rapid runoff during snowmelt, potentially causing flooding.

In conclusion, population increase and development can exacerbate the impacts of natural disasters and extreme weather events. Proper urban planning, infrastructure maintenance, and responsible land-use decisions are essential to mitigate these risks and build resilient communities.

Hazard Profile, Risk Assessment, and Vulnerability Analysis

Dam Failure

Profile

A dam is defined as an artificial barrier with the ability to impound water, wastewater, or any liquid-borne material, for the purpose of storage or control of water. A dam failure is a catastrophic type of failure characterized by the sudden, rapid, and uncontrolled release of impounded water or the likelihood of such an uncontrolled release. It is recognized that there are lesser degrees of failure and that any malfunction or abnormality outside the design assumptions and parameters that adversely affect a dam's primary function of impounding water is properly considered a failure. These lesser degrees of failure can progressively lead to or heighten the risk of a catastrophic failure. Dam failures are usually a secondary effect of massive rainfall and flooding and occur when too much water enters the spillway system. This will occur with little or no warning. Spring thaws, severe thunderstorms, and heavy rainfall are also contributory factors. Additionally, poor engineering or poor maintenance may also cause dam failures. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dams can fail for one or a combination of the following reasons:

- overtopping caused by floods that exceed the capacity of the dam;
- deliberate acts of sabotage;
- structural failure of materials used in dam construction;
- movement and/or failure of the foundation supporting the dam;
- settlement and cracking of concrete or embankment dams;
- piping and internal erosion of soil in embankment dams; and
- inadequate maintenance

The National Inventory of Dams is a registry that captures information about structures that are greater than or equal to 25 feet in height or impounding 50-acre-feet or more of water (an acre-foot is equal to 325,851 gallons of water) and includes structures above six feet in height, where failure would potentially cause damage downstream. The dams are classified in terms of hazard potential as "high," "significant," or "low". The location of high-hazard dams for the parish is located on the next page.

Table 2-19: Classification of Dams.

Classification	Definition
Low	No probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses are expected. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.
Medium	Loss of human life is not probable, but economic loss, environmental damage, and/or disruption of lifeline facilities can be expected.
High	Failure or maloperation will probably cause loss of human life.

In Louisiana, there are 513 dams included in the Army Corps of Engineers National Inventory of Dams. Of these, 41 are considered high hazard, 63 are significant hazard, and 409 are low hazard potential dams.

Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

According to the National Inventory of Dams, the parish has no high hazard dams which are located in the incorporated areas of the parish. Therefore, the hazard of dam failure is discounted.

Drought

Profile

A drought is a deficiency in water availability over an extended period of time, caused by precipitation totals and soil water storages that do not satisfy the environmental demand for water, either by evaporation or transpiration through plant leaves. It is important to note that the lack of precipitation alone does not constitute drought; the season during which the precipitation is lacking has a major impact on whether drought occurs. For example, a week of no precipitation in July, when the solar energy to evaporate water and vegetation's need for water to carry on photosynthesis are both high, may trigger a drought, while a week of no precipitation in January may not initiate a drought.

Drought is a unique and insidious hazard. Unlike other natural hazards, no specific threshold of "dryness" exists for declaring a drought. In addition, the definition of drought depends on stakeholder needs. For instance, the onset (and demise) of agricultural drought is quick, as crops need water every few days; once they get rainfall, they improve. But hydrologic drought sets in (and is alleviated) only over longer time periods. A few dry days will not drain a reservoir, but a few rain showers cannot replenish it either. Moreover, different geographical regions define drought differently based on the deviation from local, normal precipitation. Drought can occur anywhere, triggered by changes in the local-to-regional-scale atmospheric circulation over an area, or by broader-scale circulation variations such as the expansion of semi-permanent oceanic high-pressure systems or the stalling of an upper-level atmospheric ridge in place over a region. The severity of a drought depends upon the degree and duration of moisture deficiency, as well as the size of the affected area. Periods of drought also tend to be associated with other hazards, such as wildfires and/or heat waves. Lastly, drought is a slow onset occurrence, causing less direct—but tremendous indirect—damage. Depletion of aquifers, crop loss, and livestock and wildlife mortality rates are examples of direct impacts. Since the groundwater found in aquifers is the source of about 38% of all county and city water supplied to households (and comprises 97% of the water for all rural populations that are not already supplied by cities and counties), droughts can potentially have direct, disastrous effects on human populations. The indirect consequences of drought, such as unemployment, reduced tax revenues, increased food prices, reduced outdoor recreation opportunities, higher energy costs as water levels in reservoirs decrease and consumption increases, and water rationing, are not often fully known. This complex web of impacts causes drought to affect people and economies well beyond the area physically experiencing the drought.

This hazard is often measured using the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI, also known operationally as the Palmer Drought Index). The PDSI, first developed by Wayne Palmer in a 1965 paper for the U.S. Weather Bureau, measures drought through recent precipitation and temperature data with regard to a basic supply-and-demand model of soil moisture. It is most effective in long-term calculations. Three other indices used to measure drought are the Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (PHDI), the Crop Moisture Index (CMI), which is derived from the PDSI, and the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), created by John Keetch and George Byram in 1968 for the U.S. Forest Service. The KBDI is used mainly for predicting the likelihood of wildfire outbreaks. As a compromise, PDSI is used most often for droughts since it is a medium-response drought indicator. The objective of the PDSI is to provide measurements of moisture conditions that are standardized so that comparisons using the index can be made between locations and between months. The tables on the following page display the range and Palmer classifications of the PDSI index, and the United States Drought Monitor Intensity scale.

Table 2-20: Palmer Drought Severity Index Classification and Range.

Range	Palmer Classification
4.0 or more	Extremely Wet
3.0 to 3.99	Very Wet
2.0 to 2.99	Moderately Wet
1.0 to 1.99	Slightly Wet
0.5 to 0.99	Incipient Wet Spell
0.49 to -0.49	Near Normal
-0.5 to -0.99	Incipient Dry Spell
-1.0 to -1.99	Mild Drought
-2.0 to -2.99	Moderate Drought
-3.0 to -3.99	Severe Drought
-4.0 or less	Extreme Drought

Table 2-21: U.S. Drought Monitor Drought Intensity Scale.
(Source: National Drought Mitigation Center)

Range/Category	Description	PDSI Equivalent
D0	Abnormally Dry	-1.0 to -1.99
D1	Moderate Drought	-2.0 to -2.99
D2	Severe Drought	-3.0 to -3.99
D3	Extreme Drought	-4.0 to -4.99
D4	Exceptional Drought	-5.0 or less

The figure on the following page displays the drought conditions in the state of Louisiana. Data compiled by the National Drought Mitigation Center indicates abnormally dry conditions exist in the southern portion of the parish at the time this plan went to publication.

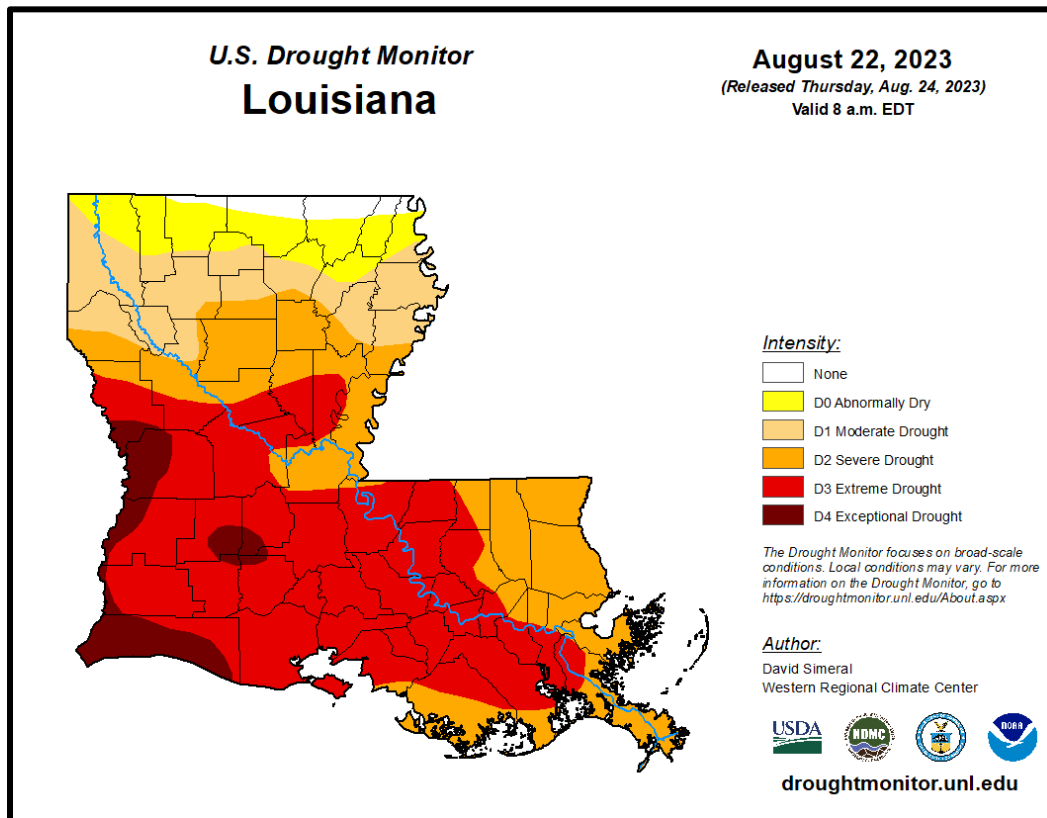


Figure 2-9: United States Drought Monitor for the State of Louisiana and its Parishes.
(Source: The National Drought Mitigation Center)

Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Drought typically impacts a region and not one specific parish or jurisdiction. While the entire planning area can experience drought, the major impact of a drought occurrence in the parish is on the agricultural community. However, droughts do have the potential to reduce the stability of soil leading to shifting structures and damage to foundations. The worst-case drought scenario for the parish and the jurisdictions of the parish would be a severe drought (D3).

Previous Occurrences

The parish experienced seven drought occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been two drought occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Table 2-22: Historical Droughts in the Parish since the 2017 Update.

Date	Impacts	Crop Damage	Magnitude
November 2017 – February 2018	Severe (D2) drought conditions expanded farther east across portions of Northcentral Louisiana during the final day of November, encompassing Bienville, Jackson, and Ouachita Parishes. This was in response to significant rainfall deficits that accumulated since the start of September following the departure of the remnants of Tropical Storm Harvey.	\$0	D2
December 2021 – March 2022	Severe (D2) drought conditions developed across parts of North-central and Northeast Louisiana toward the end of December, in response to a prolonged period of dryness which began in late July, coupled with above normal temperatures which persisted through the Fall months.	\$0	D3

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for periods of drought in the parish is 0.26 (26% annual probability) or approximately 1 drought occurrence every 3 to 4 years.

Climate Change Impacts

Climate change is expected to increase the number and intensity of droughts in the state of Louisiana. Drought can be caused by both a reduction in precipitation, as well as by heat that results in increased evaporation. Changes in temperature and types of precipitation in the state of Louisiana will affect drought characteristics. An increase in rain and a decrease in winter weather events with increased temperatures will cause peak streamflow to occur earlier in the year. This change in the hydrologic cycle will have significant impacts on natural systems in Louisiana including the intensity, duration, and frequency of droughts.

Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The table on the following page provides an overview of each category at the county level for drought.

*Table 2-23: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Drought Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Very Low	Very Low

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

The parish and the jurisdictions of the parish are vulnerable to drought by means of soil desiccation (drying out), which causes foundation damage to structures as well as buckling of roads. However, the main impact of a drought occurrence is on the agricultural community. The following table presents an analysis of agricultural exposure that is susceptible to drought by major crop type for the parish.

*Table 2-24: Agricultural Exposure by Crop Type for Droughts in the Parish.
(Source: LSU Ag Center 2020 Parish Totals)*

Agricultural Exposure by Type for Drought					
Cotton	Forestry	Soybeans	Feed Grain	Rice	Wheat
\$3,175,492	\$13,181,443	\$11,187,433	\$4,768,911	\$9,131,111	\$1,765,433

Vulnerable Population

As mentioned previously, the main impact of drought is on the agricultural community and certain infrastructure. There is no direct impact on the populace of the parish. There have been no reported deaths or injuries as a result of drought within the parish and the jurisdictions of the parish.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-25: Drought Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Drought Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	3	2	4	2	3	2.8

Excessive Heat

Profile

There is no operational definition for defining heat or a heat wave. Heat waves are the consequence of the same weather pattern as drought, and therefore both hazards often occur concurrently. A heat wave is an extended period of oppressive and above normal temperatures over a given period of time. The World Meteorological Organization recommends the declaration of a heat wave when the daily maximum temperature exceeds the average maximum temperatures by 9 °F and lasts for a period of at least five days.

However, temperature alone is insufficient to describe the stress placed on humans (as well as flora and fauna) in hot weather. It is crucial to consider the effect of relative humidity since it is essential to the body's ability to perspire and cool. Once air temperature reaches 95 °F, perspiration becomes a very significant biophysical mechanism to ensure heat loss. Perspiration is ineffective as a cooling mechanism if the water cannot evaporate (i.e., sweating in high relative humidity is reduced as compared to during dry conditions). To communicate this relationship between temperature and humidity, the National Weather Service (NWS) developed the Heat Index (HI), which provides a warning system based on a combination of air temperature and relative humidity. The HI is presented in the following tables. The NWS devised the index for shady, light wind conditions, and thus advises that the HI value can be increased by as much as 15 °F if a person is in direct sunlight with strong, hot winds present.

Most heat disorders (e.g., sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke) occur because the victim has been overexposed to heat, or has over-exercised in relation to their age and physical condition. Other circumstances that can induce heat-related illnesses include stagnant atmospheric conditions and poor air quality. Seniors and children are most at risk from adverse heat effects. Extreme heat can also damage roads, bridges, pipelines, utilities, and railroads. High temperatures can be partially responsible for deflection of rails and related railroad accidents.

According to NOAA, extreme heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States. And while heat-related deaths in Louisiana are not common, due in part to the consistency and predictability of high seasonal temperatures, they do occur and are still very intense and dangerous. Such deaths happen in a variety of circumstances, often in ways that are not easily categorized due to their unexpectedness. For instance, although exposure to heat is higher at the beach than usual, NOAA does not track heat-related deaths there because such deaths happen infrequently.

*Table 2-26: Summary of Heat Index Risk Levels with Protective Measures.
(Source: National Weather Service)*

Heat Index	Risk Level	Protective Measures
Less than 91°F	Lower (Caution)	Basic heat safety and planning.
91°F to 103°F	Moderate	Implement precautions and heighten awareness.
103°F to 115°F	High	Additional precautions to protect workers
Greater than 115°F	Very High to Extreme	Triggers even more aggressive protective measures.

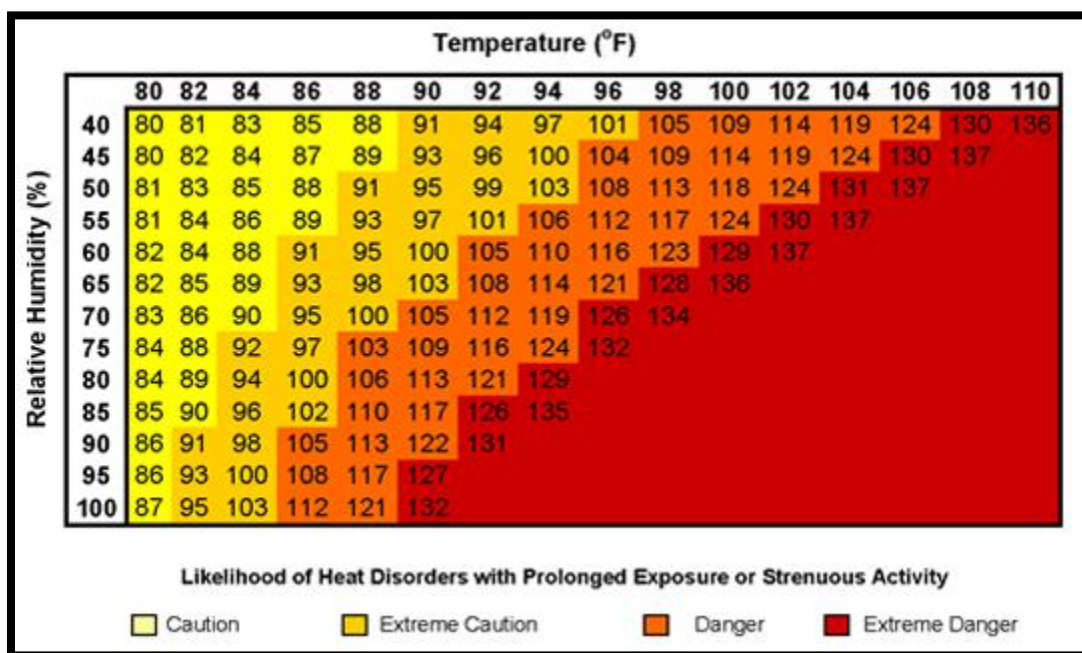


Figure 2-10: Heat Index Advisor based on Air Temperature (°F) and Relative Humidity.
(Source: National Weather Service)

Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Extreme heat typically impacts a region and not one specific parish or jurisdiction. Because extreme heat is a climatological based hazard, it has the same probability of occurring in the parish as all of the adjacent parishes. The entire planning area of the parish is equally at risk for extreme heat. Based on historical data, the worst-case scenario for the parish involving extreme heat would be a high-risk level on the HI scale with temperatures ranging from 103°F to 115°F.

Previous Occurrences

The parish experienced 14 drought occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been eight drought occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Table 2-27: Historical Extreme Heat Events in the Parish since the 2016 HMP Update.

Date	Extents	Magnitude (°F)	Estimated Damages
8/11/2019	An upper level ridge of high pressure over the Southern Plains eventually shifted east and became centered over Southwest Arkansas and North Louisiana during the second week of August, resulting in a period of excessive heat as afternoon temperatures climbed into the upper 90s to in excess of 100 degrees from the 11th to the 14th.	110 - 114	\$0
7/11/2020	An upper level ridge of high pressure centered over the Southern Plains began to amplify and expand north-northeast into the Plains and Mississippi Valley through the middle portions of July, resulting in increased subsidence and hence, hotter temperatures as readings climbed into the mid to upper 90s across much of the Ark-La-Tex.	110 – 115	\$0
7/30/2021	An upper-level ridge of high pressure was anchored from Nebraska/Kansas southeast into portions of the Lower Mississippi Valley from July 30th through the end of the month, resulting in very hot temperatures across the Ark-La-Tex as readings climbed into the mid and upper 90s each day.	110 – 115	\$0
8/1/2021	An upper level ridge of high pressure was anchored from Nebraska/Kansas southeast across portions of the Lower Mississippi Valley through August 1st, resulting in very hot temperatures across the Ark-La-Tex as readings climbed into the mid and upper 90s. Very little mixing of dew points occurred throughout the day, which when combined with these hot temperatures, resulted in oppressively hot conditions as heat indices ranged from 110-115 degrees across much of North-central and Northeast Louisiana.	110 – 115	\$0
8/23/2021	An upper level ridge of high pressure expanded east into the Mississippi Valley on August 23rd, resulting in temperatures climbing into the upper 90s to near 100 degrees across Union, Ouachita, and Caldwell Parishes through the 24th.	105 – 110	\$0
7/9/2022	An intensifying upper level ridge spanning much of the Southern U.S. in early July led to excessively hot temperatures across all of the Four State Region on July 9th, with daytime temperatures climbing into the upper 90s to lower and middle 100s.	110 – 115	\$0
7/19/2022	A strengthening upper level ridge spanning much of the Southern U.S. in mid July led to excessively hot temperatures across all of the Four State Region from July 19th through the 20th, with daytime temperatures climbing into the upper 90s to lower and middle 100s.	110 – 115	\$0
7/21/2022	A strengthening upper level ridge spanning much of the Southern U.S. in mid July led to excessively hot temperatures across all of the Four State Region on July 21st. However, a weak surface front backdoored southwest through Southwest Arkansas during the afternoon, resulting in compressional warming ahead of it over portions of North-central Louisiana.	110 - 112	\$0

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for extreme heat occurrences in the parish is 0.52 (52% annual probability) or approximately 1 extreme heat event every 1 to 2 years.

Climate Change Impacts

Climate change has caused a rise in extreme heat events within Bienville Parish and its jurisdictions, especially in urban areas that experience higher temperatures due to the urban heat island effect. Cities in Louisiana are experiencing, at a minimum, two more weeks of extreme heat (days over 95° F) than compared to 50 years ago. With the rise in extreme heat events, there will be several environmental and economic implications within the state of Louisiana including the disruption of the natural system such as agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, manufacturing, transportation, and utilities.

Climate change is driving a relentless escalation in extreme heat events, reshaping the very fabric of our environment. Rising greenhouse gas emissions are enhancing the greenhouse effect, trapping heat within the atmosphere. Consequently, extreme heat occurrences have become more frequent, intense, and prolonged. Heatwaves, once sporadic, have transformed into enduring episodes, subjecting regions to temperatures that push the boundaries of historical records. Urban areas, already prone to heat island effects due to concrete and asphalt, are rendered even more stifling. These elevated temperatures pose an array of challenges to ecosystems, agriculture, infrastructure, and human health. Vulnerable populations bear the brunt, as their reduced capacity to adapt heightens the risks of heat-related illnesses, mortality, and displacement. In addition, elevated heat negatively impacts economies, straining energy demand, reducing worker productivity, and exacerbating health care costs.

Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for extreme heat.

*Table 2-28: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Extreme Heat Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively High	Relatively High

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Since 1996, there have been 14 significant extreme heat events that have resulted in property damages according to NCEI Storm Events Database. The total property damages associated with those events have totaled approximately \$1,000. To estimate the potential losses of an extreme heat event on an annual basis, the total damages recorded for these events was divided by the total number of years of available data in the NCEI Storm Events Database (1996 - 2022). This provides an annual estimated potential loss of \$37 and \$56 per event. The table on the following page provides an estimate of potential property losses for the parish:

Table 2-29: Estimated Annual Losses in the Parish and its Jurisdictions Resulting from Extreme Heat.

Extreme Heat Estimated Annual Potential Losses				
Unincorporated Area (53.1%)	Monroe (21.2%)	Richwood (0.7%)	Sterlington (1.8%)	West Monroe (6.0%)
\$22	\$11	\$1	\$0	\$3

Vulnerable Population

There have been two reported fatalities and no injuries due to extreme heat in the parish. However, extreme heat poses a dire threat to vulnerable populations, magnifying existing disparities and triggering a cascade of health, social, and economic challenges. The elderly, children, low-income individuals, and those with underlying health conditions are particularly susceptible. Their compromised physiological resilience makes them more prone to heat-related illnesses, including life-threatening conditions like heat stroke. Mortality rates surge, disproportionately affecting the elderly, as soaring temperatures strain their already fragile health. Economic strain intensifies for low-income communities, unable to afford proper cooling measures, leading to discomfort and potential productivity losses. Inadequate housing exacerbates the issue, as substandard dwellings lack insulation and ventilation, turning homes into heat traps. Moreover, social isolation heightens vulnerability, as limited social connections hinder access to aid and cooler environments. The lack of resources, clean water, and medical care amplifies risks. Environmental injustices come to the fore, as marginalized neighborhoods, trapped in urban heat islands, experience even higher temperatures due to scant greenery. This extreme heat can induce migration and displacement, straining resources and instigating social tensions. Utility disruptions during heatwaves further compromise their well-being, and overburdened healthcare systems struggle to cope with the influx of heat-related cases.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-30: Extreme Heat Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Extreme Heat Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	3	1	4	1	3	2.4

Flooding

Profile

A flood is the overflow of water onto land that is usually not inundated. The National Flood Insurance Program defines a flood as:

A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties from overflow of inland or tidal waves, unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, mudflow, or collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined above.

Factors influencing the type and severity of flooding include natural variables such as precipitation, topography, vegetation, soil texture, and seasonality, as well as anthropogenic factors such as urbanization (extent of impervious surfaces), land use (agricultural and forestry tend to remove native vegetation and accelerate soil erosion), and the presence of flood-control structures such as levees and dams.

Extreme precipitation, produced from mid-latitude cyclones, thunderstorms, or hurricanes, is often the major initiating condition for flooding. During the cooler months, slow-moving frontal weather systems produce heavy rainfalls, while the summer and autumn seasons produce major precipitation in isolated thunderstorm occurrences (often on warm afternoons) that may lead to localized flooding. During these warmer seasons, floods are overwhelmingly of the flash flood variety, as opposed to the slower-developing river floods caused by heavy stream flow during the cooler months.

Six specific types of flooding are of main concern: riverine, flash, ponding, backwater, urban, and coastal.

- **Riverine flooding** occurs along a river or smaller stream. It is the result of runoff from heavy rainfall or intensive snow or ice melt. The speed with which riverine flood levels rise and fall depends not only on the amount of rainfall, but even more on the capacity of the river itself, as well as the shape and land cover of its drainage basin. The smaller the river, the faster that water levels rise and fall. For example, the Mississippi River levels rise and fall slowly due to its large capacity. Generally, elongated and intensely developed drainage basins will reach faster peak discharges and faster falls than circular-shaped and forested basins of the same area.
- **Flash flooding** occurs when locally intense precipitation inundates an area in a short amount of time, resulting in local stream flow and drainage capacity being overwhelmed.
- **Ponding** occurs when concave areas (e.g., parking lots, roads, and clay-lined natural low areas) collect water and are unable to drain.
- **Backwater flooding** occurs when water slowly rises from a normally unexpected direction where protection has not been provided.
- **Urban flooding** is similar to flash flooding but is specific to urbanized areas. It takes place when storm water drainage systems cannot keep pace with heavy precipitation, and water accumulates on the surface. Most urban flooding is caused by slow-moving thunderstorms or torrential rainfall.

- **Coastal flooding** can appear similar to any of the other flood types, depending on its cause. It occurs when normally dry coastal land is flooded by seawater, but may be caused by direct inundation (when the sea level exceeds the elevation of the land), overtopping of a natural or artificial barrier, or the breaching of a natural or artificial barrier (i.e., when the barrier is broken down by the sea water). Coastal flooding is typically caused by storm surge, tsunamis, or gradual sea level rise.

Based on stream gauge levels and precipitation forecasts, the NWS posts flood statements, watches, and warnings. The NWS issues the following weather statements with regard to flooding:

- **Flood Categories**
 - Minor Flooding: Minimal or no property damage, but possibly some public threat.
 - Moderate Flooding: Some inundation of structures and roads near streams. Some evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.
 - Major Flooding: Extensive inundation of structures and roads. Significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.
 - Record Flooding: Flooding which equals or exceeds the highest stage or discharge at a given site during the period of record keeping.
- **Flood Warning**
 - Issued along larger streams when there is a serious threat to life or property.
- **Flood Watch**
 - Issued when current and developing hydrometeorological conditions are such that there is a threat of flooding, but the occurrence is neither certain nor imminent.

Floods are measured mainly by probability of occurrence. A 10-year flood occurrence, for example, is an occurrence of small magnitude (in terms of stream flow or precipitation) but with a relatively high annual probability of recurrence (10%). A 100-year flood occurrence is larger in magnitude, but it has a smaller chance of recurrence (1%). A 500-year flood is significantly larger than both a 100-year occurrence and a 10-year occurrence, but it has a lower probability than both to occur in any given year (0.2%). It is important to understand that an X-year flood occurrence does not mean an occurrence of that magnitude occurs only once in X years. Instead, it means that on average, we can expect a flood occurrence of that magnitude to occur once every X years. Given that such statistical probability terms are inherently difficult for the general population to understand, the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) promotes the use of more tangible expressions of flood probability. As such, the ASFPM also expresses the 100-year flood occurrence as having a 25% chance of occurring over the life of a 30-year mortgage.

The 100-year flood occurrence is of particular significance since it is the regulatory standard that determines the obligation (or lack thereof) to purchase flood insurance. Flood insurance premiums are set depending on the flood zone, as modeled by National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Rate Maps. The NFIP and FEMA suggest insurance rates based on Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), as diagrammed in the following figure.

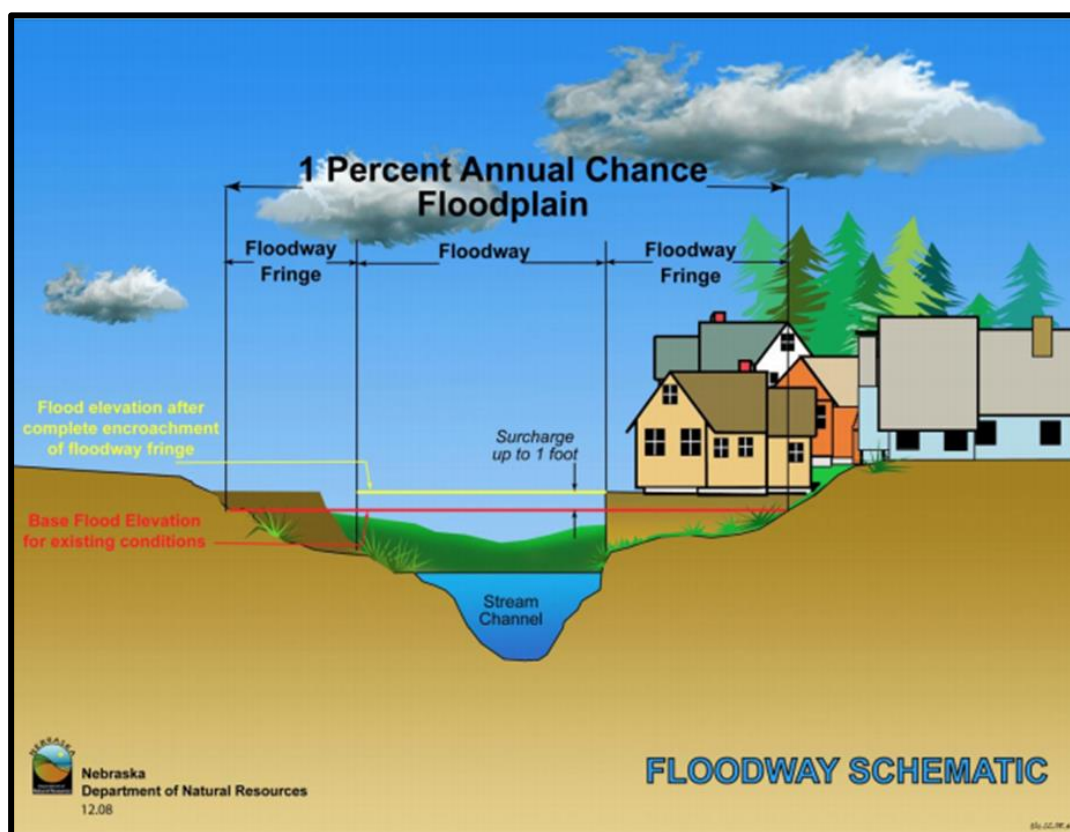


Figure 2-11: Schematic of 100-Year Floodplain.

The Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) extends to the end of the floodway fringe.

(Source: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources)

A SFHA is the land area covered by the floodwaters of the base flood (red line in the above figure), where the NFIP's floodplain management regulations must be enforced and the area where the mandatory purchase of flood insurance applies. Flood zones for the parish are shown in the figures on the following pages.

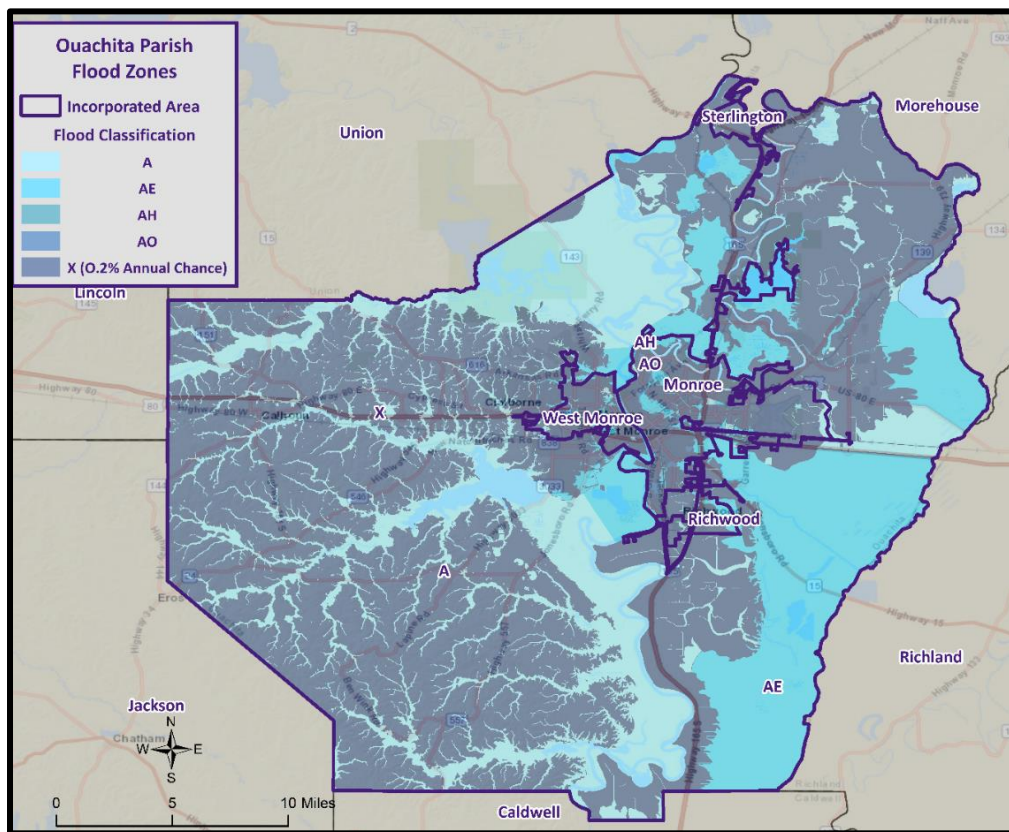


Figure 2-12: Parish Areas within the Flood Zones.

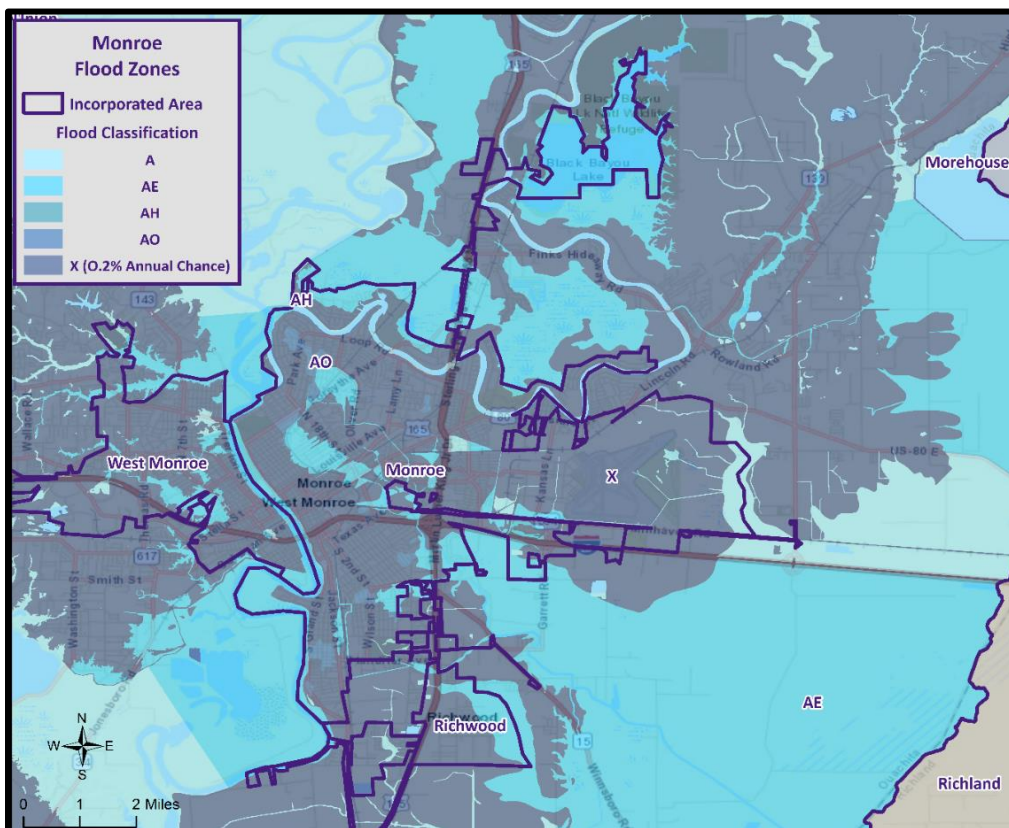


Figure 2-13: Monroe Areas within the Flood Zones.

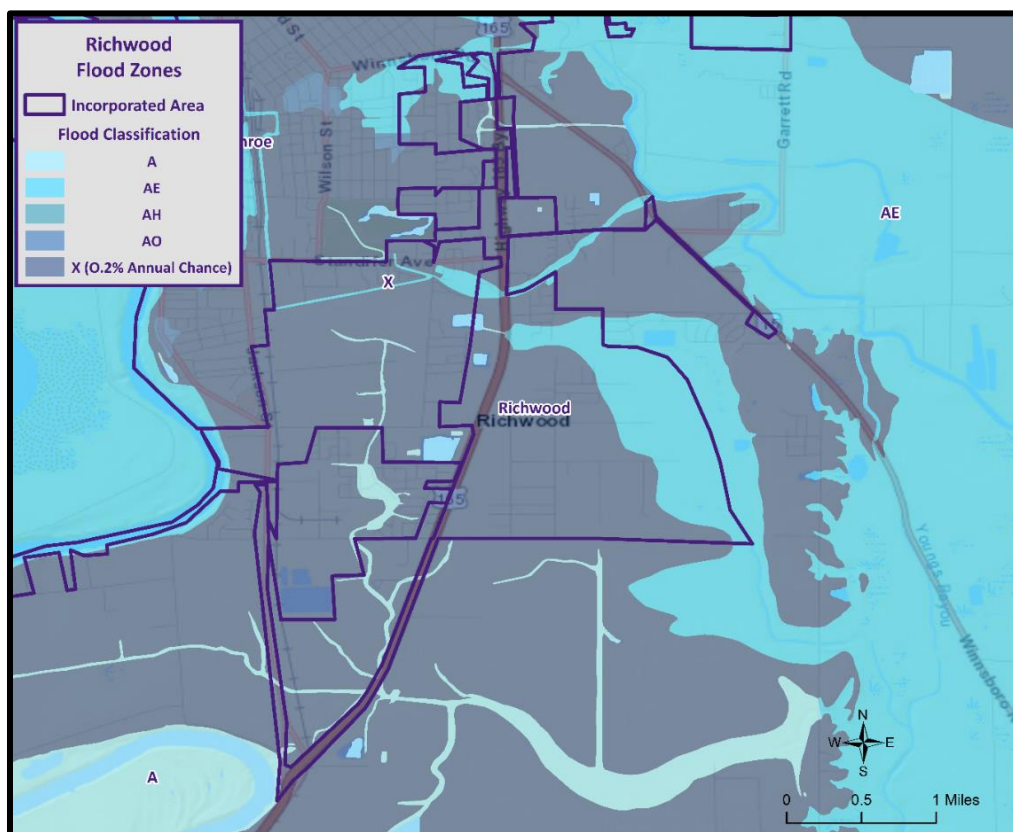


Figure 2-14: Richwood Areas within the Flood Zones.

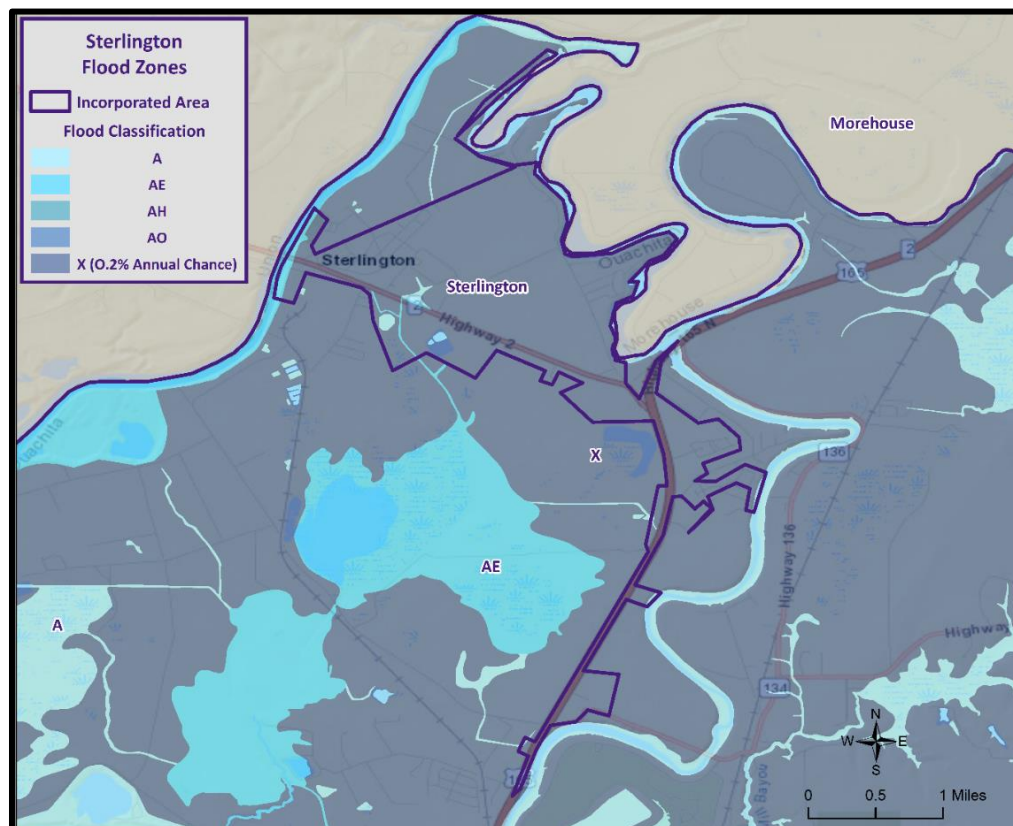


Figure 2-15: Sterlington Areas within the Flood Zones.

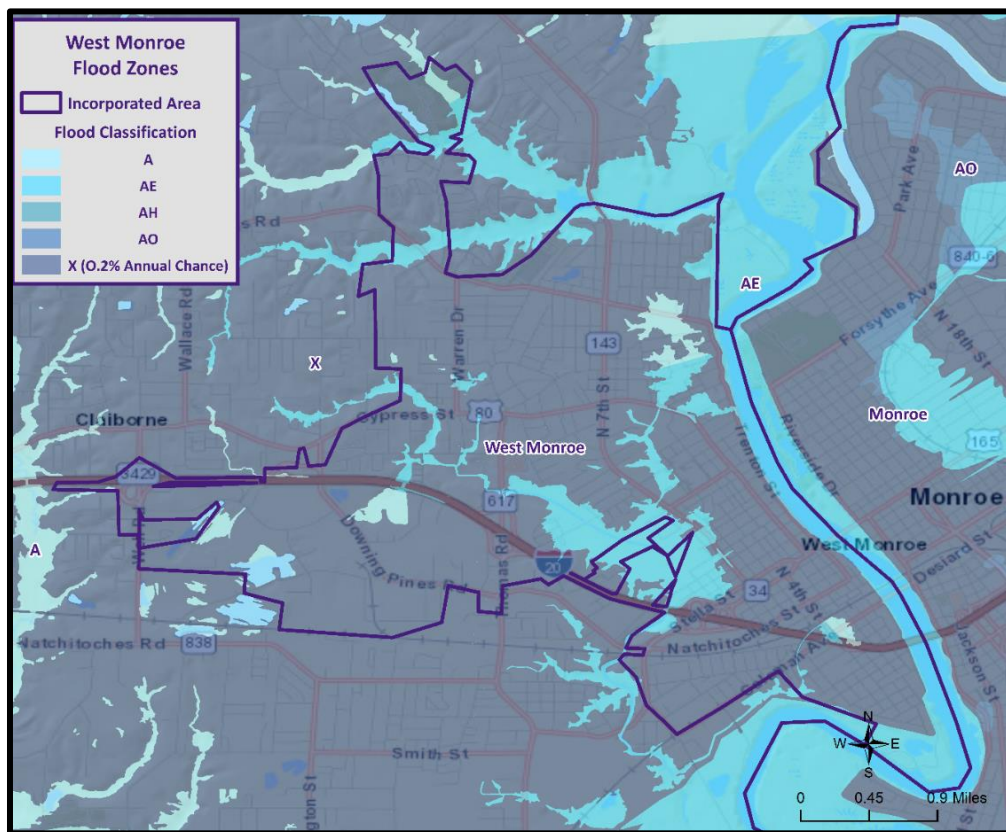


Figure 2-16: West Monroe Areas within the Flood Zones.

Property Damage

The depth and velocity of flood waters are the major variables in determining property damage. Flood velocity is important because the faster water moves, the more pressure it puts on a structure and the more it will erode stream banks and scour the earth around a building's foundation. In some situations, deep and fast-moving waters can push a building off its foundation. Structural damage can also be caused by the weight of standing water (hydrostatic pressure).

Another threat to property from a flood is called “soaking”. When soaked, many materials change their composition or shape. Wet wood will swell, and if dried too quickly, will crack, split, or warp. Plywood can come apart and gypsum wallboard can deteriorate if it is bumped before it has time to completely dry. The longer these materials are saturated, the more moisture, sediment, and pollutants they absorb.

Soaking can also cause extensive damage to household goods. Wooden furniture may become warped, making it unusable, while other furnishings such as books, carpeting, mattresses, and upholstery usually are not salvageable. Electrical appliances and gasoline engines will flood, making them worthless until they are professionally dried and cleaned.

Many buildings that have succumbed to flood waters may look sound and unharmed after a flood, but water has the potential to cause severe property damage. Any structure that experiences a flood should be stripped, cleaned, and allowed to dry before being reconstructed. This can be an extremely expensive and time-consuming effort.

Repetitive Loss Properties

Repetitive loss structures are structures covered by a contract for flood insurance made available under the NFIP that:

- a. Have incurred flood-related damage on two occasions, in which the cost of the repair, on average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event; and
- b. At the time of the second incidence of flood-related damage, the contract for flood insurance contains increased cost of compliance coverage.

Severe repetitive loss (SRL) is defined by the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 and updated in the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. For a property to be designated SRL, the following criteria must be met:

- a. It is covered under a contract for flood insurance made available under the NFIP; and
- b. It has incurred flood related damage –
 - 1) For which four or more separate claims payments have been made under flood insurance coverage with the amount of each claim exceeding \$5,000 and with the cumulative amount of such claim's payments exceeding \$20,000; or
 - 2) For which at least two separate claims payments have been made under such coverage, with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the market value of the insured structure.

Figures regarding repetitive loss structures for the parish are provided in the table below:

Table 2-31: Repetitive Loss Structures for the Parish.

Jurisdiction	Number of Structures	Residential	Commercial	Government	Total Claims	Total Claims Paid	Average Claim Paid
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	192	173	19	0	250	\$21,774,562	\$87,098
Monroe	555	506	49	0	976	\$42,528,034	\$43,574
Richwood	1	1	0	0	3	\$132,800	\$44,267
Sterlington	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0
West Monroe	115	94	21	0	277	\$14,939,352	\$53,933
TOTAL	863	774	89	0	1,506	\$79,374,748	\$52,706

All 863 repetitive loss structures were geocoded in order to provide an overview of where the repetitive loss structures are located throughout the parish. The following figures show the approximate locations of the structures and where the highest concentration of repetitive loss structures is located. Through the repetitive loss maps, it is clear the primary concentration of repetitive loss structures is focused in and around the incorporated area of Monroe.

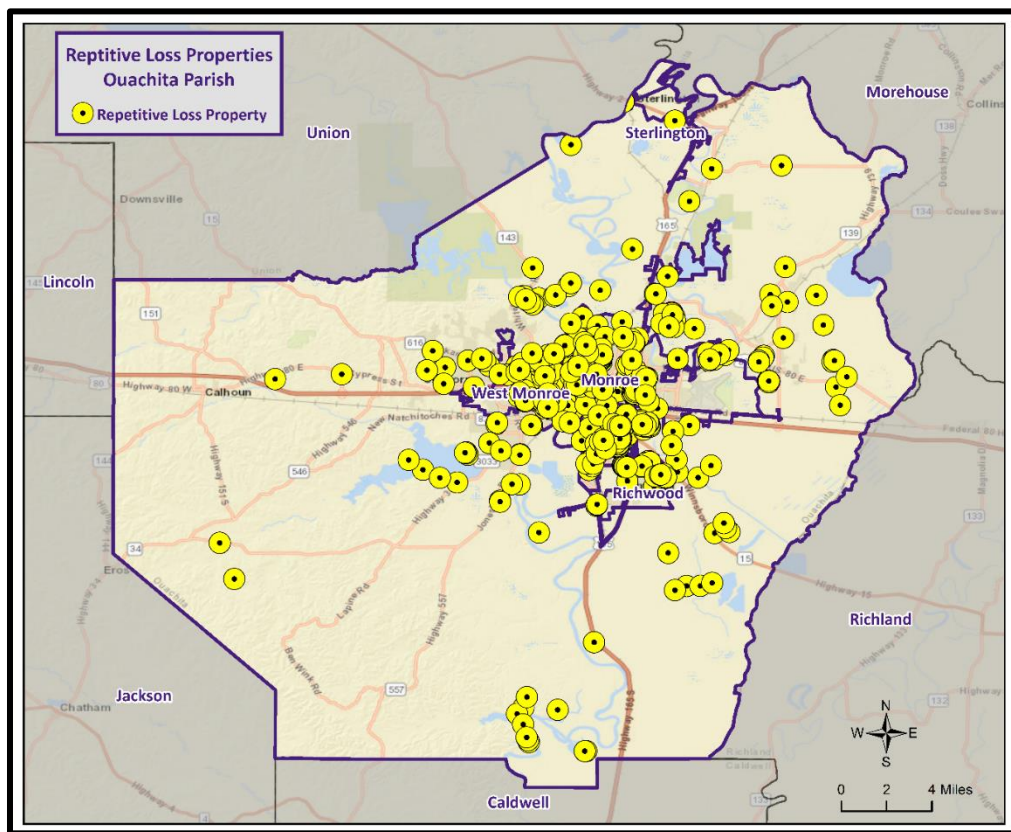


Figure 2-17: Repetitive Loss Properties in the Parish.

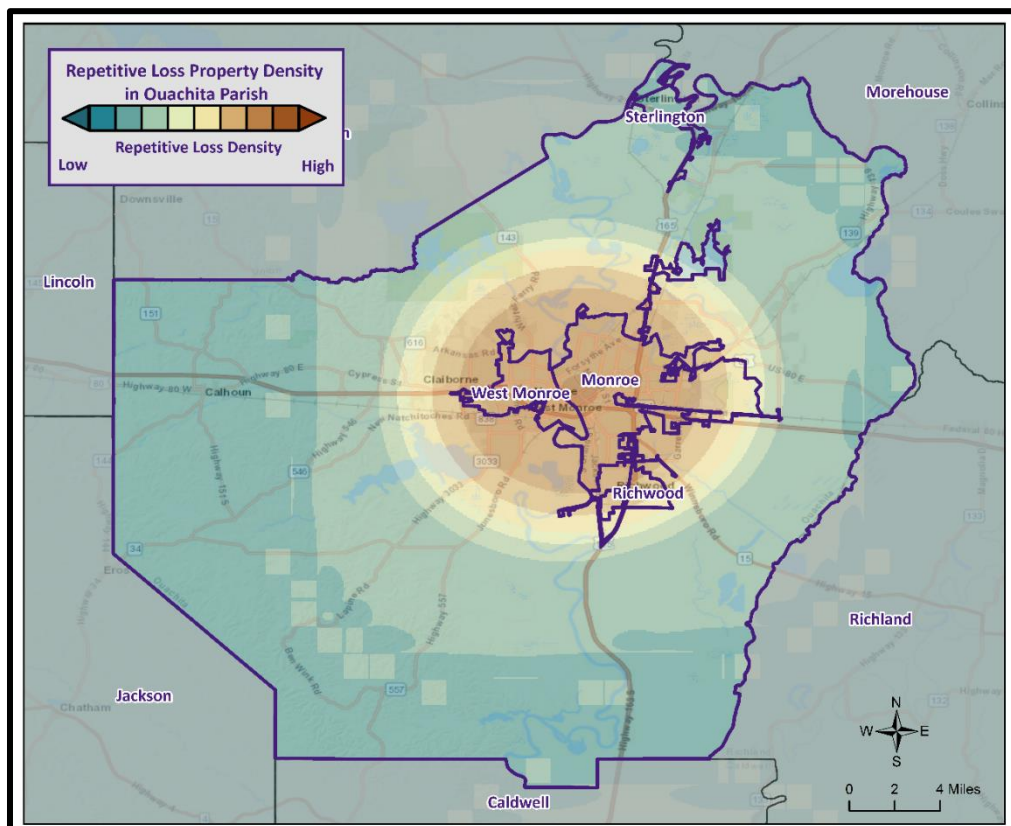


Figure 2-18: Repetitive Loss Property Densities in the Parish.

National Flood Insurance Program

Flood insurance statistics indicate that the Parish has 4,411 flood insurance policies with the NFIP, with total annual premiums of \$2,740,746. The parish and the jurisdictions of Monroe, Richwood, Sterlington, and West Monroe are all participants in the NFIP. The parish and all of its jurisdictions will continue to adopt and enforce floodplain management requirements, including regulating new construction Special Flood Hazard Areas, making substantial improvement and/or damage determinations, or determining the necessary permits required of owners to bring a substantially improved/damaged structure back into compliance. The parish will continue to monitor activities including local requests for new map updates. Flood insurance statistics and additional NFIP participation details for the parish and its jurisdictions is provided in the tables to follow.

Table 2-32: Summary of NFIP Policies for the Parish.

Location	No. of Insured Structures	Total Insurance Coverage Value	Annual Premiums Paid	No. of Insurance Claims Filed Since 1978	Total Loss Payments
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	1,679	\$402,432,500	\$1,053,355	1,968	\$57,638,345
Monroe	2,433	\$612,022,300	\$1,471,653	4,093	\$82,699,685
Richwood	5	\$1,200,000	\$2,160	3	\$89,817
Sterlington	7	\$1,893,000	\$4,036	2	\$145,009
West Monroe	287	\$77,214,000	\$209,542	716	\$18,697,508
Total	4,411	\$1,094,761,800	\$2,740,746	6,782	\$159,270,364

Table 2-33: Summary of Community Flood Maps for the Parish.

CID	Community Name	Initial FHBM Identified	Initial FIRM Identified	Adopted Date	Current Effective Map Date	Date Joined the NFIP	Tribal
220135#	Ouachita Parish	9/13/1974	7/2/1980	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	7/2/1980	No
220136#	Monroe	9/6/1974	12/18/1979	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	12/18/1979	No
220378#	Richwood	-	9/30/1987	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	9/30/1987	No
220400#	Sterlington	1/9/1976	3/15/1994	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	6/14/1994	No
220138#	West Monroe	11/16/1973	12/1/1978	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	12/1/1978	No
220135#	Ouachita Parish	9/13/1974	7/2/1980	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	7/2/1980	No

According to the Community Rating System (CRS) list of eligible communities, Unincorporated Ouachita Parish and its jurisdictions do not participate in the CRS program.

Table 2-34: Summary of Community Flood Maps for the Parish.

CID	Community Name	CRS Entry Date	Current Effective Date	Current Class	% Discount for SFHA	% Discount for Non-SFHA
220135	Ouachita Parish	10/1/2002	5/1/2008	9	5	5
220136	Monroe	10/1/2003	10/1/2012	10		0

Threat to People

Just as with property damage, depth and velocity are major factors in determining the threat posed to people by flooding. It takes very little depth or velocity for flood waters to become dangerous. A car will float in less than two feet of moving water, and can be swept downstream into deeper waters, trapping passengers within the vehicle. Victims of floods have often put themselves in perilous situations by entering flood waters that they believe to be safe, or by ignoring travel advisories.

Major health concerns are also associated with floods. Flood waters can transport materials such as dirt, oil, animal waste, and chemicals (e.g., farm, lawn, and industrial) that may cause illnesses of various degrees when coming in contact with humans. Flood water can also infiltrate sewer lines and inundate wastewater treatment plants, causing sewage to back up and creating a breeding ground for dangerous bacteria. This infiltration may also cause water supplies to become contaminated and undrinkable.

Elevations in the Parish

The digital elevation model (DEM) for the parish is instructive in visualizing where the low-lying and high-risk areas are for the parish. Elevations in the parish range from less than 30 feet (NAVD88) to over 290 feet (NAVD88). The highest elevations in the parish are approximately 290 feet (NAVD88), located in the western portions of the parish. The incorporated areas range in elevation from 56 to 82 feet (NAVD88), with the incorporated area of Sterlington averaging 56 feet (NAVD88), Richwood averaging 69 feet (NAVD88), Monroe averaging 72 feet (NAVD88), and West Monroe averaging 82 feet (NAVD88).

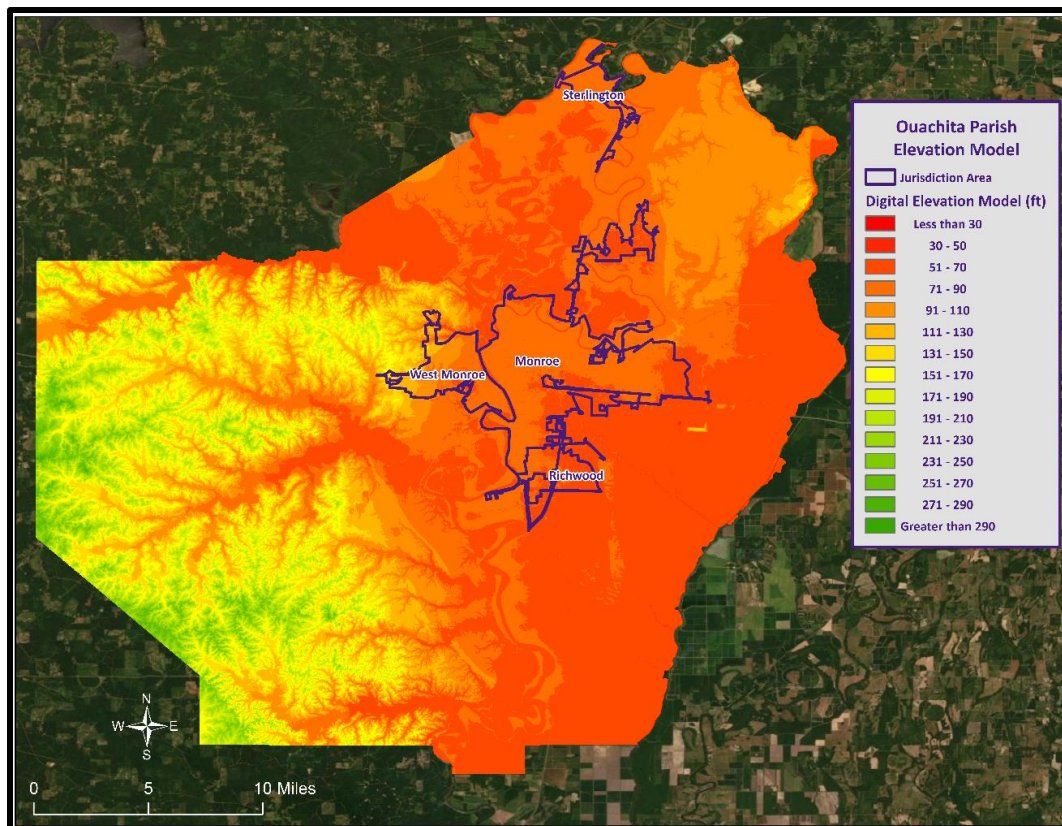


Figure 2-19: Elevation throughout the Parish.

*Risk Assessment**Geographic Extent*

Ouachita Parish has experienced significant flooding in its history and can expect more in the future. Many parts of the parish are located in the 100-year floodplain.

The worst-case scenarios are based on several different types of flooding events. Storm water excesses and riverine flooding primarily affect the low-lying areas of the parish, and flood depths of up to eight to ten feet can be expected in the unincorporated areas of the parish. The incorporated areas of Monroe and West Monroe can expect flood depths from three to six feet, while the incorporated areas Richwood and Sterlington can expect flood depths from two to four feet.

Previous Occurrences

The parish experienced 107 flooding occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been 18 flood occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Table 2-35: Historical Flooding Events in the Parish since the 2016 Update.

Date	Area	Type of Flood	Property Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
7/1/2017	FRIZZELL	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
2/21/2018	PERRYVILLE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
2/21/2018	WALL LAKE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
3/7/2018	HIGHLAND PARK	Flood	\$0	0	0
3/28/2018	HANCOCK	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
3/28/2018	SICARD	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
4/1/2018	HIGHLAND PARK	Flood	\$0	0	0
4/13/2019	BAWCOMVILLE	Flash Flood	\$0	1	0
4/13/2019	FOLKSVILLE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
4/13/2019	FOLKSVILLE	Flood	\$0	1	0
4/14/2019	WALL LAKE	Flood	\$0	0	0
5/1/2019	PHILLIPS	Flood	\$0	0	0
6/1/2019	PHILLIPS	Flood	\$0	0	0
4/19/2020	KIROLI WOODS	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
9/23/2020	STERLINGTON	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
10/10/2020	STEVEN	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
7/2/2021	WEST MONROE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
8/10/2022	HIGHLAND PARK	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
7/1/2017	FRIZZELL	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
2/21/2018	PERRYVILLE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
2/21/2018	WALL LAKE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
3/7/2018	HIGHLAND PARK	Flood	\$0	0	0
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3/28/2018	SICARD	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
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4/13/2019	FOLKSVILLE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
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4/19/2020	KIROLI WOODS	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
9/23/2020	STERLINGTON	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
10/10/2020	STEVEN	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
7/2/2021	WEST MONROE	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0
8/10/2022	HIGHLAND PARK	Flash Flood	\$0	0	0

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for periods of flooding in the parish is 3.96 (100% annual probability) or approximately 3 to 4 flood occurrences every year. The table below shows the probability and return frequency for each jurisdiction in the parish.

Table 2-36: Annual Flood Probabilities for Each Jurisdiction in the Parish.

Jurisdiction	Annual Probability	Return Frequency
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	100%	1 to 2 events every year
Monroe	81%	1 event every 1 to 2 years
Richwood	22%	1 event every 4 to 5 years
Sterlington	26%	1 event every 3 to 4 years
West Monroe	70%	1 event every 1 to 2 years

Climate Change Impacts

Atmospheric moisture, precipitation, and atmospheric circulation can be affected by climate change, since radiative forcing alters heating which affects evaporation and sensible heating at the Earth's surface. This process alters the amount, frequency, intensity, duration, and type of precipitation which is part of the hydrological cycle. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports that over 105-year period (1901 – 2005) precipitation has increased 5 to 10%. Additionally, water resource managers observed the following:

- Historical hydrological patterns can no longer be solely relied upon to forecast the water future.
- Precipitation and runoff patterns are changing, increasing the uncertainty for water supply quality, flood management, and ecosystem functions.
- Extreme climatic events will become more frequent, necessitating improvement in flood protection and emergency response.

Climate change poses significant threats to both infrastructure and vulnerable populations in the context of flooding. Rising global temperatures have led to the intensification of extreme weather events, such as heavy rainfall and storms, which increase the frequency and severity of floods. Infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, and buildings, designed to withstand historical weather patterns, is now facing greater stress and damage due to the increased volume and intensity of floodwaters.

One of the most pressing impacts of climate change on infrastructure is the increased risk of damage and disruption to critical lifeline systems, such as water supply networks, energy grids, and transportation systems. Floods can compromise the integrity of these systems, leading to widespread power outages, disrupted water access, and road closures, hindering emergency response and recovery efforts. As floods become more frequent and severe, the cost of repairing and reinforcing infrastructure becomes a significant burden on governments and communities.

Furthermore, climate change disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including low-income communities, the elderly, and those with limited mobility or access to resources. These communities often reside in flood-prone areas with inadequate infrastructure and limited capacity to adapt to changing conditions. Floods can exacerbate existing social inequalities, displacing vulnerable populations and exposing them to health risks, property loss, and economic hardship. Lack of access to timely information and limited evacuation resources can further endanger their lives during extreme flooding events.

Additionally, climate change can disrupt local economies in flood-affected regions. Agricultural lands can be damaged, leading to reduced crop yields and affecting livelihoods. Businesses, particularly those without insurance or financial resilience, may face bankruptcy due to flood-related losses. The overall economic impacts ripple beyond immediate flood-affected regions, affecting supply chains and markets globally.

Addressing the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and vulnerable populations requires a comprehensive approach. Building more resilient infrastructure, incorporating climate adaptation measures, and enforcing zoning regulations to prevent development in flood-prone areas are essential steps. Additionally, governments must prioritize support and resources for vulnerable communities, providing them with better access to early warning systems, evacuation plans, and social safety nets to cope with flood-related challenges. Long-term climate change mitigation efforts are also necessary to reduce the severity and frequency of floods, ultimately safeguarding both infrastructure and vulnerable populations from the detrimental effects of flooding.

Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for flooding.

*Table 2-37: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Riverine Flood Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Using the Hazus Flood Model, the 100-year flood scenario was analyzed to determine losses from this scenario. The following table shows the total economic losses that would result from a 100-year flood occurrence.

*Table 2-38: Estimated Losses in the Parish from a 100-Year Flood Event.
(Source: Hazus)*

Jurisdiction	Estimated Loss
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	\$212,718,000
Monroe	\$113,451,000
Richwood	\$295,000
Sterlington	\$428,000
West Monroe	\$165,889,000
Total	\$492,781,000

The Hazus Flood Model also provides a breakdown by jurisdiction for seven primary categories (Hazus occupancy) throughout the parish. The losses for each jurisdiction by sector are listed in the following tables:

*Table 2-39: Estimated 100-year Flood Losses for the Parish by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)*

Parish (Unincorporated)	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Flood Event
Agricultural	\$1,550,000
Commercial	\$12,945,000
Government	\$3,759,000
Industrial	\$22,202,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$4,985,000
Residential	\$165,665,000
Schools	\$1,612,000
Total	\$212,718,000

*Table 2-40: Estimated 100-year Flood Losses for Monroe by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)*

Monroe	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Flood Event
Agricultural	\$10,000
Commercial	\$49,274,000
Government	\$5,322,000
Industrial	\$10,178,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$3,764,000
Residential	\$44,559,000
Schools	\$344,000
Total	\$113,451,000

Table 2-41: Estimated 100-year Flood Losses for Richwood by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)

Richwood	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Flood Event
Agricultural	\$0
Commercial	\$44,000
Government	\$0
Industrial	\$0
Religious / Non-Profit	\$100,000
Residential	\$151,000
Schools	\$0
Total	\$295,000

Table 2-42: Estimated 100-year Flood Losses for Sterlington by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)

Sterlington	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Flood Event
Agricultural	\$0
Commercial	\$6,000
Government	\$0
Industrial	\$0
Religious / Non-Profit	\$353,000
Residential	\$69,000
Schools	\$0
Total	\$428,000

Table 2-43: Estimated 100-year Flood Losses for West Monroe by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)

West Monroe	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Flood Event
Agricultural	\$186,000
Commercial	\$68,433,000
Government	\$380,000
Industrial	\$7,725,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$11,828,000
Residential	\$71,379,000
Schools	\$5,958,000
Total	\$165,889,000

Vulnerable Population

The total population within the parish that is susceptible to a flood hazard is shown in the table below:

*Table 2-44: Vulnerable Populations Susceptible to a 100-year Flood Event.
(Source: Hazus)*

Number of People Exposed to Flood Hazards			
Location	# in Community	# in Hazard Area	% in Hazard Area
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	92,632	8,356	9.0%
Monroe	47,702	8,767	18.4%
Richwood	4,837	162	3.3%
Sterlington	2,094	21	1.0%
West Monroe	13,103	5,123	39.1%
Total	160,368	22,429	14.0%

The Hazus Flood model was also extrapolated to provide an overview of the vulnerable populations throughout the jurisdictions in the following tables:

*Table 2-45: Vulnerable Populations Susceptible to a 100-year Flood Event in the Parish.
(Source: Hazus)*

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	8,356	9.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	518	6.2%
Persons Under 18 Years	2,022	24.2%
Persons 65 Years and Over	1,354	16.2%
White	4,947	59.2%
Minority	3,409	40.8%

*Table 2-46: Vulnerable Populations Susceptible to a 100-year Flood Event in Monroe.
(Source: Hazus)*

Monroe		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	8,767	18.4%
Persons Under 5 Years	605	6.9%
Persons Under 18 Years	2,271	25.9%
Persons 65 Years and Over	1,306	14.9%
White	3,147	35.9%
Minority	5,620	64.1%

*Table 2-47: Vulnerable Populations Susceptible to a 100-year Flood Event in Richwood.
(Source: Hazus)*

Richwood		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	162	3.3%
Persons Under 5 Years	7	4.3%
Persons Under 18 Years	29	17.6%
Persons 65 Years and Over	8	5.2%
White	35	21.4%
Minority	127	78.6%

*Table 2-48: Vulnerable Populations Susceptible to a 100-year Flood Event in Sterlington.
(Source: Hazus)*

Sterlington		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	21	1.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	2	7.8%
Persons Under 18 Years	7	34.6%
Persons 65 Years and Over	4	16.7%
White	15	71.5%
Minority	6	28.5%

*Table 2-49: Vulnerable Populations Susceptible to a 100-year Flood Event in West Monroe.
(Source: Hazus)*

West Monroe		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	5,123	39.1%
Persons Under 5 Years	297	5.8%
Persons Under 18 Years	1,040	20.3%
Persons 65 Years and Over	897	17.5%
White	2,802	54.7%
Minority	2,321	45.3%

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-50: Flood Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Flood Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	4	4	3	4	3	3.65

Levee Failure

Profile

Levees and floodwalls are flood control barriers constructed of earth, concrete, or other materials. For the purposes of this plan, levees are distinguished from smaller flood barriers (such as berms) by their size and extent. Berms are barriers that only protect a small number of structures, or at times only a single structure. Levees and floodwalls are barriers that protect significant areas of residential, commercial, or industrial development; at a minimum, they protect a neighborhood or small community. Levee failure involves the overtopping, breach, or collapse of the levee. Levee failure is especially destructive to nearby development during flood and hurricane events.

The northern half of Louisiana is protected by levees on the Ouachita River, under the authority of the Vicksburg District of the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). The Vicksburg District encompasses 68,000 mi² in the states of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. They manage seven drainage basins, including the Yazoo, Pearl, Big Black, Red, Ouachita, and Mississippi Rivers; 12 locks and dams on the Pearl, Red, and Ouachita Rivers; 1,808 miles of levees, including 468 miles along the Mississippi River; and multiple lakes with 1,709 miles of shoreline.

Coastal and southern Louisiana are protected by an extensive levee system under the authority of the New Orleans District of the USACE. This system includes 30,000 mi² of Louisiana south of Alexandria, including 961 miles of river levees in the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, 449 miles of river levees in the Atchafalaya Basin, and 340 miles of hurricane-protection levees. Other levees have been built along stretches of rivers throughout Louisiana by local levee districts and private citizens. The data regarding these non-federal levees are managed by the individual entity responsible for construction and subsequent maintenance and are not kept in a consistent format for comprehensive hazard analysis.

The effects of a levee failure on property is similar to that of a flood, as discussed in the flooding section. One major difference is that the velocity of the water is increased in the area of the breach, so the potential for property damage is higher in these areas.

A levee failure occurs during high water events, so the populace is normally alerted to the potential danger. Levees are normally monitored during these events and the population in danger is alerted to a possible levee failure. However, if people consider themselves safe once a levee has been breached and do not evacuate, the results could be deadly.

The Mississippi River levee system is constantly monitored during high water events by federal, state, and parish officials. Any potential failure of the Mississippi River levee would be observed long before a failure took place. Once observed, it would be mitigated to prevent any failure in the levee. As a slowly developing hazard, there is significant lead time to warn and evacuate the population in the event of a potential failure. The more likely scenario involving a potential levee failure would be an overtopping event for a major precipitation event taking place during a tropical cyclone, similar to Tropical Storm Allison in 2001. An event of this nature is less likely to produce an early warning and most likely to subject more people to flooding.

Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Per the National Inventory of Levees, there are three levee systems located within the unincorporated areas of Ouachita Parish and the incorporated areas of Monroe, Richwood, Sterlington, and West Monroe. The areas of inundation will generally be directly adjacent of the levee failure and the low-lying areas surrounding the area of levee failure, but a working group will be established to determine the specific locations of inundation (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 11, City of Monroe Mitigation Action 12, Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 12, Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 8, and City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 7). The following figure displays the levee systems located in the parish:

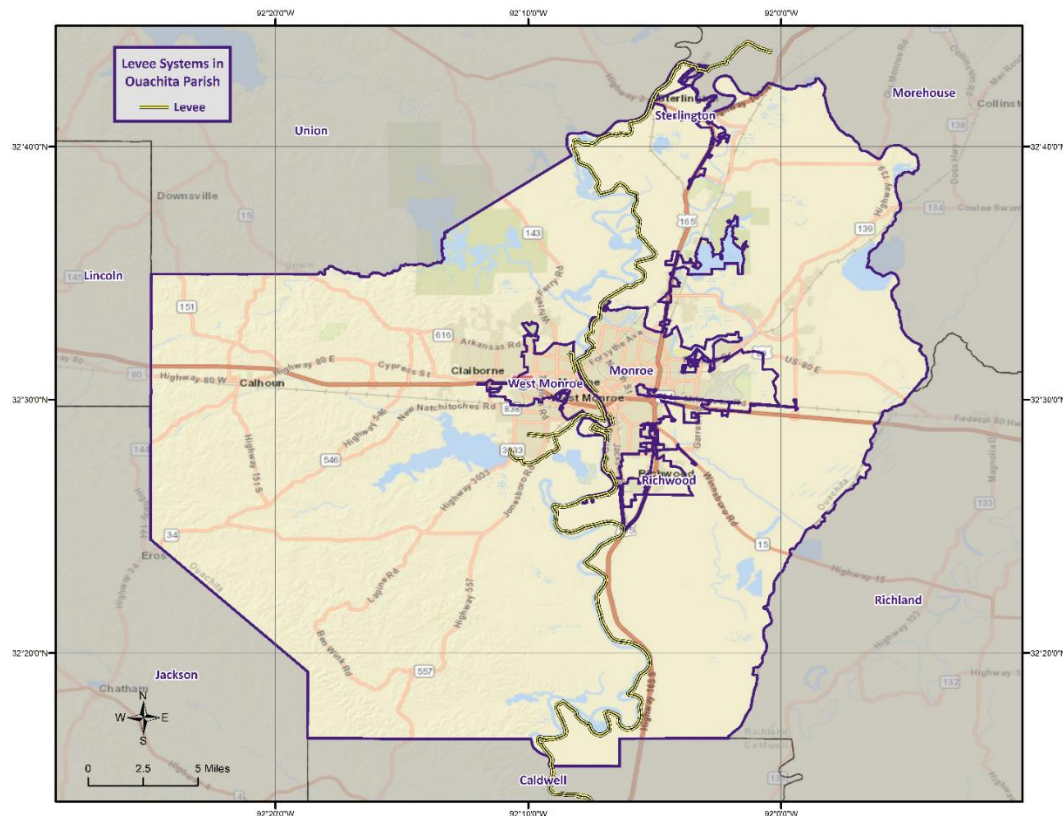


Figure 2-20: Levee Systems in the Parish.

Previous Occurrences

There have been no reported levee failure occurrences within the parish and the jurisdictions. The parish claims a data deficiency on the extent of dam failure for the levee system located in the parish. This data deficiency includes potential inundation areas and subsequent impacts related to the overtopping, collapse, or breaching of the levee located within the parish. As these inundation zones haven't yet been identified, the parish will continue to develop an extent and additional relevant data associated with this hazard.

Probability

It is nearly impossible to predict and model levee failure and its impact on the parish. Due to the unpredictability of levee failures, it is calculated that the probability of a levee failure is less than 1% annually for the unincorporated areas of the parish and its jurisdictions.

Climate Change Impacts

As mentioned previously in dam failures, extreme precipitation, primarily the type that contributes to flash flooding and not widespread areal flooding, is expected to increase due to climate change. While this may not contribute to the traditional definition of a levee failure, it could increase the chances of a levee overtopping.

Climate change is contributing to the increased risk of levee failure, with severe consequences for both infrastructure and vulnerable populations. Rising global temperatures are intensifying precipitation patterns, leading to heavier rainfall events and increased pressure on levees designed to protect against flooding. As a result, the likelihood of levee breaches and failures has significantly risen, endangering critical infrastructure and communities situated in flood-prone areas.

Infrastructure is particularly vulnerable to levee failures, as many essential facilities, such as power plants, transportation systems, and industrial complexes, are often located near rivers and coastal regions protected by levees. When these flood barriers fail, floodwaters can inundate and damage these key facilities, causing widespread disruptions to electricity supply, transportation networks, and industrial operations. The financial costs of repairing and rebuilding damaged infrastructure can be enormous, putting a strain on regional economies and taxpayer resources.

However, the impacts of levee failure extend far beyond infrastructure and have dire consequences for vulnerable populations. Low-income communities and marginalized groups often reside in flood-prone areas, as these locations tend to offer more affordable housing options. When levees fail, these vulnerable populations are at a higher risk of experiencing catastrophic losses. Their homes and properties are more likely to be submerged, leading to displacement, property damage, and loss of livelihoods. Access to healthcare and emergency services can also be severely limited during flooding, further endangering vulnerable individuals' lives.

Moreover, levee failure can result in loss of life due to sudden and unpredictable inundation of floodwaters. Vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, disabled, and those without means of transportation, may find it challenging to evacuate in time, leading to tragic outcomes. Lack of access to reliable information and inadequate emergency response plans can exacerbate the risks faced by vulnerable communities during levee failures.

Addressing the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and vulnerable populations concerning levee failure necessitates urgent action. Investing in robust monitoring and maintenance of levee systems is crucial to reduce the risk of failures. Additionally, comprehensive risk assessments can help identify areas with the highest vulnerabilities and guide targeted efforts to protect and support vulnerable communities. Climate change mitigation strategies, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable land use practices, are essential to address the root causes of levee failure and minimize its impacts on both infrastructure and vulnerable populations in the long run.

Vulnerability Analysis

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Determining the annualized loss as a result of a levee failure is difficult in the parish due to availability of data on past levee failure events. The National Inventory of Levees was utilized to determine the levees within the parish, the risk level, and storage capacity of the reservoir. The table on the following page provides an extensive list of the dams in the parish with the risk associated with each system.

*Table 2-51: Levees and Risk Associated with each in the Parish.
(Source: National Inventory of Levees)*

System	Risk	Height (ft)	Population	Buildings	Property Value
Bawcomville	Low	12	1,703	838	\$212 M
Ouachita River LA	Moderate	15	47,912	15,179	\$5.2 B
West Monroe Area	Low	10	17,843	5,029	\$2.04 B

Vulnerable Population

There have been no reported fatalities or injuries due to dam failure in the parish. However, the failure of levees can have devastating consequences on the population, leading to significant loss of life, displacement, and long-term socio-economic impacts. When a levee fails, it can result in uncontrolled flooding, posing a grave threat to the safety and well-being of the population living in the affected areas immediately adjacent and in the low-lying areas surround the were the levee failed.

One of the immediate impacts levee failures is the risk of drowning and physical harm to individuals. The sudden release of a large volume of water can inundate communities, trapping people in their homes or forcing them to seek refuge on rooftops or higher ground. Swift-moving floodwaters can sweep away individuals, making rescue and evacuation efforts extremely challenging. The loss of life due to drowning and other water-related incidents is a tragic consequence of such failures.

Moreover, the failure levees can lead to widespread displacement of the population. Residents in affected areas may be forced to evacuate their homes and seek temporary shelter in emergency facilities or with friends and relatives. Displacement disrupts lives, separates families, and strains the resources and capacities of hosting communities. It can also result in long-term homelessness and the need for extensive efforts to provide adequate housing and support for the affected population.

In addition to the immediate physical risks, levee failures can have long-term socio-economic impacts on the affected population. The loss of homes, businesses, and infrastructure disrupts local economies and livelihoods. Individuals may lose their jobs, and businesses may be unable to operate, leading to financial instability and hardship. The recovery and reconstruction process can be lengthy, causing prolonged economic disruptions and affecting the overall well-being of the population.

Furthermore, the psychological and emotional toll on the affected population cannot be overlooked. Levee failures are traumatic events that can cause immense stress, anxiety, and grief among survivors. The loss of loved ones, possessions, and a sense of security can have long-lasting psychological impacts on individuals and communities. Mental health support and counseling become crucial in helping the population cope with the trauma and rebuild their lives.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-52: Levee Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Levee Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	3	2	4	2	3	2.8

Thunderstorms (Hail, Lightning, & Thunderstorm Wind)

Overview

The term “thunderstorm” is usually used as a catch-all term for several kinds of storms. Here “thunderstorm” is defined to include any precipitation occurrence in which thunder is heard or lightning is seen. Thunderstorms are often accompanied by heavy rain and strong winds, and occasionally, depending on conditions, by hail or snow. Thunderstorms form when humid air masses are heated, which causes them to become convectively unstable. Consequently, the air masses rise. Upon rising, the air masses’ water vapor condenses into liquid water and/or deposits directly into ice when they rise sufficiently to cool to the dew-point temperature.

Thunderstorms are classified into four main types (single-cell, multi-cell, squall line, and supercell) depending on the degree of atmospheric instability, the change in wind speed with height (called wind shear), and the degree to which the storm’s internal dynamics are coordinated with those of adjacent storms. There is no such interaction for single-cell thunderstorms, but there is significant interaction with clusters of adjacent thunderstorms in multi-cell thunderstorms, and with a linear “chain” of adjacent storms in squall line thunderstorms. Though supercell storms have no significant interactions with other storms, they have very well-organized and self-sustaining internal dynamics, which allows them to be the longest-lived and most severe of all thunderstorms.

The life of a thunderstorm proceeds through three stages: the developing (or cumulus) stage, the mature stage, and the dissipation stage. During the developing stage, the unstable air mass is lifted as an updraft into the atmosphere. This sudden lift rapidly cools the moisture in the air mass, releasing latent heat as condensation and/or deposition occurs, which warms the surrounding environment, thus making it less dense than the surrounding air. This process intensifies the updraft and creates a localized lateral rush of air from all directions into the area beneath the thunderstorm to feed continued updrafts. At the mature stage, the rising air is accompanied by downdrafts caused by the shear of falling rain (if melted completely), or hail, freezing rain, sleet, or snow (if not melted completely). The dissipation stage is characterized by the dominating presence of the downdraft as the hot surface that gave the updrafts their buoyancy is cooled by precipitation. During the dissipation stage, the moisture in the air mass largely empties out.

The Storm Prediction Center, in conjunction with the National Weather Service (NWS), has the ability to issue advisory messages based on forecasts and observations. The following are the advisory messages that may be issued, along with definitions of each:

- Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Issued to alert people to the possibility of a severe thunderstorm developing in the area. Expected time frame for these storms is three to six hours.
- Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Issued when severe thunderstorms are imminent. This warning is highly localized and covers parts of one to several counties.

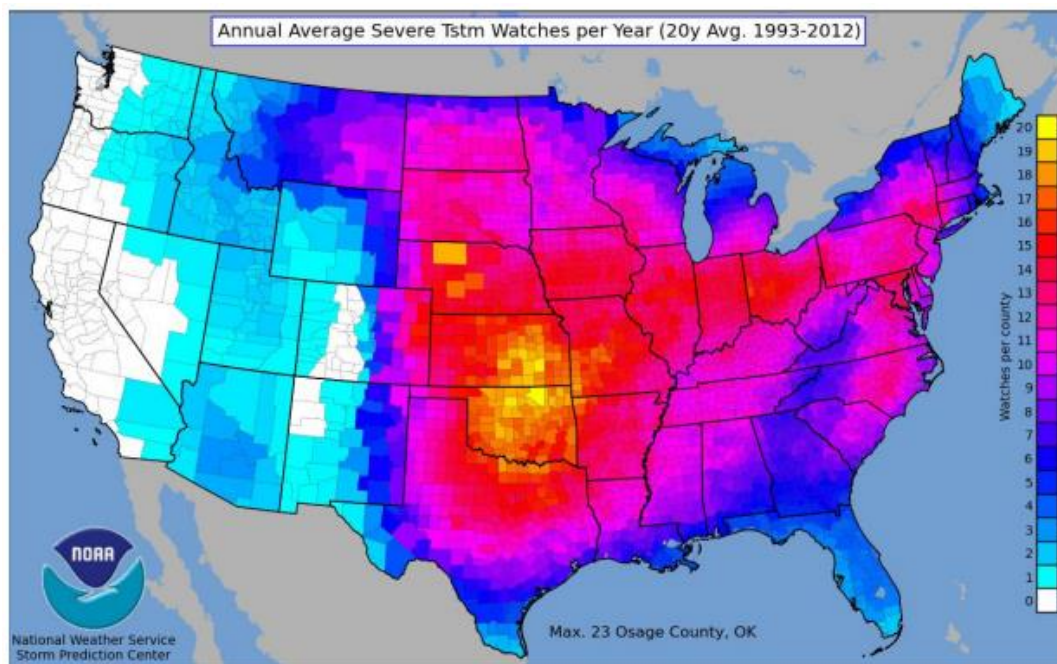


Figure 2-21: County-Level Severe Thunderstorm Watches Issued Per Year on Average.

A variety of hazards might be produced by thunderstorms, including lightning, hail, tornadoes or waterspouts, flash flooding, and high-speed winds called downbursts. Nevertheless, given the criteria, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) characterize a thunderstorm as severe when it produces one or more of the following:

- Hail of one inch in diameter or larger
- Wind gusts to 58 mph or greater
- One or more tornadoes

Tornadoes and flooding hazards have been profiled individually within this report; therefore, for the purpose of thunderstorms, the sub-hazards of hail, high winds, and lightning will be profiled.

Thunderstorms occur throughout the United States at all times of the year, although the types and severity of these storms vary greatly depending on a wide variety of atmospheric conditions. Severe thunderstorms occur more frequently during the late spring and early summer and late summer and early fall when extreme variations exist between ground surface temperatures and upper atmospheric temperatures.

Climate Change Impacts

The impact of climate change on thunderstorms is not well understood at this time. However, thunderstorms are complex, dynamic systems fueled by heat and moisture which can be measured with CAPE (convective available potential energy). It is predicted that CAPE will increase across the Eastern United States by the second half of the 21st century, meaning there is more energy to fuel severe thunderstorms. In this same time frame, there would be a small decrease in vertical wind shear, which helps produce long-lived severe storms. However, the increase in energy outweighs the decreasing shear to produce a net increase in environmental favorability for severe thunderstorms by the end of the century. Some climate models maintained by the Goddard Institute for Space Studies indicate that the number of severe thunderstorms will not change much, but the severe storms that do occur would have stronger winds and more intense precipitation.

Climate change is influencing the frequency and severity of thunderstorms, resulting in significant impacts on infrastructure and vulnerable populations. As global temperatures rise, the atmosphere becomes more energized, leading to an increase in the intensity of thunderstorm activity. Thunderstorms bring heavy rainfall, strong winds, hail, and lightning, all of which can cause substantial damage to various types of infrastructure.

One of the most significant impacts of thunderstorms on infrastructure is the damage to power and communication lines. Strong winds and lightning strikes can lead to power outages, disrupting essential services and communication networks. This can have severe consequences for communities that rely on electricity for medical equipment, communication, and daily living. Additionally, damage to power infrastructure can result in economic losses due to business interruptions and increased repair costs.

Furthermore, heavy rainfall associated with thunderstorms can lead to flash flooding, overwhelming stormwater drainage systems and causing road and bridge damage. This not only disrupts transportation networks but also poses a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians. Flooded roads can isolate communities and hinder emergency response efforts, leaving vulnerable populations at higher risk during and after thunderstorm events.

Vulnerable populations, such as low-income communities and the elderly, often lack access to resources and live in areas with inadequate infrastructure. They are disproportionately affected by the impacts of thunderstorms. For instance, substandard housing in flood-prone regions can suffer severe damage during storms, displacing already marginalized individuals and families. The elderly and people with limited mobility may face difficulties evacuating during severe weather events, putting their lives at risk.

Moreover, thunderstorms can lead to an increase in lightning-related accidents and wildfires. Lightning strikes can cause fires that spread rapidly, threatening communities and posing additional risks to vulnerable populations living in areas prone to wildfires. These events not only endanger lives but also strain emergency response resources and increase the financial burden on affected communities.

To address the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and vulnerable populations concerning thunderstorms, several measures are crucial. Investment in resilient infrastructure, such as strengthening power grids and stormwater drainage systems, can help mitigate damage and improve response capabilities. Additionally, raising awareness and providing resources to vulnerable communities can enhance preparedness and evacuation plans. Climate change mitigation efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are also essential in curbing the intensification of thunderstorms, ultimately safeguarding both infrastructure and vulnerable populations from the adverse effects of these severe weather events.

Hail Profile

Hailstorms are severe thunderstorms in which balls or chunks of ice fall along with rain. Hailstorm densities and reports vary spatially across Louisiana. Hail initially develops in the upper atmosphere as ice crystals that are bounced about by high-velocity updraft winds. The ice crystals grow through deposition of water vapor onto their surface. They then fall partially to a level in the cloud where the temperature exceeds the freezing point, melt partially, and then get caught in another updraft whereupon re-freezing and deposition grows another concentric layer of ice. After several trips up and down the cloud, they develop enough weight to fall. The size of hailstones varies depending on the severity and size of the thunderstorm. Higher surface temperatures generally mean stronger updrafts, which allow more massive hailstones to be supported by updrafts, leaving them suspended longer. This

longer suspension time results in larger hailstone sizes. The tables on the next page display the TORRO Hailstorm Intensity Scale, along with a spectrum of hailstone diameters and their everyday equivalents.

Table 2-53: TORRO Hailstorm Intensity Scale.

Intensity Category		Hail Diameter (mm)	Probable Kinetic Energy	Typical Damage Impacts
H0	Hard Hail	5	0 - 20	No damage
H1	Potentially Damaging	5 - 15	>20	Slight general damage to plant, crops
H2	Significant	10 - 20	>100	Significant damage to fruit, crops, vegetation
H3	Severe	20 - 30	>300	Severe damage to fruit and crops, damage to glass and plastic structures, paint and wood scored
H4	Severe	25 - 40	>500	Widespread glass damage, vehicle body work
H5	Destructive	30 - 50	>800	Wholesale destruction of glass, damage to tiled roofs, significant risk of injuries
H6	Destructive	40 - 60		Bodywork of grounded aircraft dented; brick walls pitted
H7	Destructive	50 - 75		Severe roof damage, risk of serious injuries
H8	Destructive	60 - 90		Severe damage to aircraft bodywork
H9	Super Hailstorms	75 - 100		Extensive structural damage. Risk of severe or even fatal injuries to persons caught in the open
H10	Super Hailstorms	>100		Extensive structural damage. Risk of severe or even fatal injuries to persons caught in the open

Table 2-54: Spectrum of Hailstone Diameters and their Everyday Description.

(Source: National Weather Service)

Spectrum of Hailstone Diameters	
Hail Diameter Size	Description
1/4"	Pea
1/2"	Plain M&M
3/4"	Penny
7/8"	Nickle
1" (severe)	Quarter
1 1/4"	Half Dollar
1 1/2"	Ping Pong Ball / Walnut
1 3/4"	Golf Ball
2"	Hen Egg / Lime
2 1/2"	Tennis Ball
2 3/4"	Baseball
3"	Teacup / Large Apple
4"	Softball
4 1/2"	Grapefruit
4 3/4" – 5"	Computer CD-DVD

Hailstorms can cause widespread damage to homes and other structures, automobiles, and crops. While the damage to individual structures or vehicles is often minor, the cumulative cost to communities, especially across large metropolitan areas, can be quite significant. Hailstorms can also be devastating to crops. Thus, the severity of hailstorms depends on the size of the hailstones, the length of time the storm lasts, and where it occurs.

Hail rarely causes loss of life, although large hailstones can cause bodily injury.

Lightning Profile

Lightning is defined by the National Weather Service as any and all of the various forms of visible electrical discharge caused by thunderstorms. Thunderstorms and lightning are usually (but not always) accompanied by rain. Cloud-to-ground lightning can kill or injure people by direct or indirect means. Objects can be struck directly, which may result in an explosion, burn, or total destruction. Damage may also be indirect which occurs when the current passes through or near an object.

Intra-cloud lightning is the most common type of discharge. This occurs between oppositely charged centers within the same cloud. Usually it transpires inside the cloud and looks from the outside of the cloud like a diffuse brightening that flickers. However, the flash may exit the boundary of the cloud, and a bright channel, similar to a cloud-to-ground flash, can be visible for many miles.

Cloud-to-ground lightning is the most damaging and dangerous type of lightning, though it is also less common. Most flashes originate near the lower-negative charged center and deliver negative charge to the earth. However, a large minority of flashes carry a positive charge to earth. These positive flashes often occur during the dissipating stage of a thunderstorm. Positive flashes are also more common as a percentage of total ground strikes during the winter months. This type of lightning is particularly dangerous for several reasons. It frequently strikes away from the rain core, either ahead or behind the thunderstorm. It can strike five to ten miles from the storm in areas that most people do not consider a threat. Positive lightning also has a longer duration, so fires are more easily ignited. When positive lightning strikes, it usually carries a high peak electrical current, which can potentially result in greater damage.

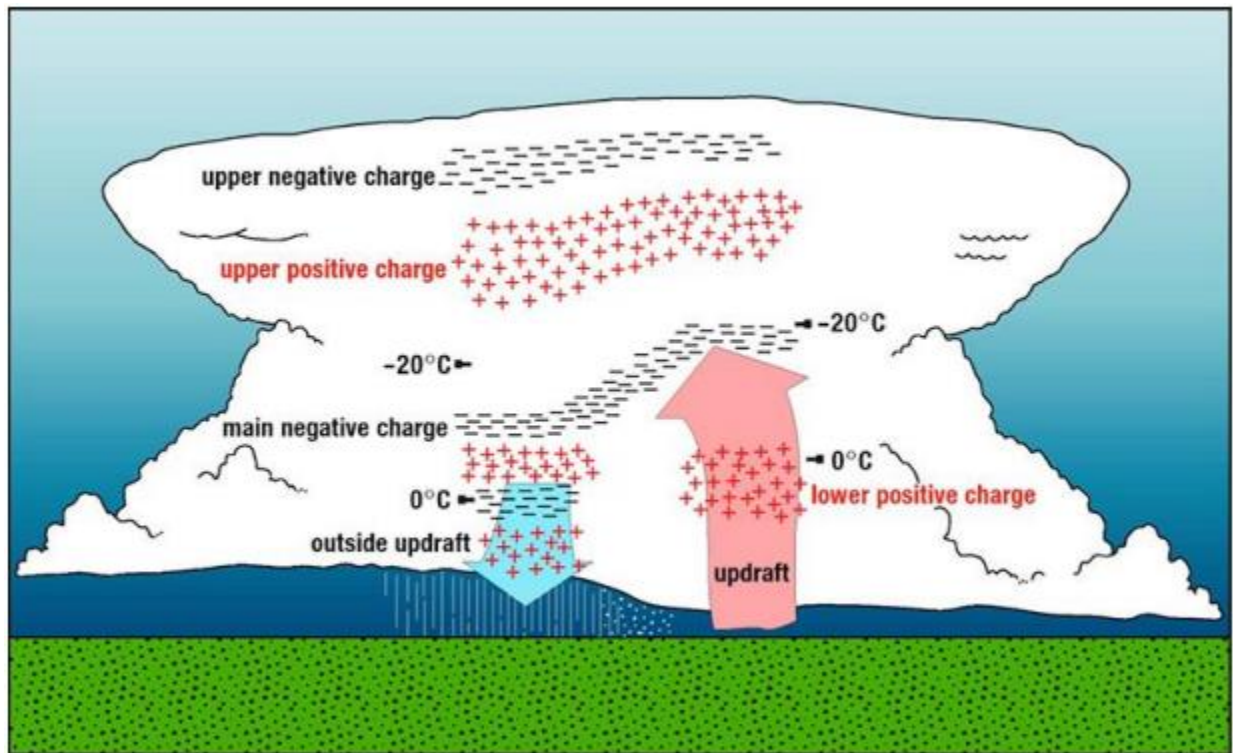


Figure 2-22: Charge Distribution in a Typical Storm Cloud.
(Source: The National Severe Storms Laboratory)

Lightning continues to be one of the top three storm-related killers in the United States per FEMA, but if not fatal it also has the ability to cause negative long-term health effects to the individual that is struck. The following table outlines the lightning activity level and intensity scale:

Table 2-55: Lightning Activity Level (LAL) Grids.

LAL	Cloud and Storm Development	Lightning Strikes/15 Min
1	No thunderstorms.	-
2	Cumulus clouds are common but only a few reaches the towering cumulus stage. A single thunderstorm must be confirmed in the observation area. The clouds produce mainly virga, but light rain will occasionally reach the ground. Lightning is very infrequent.	1-8
3	Towering cumulus covers less than two-tenths of the sky. Thunderstorms are few, but two to three must occur within the observation. Light to moderate rain will reach the ground, and lightning is infrequent.	9-15
4	Towering cumulus covers two to three-tenths of the sky. Thunderstorms are scattered and more than three must occur within the observation area. Moderate rain is common, and lightning is frequent.	16-25
5	Towering cumulus and thunderstorms are numerous. They cover more than three-tenths and occasionally obscure the sky. Rain is moderate to heavy and lightning is frequent.	>25
6	Similar to LAL 3 except thunderstorms are dry	

Thunderstorm Wind Profile

In general, high winds occur in a number of different ways, with and without thunderstorms. Similar to hailstorms (and often associated with the same storm), high wind damage densities and reports resulting from severe thunderstorms vary spatially across Louisiana. The only high winds of present concern from the following table are thunderstorm winds and downbursts. Straight-line winds are common but are a relatively insignificant hazard (on land) compared to other high winds. Downslope winds are common, but relatively insignificant in Louisiana. Nor'easters are cyclonic low-pressure systems that have a minimal impact if any on Louisiana while hurricane winds have a significant impact on the state due to its location.

*Table 2-56: High Winds Categorized by Source.
(Source: Making Critical Facilities Safe from High Wind, FEMA)*

High Wind Type	Description
Straight-Line Winds	Wind blowing in straight line; usually associated with intense low-pressure area
Downslope Winds	Wind blowing down the slope of a mountain; associated with temperature and pressure gradients
Thunderstorm Winds	Wind blowing due to thunderstorms, and thus associated with temperature and pressure gradients
Downbursts	Sudden wind blowing down due to downdraft in a thunderstorm; spreads out horizontally at the ground, possible forming horizontal vortex rings around the downdraft.
Northeaster (Nor'easter) Winds	Wind blowing due to cyclonic storm off the east coast of North America; associated with temperature and pressure gradients between the Atlantic Ocean and land
Hurricane Winds	Wind blowing in spirals, converging with increasing speed toward eye; associated with temperature and pressure gradients between the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and land
Tornado Winds	Violently rotating column of air from base of thunderstorm to the ground with rapidly decreasing winds at greater distances from center; associated with extreme temperature gradient

Major damage directly caused by thunderstorm winds is relatively rare, while minor damage is common and pervasive, and most noticeable when it contributes to power outages. These power outages can have major negative impacts such as increased tendency for traffic accidents, increased vulnerability to fire, food spoilage, and other losses that might be sustained by a loss of power. The table on the following page presents the Beaufort Wind Scale, first developed in 1805 by Sir Francis Beaufort, which aids in determining relative force and wind speed based on the appearance of wind effects:

Table 2-57: Beaufort Wind Scale.
(Source: NOAA's SPC)

Beaufort Wind Scale			
Force	Wind (MPH)	WMO Classification	Appearance of Wind Effects on Land
			Calm, smoke rises vertically
1	1-3	Light Air	Smoke drift indicates wind direction, still wind vanes
2	4-7	Light Breeze	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle, vanes begin to move
3	8-12	Gentle Breeze	Leaves and small twigs constantly moving, light flags extended
4	13-17	Moderate Breeze	Dust, leaves, and loose paper lifted; small tree branches move
5	18-24	Fresh Breeze	Small trees in leaf begin to sway
6	25-30	Strong Breeze	Larger tree branches moving, whistling in wires
7	31-38	Near Gale	Whole trees moving, resistance felt walking against wind
8	39-46	Gale	Twigs breaking off trees, generally impedes progress
9	47-54	Strong Gale	Slight structural damage occurs, slate blows off roofs
10	55-63	Storm	Seldom experienced on land, trees broken or uprooted, "considerable structural damage"
11	54-73	Violent Storm	N/A
12	74+	Hurricane	N/A

Hail Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Because hailstorms are a climatological based occurrence that can occur anywhere, the entire planning area is at risk from hailstorms. The worst-case scenario for hailstorms is hail up to 4 inches in diameter.

Previous Occurrences

The parish experienced 142 hail occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been 19 hail occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Table 2-58: Historical Hail Occurrences in the Parish since the 2016 Update.

Date	Magnitude (inches)	Property Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
4/6/2018	1.75	\$0	0	0
4/4/2019	1.75	\$0	0	0
4/7/2019	1	\$0	0	0
4/13/2019	1.25	\$0	0	0
4/13/2019	1	\$0	0	0
2/5/2020	1.75	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	1.25	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	1	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	0.75	\$0	0	0
4/9/2021	1	\$0	0	0
4/9/2021	1.25	\$0	0	0
4/9/2021	1	\$0	0	0
4/9/2021	1	\$0	0	0

Date	Magnitude (inches)	Property Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
4/9/2021	1	\$0	0	0
4/9/2021	0.88	\$0	0	0
4/9/2021	1	\$0	0	0
7/13/2022	0.75	\$0	0	0
11/29/2022	0.88	\$0	0	0
12/13/2022	1	\$0	0	0

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for hail occurrences in the parish is 5.26 (100% annual probability) or approximately 5 to 6 hail occurrences every year. The following figures display the density of hailstorm events and an overview of hailstorm size based on location.

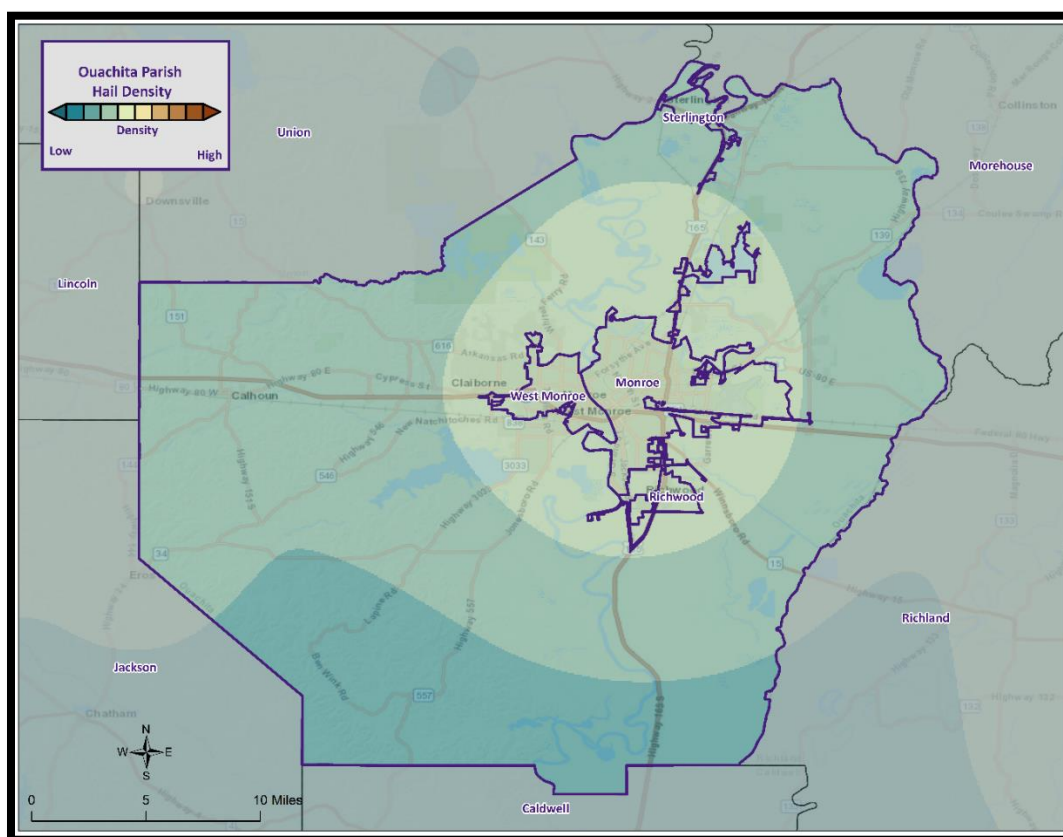


Figure 2-23: Density of Hailstorms by Diameter from 1950-2019.

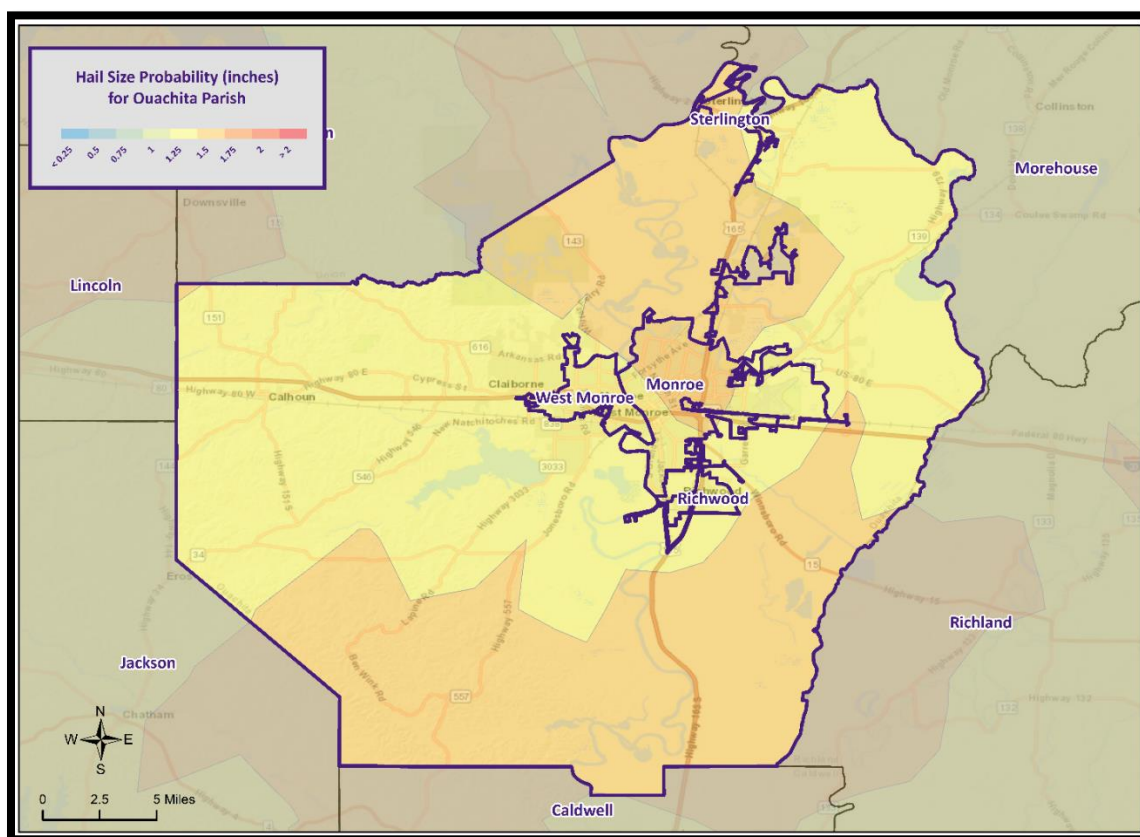


Figure 2-24: Hail Size Probability in Inches for the Parish.

Lightning Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Because lightning strikes are a climatological based occurrence that can occur anywhere, the entire planning area is at risk from lightning strikes. The worst-case scenario for lightning incidents is a lightning activity level of 4 which is approximately 16 to 25 lightning strikes every 15 minutes.

Previous Occurrences

The parish experienced 9 lightning occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been no significant lightning occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for lightning occurrences in the parish is 0.33 (33% annual probability) or approximately 1 lightning occurrences every 3 years.

Thunderstorm Wind Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Because thunderstorm winds are a climatological-based occurrence that can occur anywhere, the entire planning area is at risk from thunderstorm wind. The worst-case scenario for thunderstorm wind occurrences is hail wind speeds of approximately 115 mph.

Previous Occurrences

The parish experienced 207 thunderstorm wind occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been 54 thunderstorm wind occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Table 2-59: Historical Thunderstorm Wind Occurrences in the Parish since the 2016 Update.

Date	Magnitude (mph)	Property Damage	Crop Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
3/24/2017	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/24/2017	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/24/2017	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/24/2017	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/24/2017	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/2/2017	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/2/2017	81	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/26/2017	59	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/30/2017	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/30/2017	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/28/2018	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/28/2018	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/28/2018	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
3/28/2018	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/3/2018	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/3/2018	60	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/3/2018	58	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/6/2018	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/14/2018	75	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/14/2018	75	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/14/2018	81	\$0	\$0	0	0
7/6/2018	67	\$0	\$0	0	0
7/6/2018	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
7/6/2018	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
8/20/2018	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
8/20/2018	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
8/20/2018	76	\$0	\$0	0	0
8/20/2018	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/13/2019	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
9/9/2019	60	\$0	\$0	0	0
12/16/2019	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
12/16/2019	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	69	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	81	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/22/2020	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/29/2020	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/29/2020	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/29/2020	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/9/2021	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
5/4/2021	64	\$0	\$0	0	0

Date	Magnitude (mph)	Property Damage	Crop Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
5/4/2021	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
6/8/2021	60	\$0	\$0	0	0
9/1/2021	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/5/2022	60	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/5/2022	60	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2022	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2022	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2022	75	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2022	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2022	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
6/26/2022	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
6/26/2022	70	\$0	\$0	0	0
11/4/2022	64	\$0	\$0	0	0
11/29/2022	64	\$0	\$0	0	0

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for thunderstorm wind occurrences in the parish is 7.67 (100% annual probability) or approximately 7 to 8 thunderstorm wind occurrences every year. The following figure displays the thunderstorm wind speed probability for the parish.

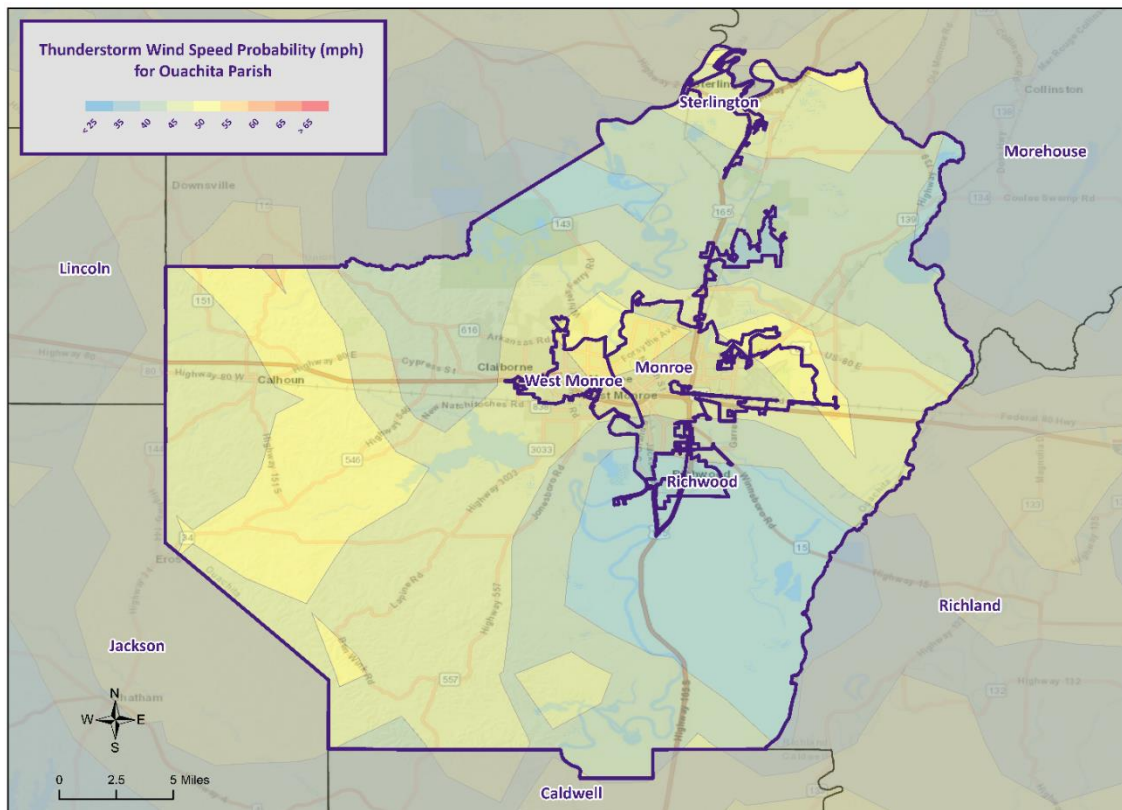


Figure 2-25: Thunderstorm High Wind Speed Probability in Miles Per Hour for the Parish.

Hail Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for hail.

*Table 2-60: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Hail Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Very Low	Very Low

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Since 1996, there have been 142 significant hail occurrences per the NCEI Storm Events Database. The total property damage associated with these storms totaled approximately \$10,000. To estimate the potential losses on an annual basis, the total damages recorded were divided by the total number of years of available data in the NCEI Storm Events Database (1996 – 2022). This provides an annual estimated potential loss of \$370 and \$70 per event. The following table provides an estimate of potential property losses for the Parish:

Table 2-61: Estimated Annual Property Losses in the Parish resulting from Hail Damage.

Estimated Annual Potential Losses				
Unincorporated Area (53.1%)	Monroe (21.2%)	Richwood (0.7%)	Sterlington (1.8%)	West Monroe (6.0%)
\$216	\$110	\$9	\$5	\$30

Vulnerable Population

Per the NCEI Storm Events Database, there have been no reported injuries or fatalities as a result of hail.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-62: Hail Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Hail Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	4	2	3	3	1	2.7

Lightning Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for lightning.

*Table 2-63: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Lightning Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively Low	Relatively Low

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Since 1996, there have been nine significant lightning occurrences per the NCEI Storm Events Database. The total property damage associated with these storms totaled approximately \$525,000. To estimate the potential losses on an annual basis, the total damages recorded were divided by the total number of years of available data in the NCEI Storm Events Database (1996 – 2022). This provides an annual estimated potential loss of \$19,444 and \$58,333 per event. The following table provides an estimate of potential property losses for the Parish:

Table 2-64: Estimated Annual Property Losses in the Parish resulting from Lightning Damage.

Estimated Annual Potential Losses				
Unincorporated Area (53.1%)	Monroe (21.2%)	Richwood (0.7%)	Sterlington (1.8%)	West Monroe (6.0%)
\$11,361	\$5,784	\$471	\$240	\$1,589

Vulnerable Population

Per the NCEI Storm Events Database, there has been one reported fatality and no injuries as a result of lightning.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-65: Lightning Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Lightning Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	3	2	2	3	1	2.25

Thunderstorm Wind Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for thunderstorm wind.

*Table 2-66: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Thunderstorm Wind Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Since 1996, there have been 207 significant thunderstorm wind occurrences per the NCEI Storm Events Database. The total property damage associated with these storms totaled approximately \$8,091,000. To estimate the potential losses on an annual basis, the total damages recorded were divided by the total number of years of available data in the NCEI Storm Events Database (1996 – 2022). This provides an annual estimated potential loss of \$299,667 and \$39,087 per event. The following table provides an estimate of potential property losses for the Parish:

Table 2-67: Estimated Annual Property Losses in the Parish resulting from Thunderstorm Wind Damage.

Estimated Annual Potential Losses				
Unincorporated Area (53.1%)	Monroe (21.2%)	Richwood (0.7%)	Sterlington (1.8%)	West Monroe (6.0%)
\$175,093	\$89,137	\$7,252	\$3,700	\$24,485

Vulnerable Population

Per the NCEI Storm Events Database, there have been four reported injuries and no fatalities as a result of thunderstorm winds.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-68: Thunderstorm Wind Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Thunderstorm Wind Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	4	2	3	3	1	2.7

Tornadoes

Profile

Tornadoes (also called twisters or cyclones) are rapidly rotating funnels of wind extending between storm clouds and the ground. For their size, tornadoes are the most severe storms, and 70% of the world's reported tornadoes occur within the continental United States, making them one of the most significant hazards Americans face. Tornadoes and waterspouts form during severe weather occurrences, such as thunderstorms and hurricanes, when cold air overrides a layer of warm air, causing the warm air to rise rapidly. This usually results in a counterclockwise rotation in the northern hemisphere. The updraft of air in tornadoes always rotates because of wind shear (differing speeds of moving air at various heights), and it can rotate in either a clockwise or counterclockwise direction; clockwise rotations (in the northern hemisphere) will sustain the system, at least until other forces cause it to die seconds to minutes later.

Since February 1, 2007, the Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale has been used to classify tornado intensity. The EF Scale classifies tornadoes based on their damage pattern rather than wind speed; wind speed is then derived and estimated. This contrasts with the Saffir-Simpson scale used for hurricane classification, which is based on measured wind speed. The following table shows the EF scale in comparison with the original Fujita (F) Scale, which was used prior to February 1, 2007. When discussing past tornadoes, the scale used at the time of the hazard is used. Damage and adjustment between scales can be made using the following tables.

Table 2-69: Comparison of the Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale to the Fujita (F) Scale.

Wind speed (mph)	Enhanced Fujita Scale					
	EF0	EF1	EF2	EF3	EF4	EF5
	65-85	86-110	111-135	136-165	166-200	>200
	Fujita Scale					
	F0	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5
	<73	73-112	113-157	158-206	207-260	>261

Table 2-70: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita Tornado Damage Scale.

Scale	Typical Damage
F0/EF0	Light damage. Some damage to chimneys; branches broken off trees; shallow-rooted trees pushed over; sign boards damaged.
F1/EF1	Moderate damage. Peels surface off roofs; mobile homes pushed off foundations or overturned; moving autos blown off roads.
F2/EF2	Considerable damage. Roofs torn off frame houses; mobile homes demolished; boxcars overturned; light-object missiles generated; cars lifted off ground.
F3/EF3	Severe damage. Roofs and some walls torn off well-constructed houses; trains overturned; most trees in brush uprooted; heavy cars lifted off the ground and thrown.
F4/EF4	Devastating damage. Well-constructed houses leveled; structures with weak foundations blown away some distance; cars thrown, and large missiles generated.
F5/EF5	Incredible damage. Strong frame houses leveled off foundations and swept away; automobile-sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 meters (109 yards); trees debarked; incredible phenomena will occur.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has the ability to issue advisory messages based on forecasts and observations. The following are the advisory messages that may be issued with definitions of each:

- *Tornado Watch:* Issued to alert people to the possibility of a tornado developing in the area. A tornado has not been spotted but the conditions are favorable for tornadoes to occur.
- *Tornado Warning:* Issued when a tornado has been spotted or when Doppler radar identifies a distinctive “hook-shaped” area within a thunderstorm line.

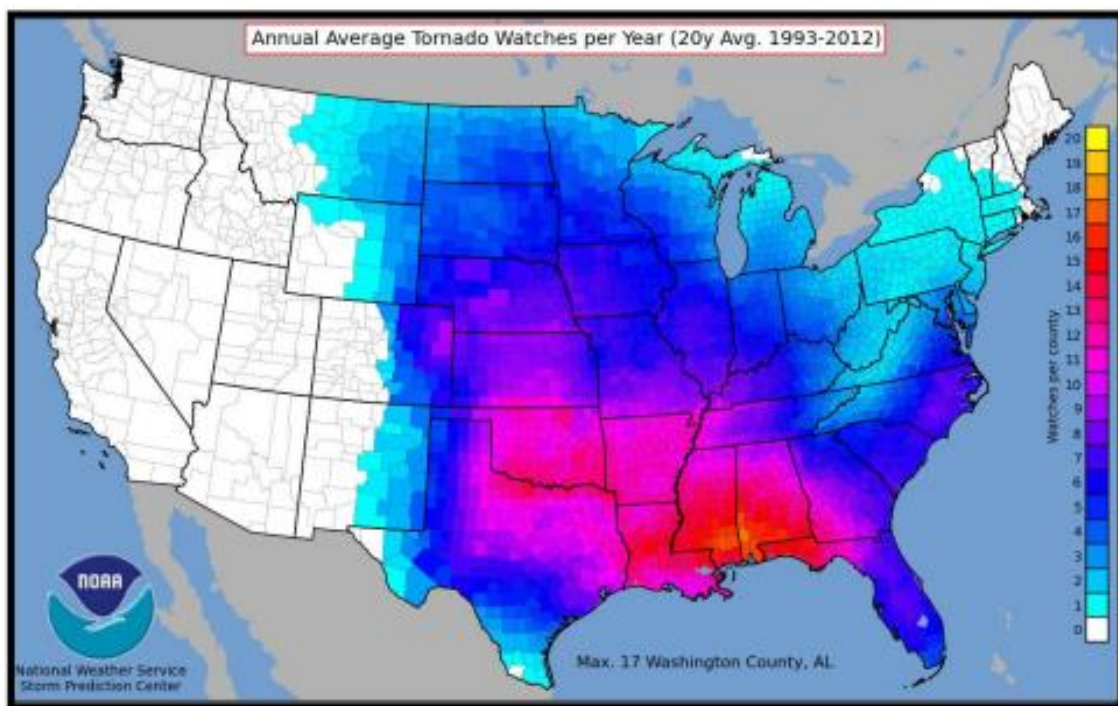


Figure 2-26: County-Level Tornado Watches Issued Per Year on Average.
(Source: NOAA SPC)

Structures within the direct path of a tornado vortex are often reduced to rubble. Structures adjacent to the tornado’s path are often severely damaged by high winds flowing into the tornado vortex, known as inflow winds. It is here, adjacent to the tornado’s path, that the building type and construction techniques are critical to the structure’s survival. Although tornadoes strike at random, making all buildings vulnerable, mobile homes, homes with crawlspaces, and buildings with large spans are more likely to suffer damage.

The major health hazard from tornadoes is physical injury from flying debris or being in a collapsed building or mobile home. Within a building, flying debris or projectiles are generally stopped by interior walls. However, if a building has no partitions, any glass, brick, or other debris blown into the interior is life threatening. Following a tornado, damaged buildings are a potential health hazard due to instability, electrical system damage, and gas leaks. Sewage and water lines may also be damaged. Tornadoes have historically impacted all areas of Louisiana.

Peak tornado activity in Louisiana occurs during the spring, as it does in the rest of the United States. Nearly one-third of observed tornadoes in the United States occur during April. About half of those in Louisiana, including many of the strongest, occur between March and June. Fall and winter tornadoes are less frequent, but the distribution of tornadoes throughout the year is more uniform in Louisiana than in locations farther north.

Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Tornadoes occur sporadically throughout the parish and the occurrence of a tornado in the parish is highly unpredictable making it impossible to forecast the exact time and locations of when a tornado will touch down or the path it will take. Because of this, the entire planning area is considered equally at risk for a tornadic incident. The worst-case scenario of a tornado occurrence is an EF4 tornado.

Previous Occurrences

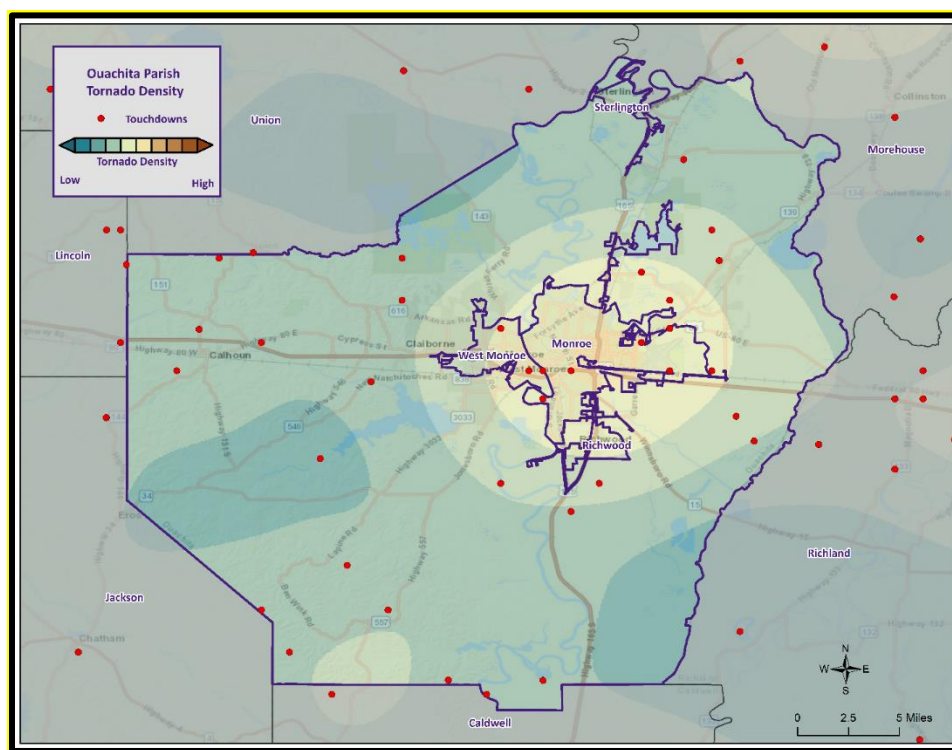
The parish experienced 18 tornado occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been 8 tornado occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Table 2-71: Historical Tornado Occurrences in the Parish since the 2016 Update.

Date	Location	Magnitude	Property Damage	Crop Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
4/13/2018	CALHOUN	EF1	\$125,000	\$0	0	0
4/14/2018	EUREKA	EF1	\$40,000	\$0	0	0
5/8/2019	MILLHAVEN	EF1	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	BAWCOMVILLE	EF3	\$250,000,000	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	PHILLIPS	EF3	\$750,000	\$0	0	0
4/12/2020	FAIRBANKS	EF1	\$25,000	\$0	0	0
4/7/2021	CALHOUN	EF0	\$0	\$0	0	0
4/12/2022	FRIZZELL	EF1	\$50,000	\$0	0	1

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for tornado occurrences in the parish is 0.66 (67% annual probability) or approximately 1 tornado occurrence every 1 to 2 years. The following figure displays the tornado density for the parish.



*Figure 2-27: Location and Density of Tornadoes to Touchdown in the Parish
(Source: NOAA/SPC Severe Weather Database)*

[Climate Change Impacts](#)

Similar to thunderstorms, the impacts of climate change on the occurrence and strength of tornadoes is not well understood at this time, but is an area of ongoing research. While only about 1% of thunderstorms will produce a tornado, preliminary research and climate models indicate that the environmental suitability for severe thunderstorms, and therefore tornadoes, could increase over the Eastern United States by the end of the century.

Climate change is contributing to the increasing frequency and intensity of tornadoes, leading to significant impacts on both infrastructure and vulnerable populations. As global temperatures rise, the atmosphere becomes more unstable, creating conditions favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Tornadoes are powerful and destructive, capable of causing widespread damage to various types of infrastructure.

One of the most significant impacts of tornadoes on infrastructure is the destruction of buildings and critical facilities. Tornadoes can flatten homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses, leaving communities devastated and in need of urgent assistance. The damage to infrastructure disrupts essential services, such as electricity, water supply, and communication networks, exacerbating the challenges faced by affected communities during recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Vulnerable populations are particularly at-risk during tornadoes. Low-income communities often live in substandard housing and lack access to proper storm shelters, leaving them more exposed to the destructive forces of tornadoes. Furthermore, elderly individuals and people with disabilities may struggle to seek shelter and escape the path of these fast-moving storms, increasing their vulnerability to injury or death. Tornadoes can also disproportionately affect marginalized communities due to limited access to emergency response services and resources.

Moreover, tornadoes can lead to economic hardships for vulnerable populations. Homes and properties are often uninsured or underinsured in these areas, leaving residents with significant financial burdens after tornadoes strike. As a result, vulnerable communities may face challenges in recovering and rebuilding their lives, perpetuating cycles of poverty and inequality.

To address the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and vulnerable populations concerning tornadoes, proactive measures are essential. Building tornado-resistant infrastructure and implementing better early warning systems can help minimize the damage caused by tornadoes. For vulnerable populations, providing accessible storm shelters and ensuring access to emergency resources and support are critical to saving lives and reducing the long-term impacts of tornadoes. Additionally, climate change mitigation efforts are crucial to addressing the root causes of tornado intensification, as reducing greenhouse gas emissions can help stabilize the climate and potentially mitigate the future increase in tornado frequency and severity.

Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for tornadoes.

*Table 2-72: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Tornado Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively High	Relatively High

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Since 1996, there have been 18 significant tornado occurrences per the NCEI Storm Events Database. The total property damage associated with these storms totaled approximately \$255,565,000. To estimate the potential losses on an annual basis, the total damages recorded were divided by the total number of years of available data in the NCEI Storm Events Database (1996 – 2022). This provides an annual estimated potential loss of \$14,198,056 and \$9,465,370 per event. The following table provides an estimate of potential property losses for the Parish:

Table 2-73: Estimated Annual Property Losses in the Parish resulting from Tornado Damage.

Estimated Annual Potential Losses				
Unincorporated Area (53.1%)	Monroe (21.2%)	Richwood (0.7%)	Sterlington (1.8%)	West Monroe (6.0%)
\$5,530,556	\$2,815,506	\$229,068	\$116,865	\$773,376

The following table presents an analysis of building exposure that are susceptible to tornadoes by general occupancy type for the parish along with the percentage of building stock that are mobile homes.

*Table 2-74: Building Exposure by General Occupancy Type for Tornadoes in the Parish.
(Source: Hazus)*

Building Exposure by General Occupancy Type for Tornadoes Exposure Types (\$1,000)							
Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Agricultural	Religion	Government	Education	Mobile Homes (%)
16,757,019	5,960,373	1,200,330	55,044	666,248	221,516	255,814	22.3

Vulnerable Population

Per the NCEI Storm Events Database, there have been no reported fatalities and one injury as a result of tornadoes.

In accessing the overall risk to population, the most vulnerable population throughout the parish are those residing in manufacturing housing. Approximately 22.3% of all housing in the Parish consists of manufactured housing. The location and density of manufactured houses can be seen in the following figure.

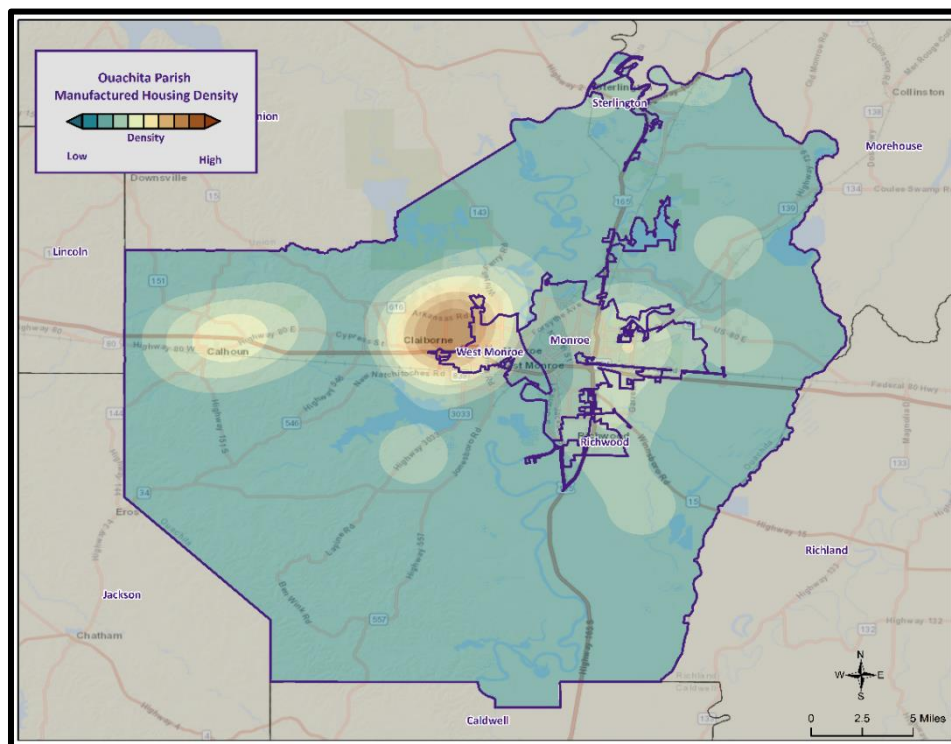


Figure 2-28: Location and Approximate Number of Units in Manufactured Housing Locations throughout the Parish.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-75: Tornado Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Tornado Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	3	3	2	4	3	2.95

Tropical Cyclones

Profile

Hurricanes, typhoons, and cyclones, are names for powerful tropical storms in which winds rotate around a closed circulation of low-pressure. In the Atlantic and eastern Pacific basins, they are known as hurricanes, in Asia (western Pacific) they are known as typhoons, and in Australia they are called cyclones. In the Northern Hemisphere, hurricane winds rotate in a counter-clockwise direction (clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere). The key energy source for a hurricane is the release of latent heat energy from condensation.

This energy is found where there is a deep layer of warm water to fuel the system. Conditions for hurricane formation include warm waters, rotational force from the earth's spin (Coriolis Effect), and the absence of vertical wind shear (stability in the lower atmosphere). Tropical disturbances that affect North America typically originate off the west coast of Africa. If the tropical disturbance lowers in pressure and starts to rotate around a low pressure center, it may turn into a tropical depression. Barometric pressure (measured in millibars or inches) continues to fall in the center as these storm systems develop in intensity. When sustained wind speeds reach 39 mph, the system becomes a tropical storm and is given a name by the National Hurricane Center. When sustained wind speeds reach 74 mph, it becomes a hurricane. Hurricanes are much larger and powerful storms with an average diameter of 350 miles. The start of the official Atlantic hurricane season is June 1st and ends November 30th. Peak hurricane season is August and September in the Northern Hemisphere, when water temperatures and evaporation rates are greatest. Associated with these storms are damaging winds, heavy precipitation, and tornadoes. Coastal areas are also vulnerable to storm surge, wind-driven waves, and tidal flooding, which can cause more destruction than cyclone winds.

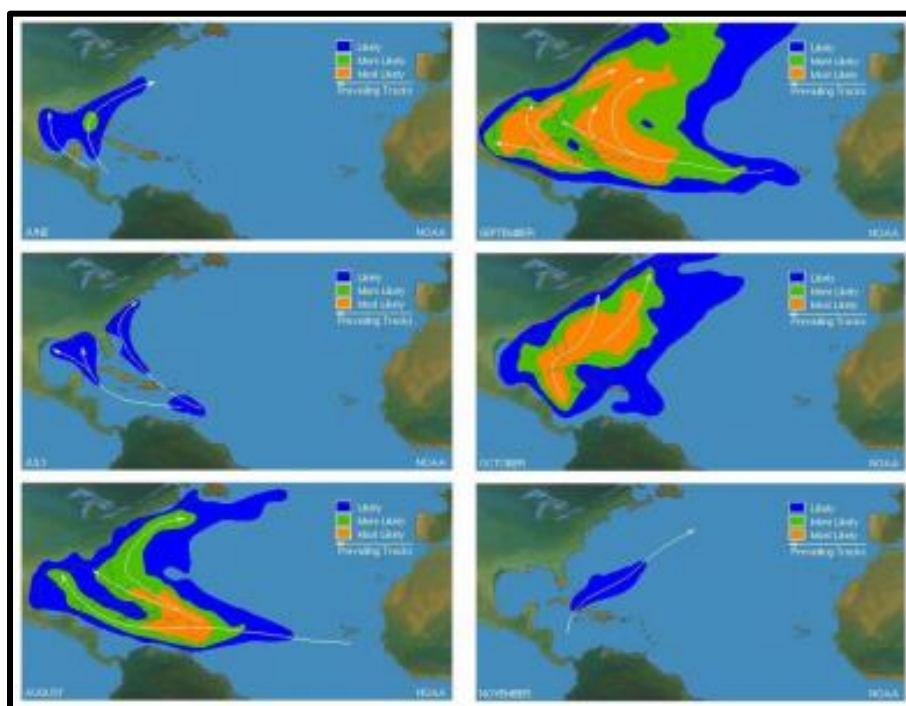


Figure 2-29: Areas of Likely Tropical Cyclone Formation and Tracking.
(Source: NOAA NHC)

Hurricane intensity is classified by the Saffir-Simpson Scale, which categorizes hurricane intensity based upon maximum sustained wind speeds on a scale of one to five, with five being the most intense. Typically, higher category hurricanes have lower pressure and greater storm surge. Categories three, four, and five are classified as “major” hurricanes, and while hurricanes within this range comprise only 20 percent of total landfalls, they account for over 70 percent of the damage incurred in the United States. Hurricane (Category 1 or higher) return periods are shown the following figure:

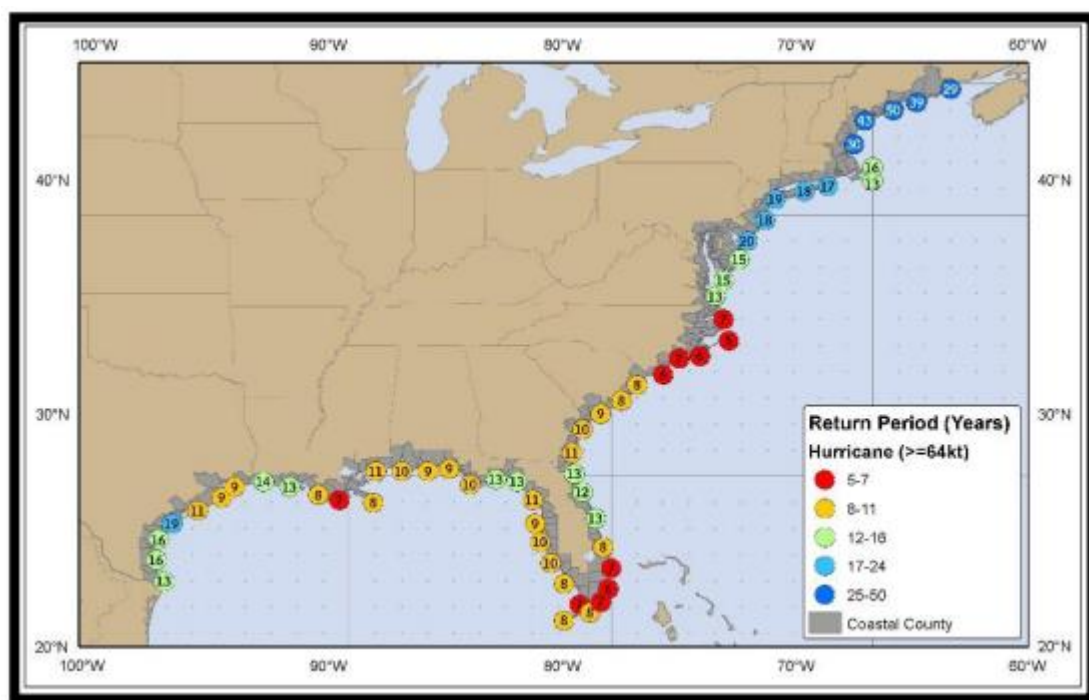


Figure 2-30: Hurricane Return Periods for the Atlantic Basin (USA).
(Source: NOAA NHC)

Table 2-76: Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale			
Category	Sustained Winds	Pressure	Types of Damage Due to Winds
Tropical Depression	<39 mph	N/A	N/A
Tropical Cyclone	39-73 mph	N/A	N/A
1	74-95 mph	>14.2 psi	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage. Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding, and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap, and shallow-rooted trees may be toppled, especially after the soil becomes waterlogged. Extensive damage to power lines and poles will likely result in power outages that could last several days.
2	96-110 mph	14-14.2 psi	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage. Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallow-rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted, especially after the soil becomes waterlogged, and block numerous roads. Near total power loss is expected, with outages that could last from several days to weeks.
3	111-129 mph	13.7 -14 psi	Devastating damage will occur. Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, especially after the soil becomes waterlogged, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water may be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.
4	130-156 mph	13.3-13.7 psi	Catastrophic damage will occur. Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted, especially after the soil becomes waterlogged, and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.
5	157 mph or higher	<13.7 psi	Catastrophic damage will occur. A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks to months.

Storm surge is elevated water level that is pushed towards the shore by the force of strong winds that result in the piling up of water. The advancing surge combines with the normal tides, which in extreme cases can increase the normal water height over 20 feet. The storm surge arrives ahead of the storm's actual landfall and the more intense the hurricane is, the sooner the surge arrives. Water rise can be very rapid and can move far inland, posing a serious threat to those who have not yet evacuated flood-prone areas. Debris carried by the waves can also contribute to the devastation. As the storm approaches shore, the greatest storm surge will be to the north of the hurricane eye, in the right-front quadrant of the direction in which the hurricane is moving. Such a surge of high water topped by waves driven by hurricane force winds can be devastating to coastal regions, causing severe beach erosion and property damage along the immediate coast. Storm surge heights, and associated waves, are dependent upon the shape of the continental shelf (narrow or wide) and the depth of the ocean bottom (bathymetry). A narrow shelf, or one that drops steeply from the shoreline and subsequently produces deep water close to the shoreline, tends to produce a lower surge but higher and more powerful storm waves. While disassociated with the Saffir-Simpson Scale, storm surge remains the leading killer of residents along immediate coastal areas. Researchers at the Southern Regional Climate Center have indicated that hurricane strength at approximately 12-18 hours prior to landfall is a better indicator of storm surge strength (compared to wind speeds at landfall).

Many other associated hazards can occur during a hurricane, including heavy rains, flooding, high winds, and tornadoes. A general rule of thumb in coastal Louisiana is that the number of inches of rainfall to be expected from a tropical cyclone is approximately 100 divided by the forward velocity of the storm in mph; so, a fast-moving storm (20 mph) might be expected to drop five inches of rain while a slow-moving (5 mph) storm could produce totals of around 20 inches. However, no two storms are alike, and such generalizations have limited utility for planning purposes.

Hurricane Beulah, which struck Texas in 1967, spawned 115 confirmed tornadoes. In recent years, extensive coastal development has increased the storm surge resulting from these storms so much that this has become the greatest natural hazard threat to property and loss of life in the state. Storm surge is a temporary rise in sea level generally caused by reduced air pressure and strong onshore winds associated with a storm system near the coast. Although storm surge can technically occur at any time of the year in Louisiana, surges caused by hurricanes can be particularly deadly and destructive. Such storm surge events are often accompanied by large, destructive waves (exceeding ten meters in some places) that can inflict a high number of fatalities and economic losses. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina clearly demonstrated the destructive potential of this hazard, as it produced the highest modern-day storm surge levels in the State of Louisiana, reaching up to 18.7 feet near Alluvial City in St. Bernard Parish.

Property can be damaged by the various forces that accompany a tropical cyclone. High winds can directly impact structures in three ways: wind forces, flying debris, and pressure. By itself, the force of the wind can knock over trees, break tree limbs, and destroy loose items, such as television antennas and power lines. Many things can be moved by high winds. As winds increase, so does the pressure against stationary objects. Pressure against a wall rises with the square of the wind speed. For some structures, this force is enough to cause failure. The potential for damage to structures is increased when debris breaks the building "envelope" and allows the wind pressure to impact all surfaces (the building envelope includes all surfaces that make up the barrier between the indoors and the outdoors, such as the walls, foundation, doors, windows, and roof). Mobile homes and buildings in need of maintenance are most subject to wind damage. High winds mean bigger waves. Extended pounding by waves can demolish any poorly or improperly designed structures. The waves also erode sand beaches, roads, and foundations. When foundations are compromised, the building will collapse.

Nine out of ten deaths during hurricanes are caused by storm surge flooding. Falling tree limbs and flying debris caused by high winds have the ability to cause injury or death. Downed trees and damaged buildings are a potential health hazard due to instability, electrical system damage, broken pipelines, chemical releases, and gas leaks. Sewage and water lines may also be damaged. Salt water and freshwater intrusions from storm surge send animals, such as snakes, into areas occupied by humans.

Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Tropical cyclones typically impact multiple regions and not one specific jurisdiction or campus. Because of this, all of the planning area is susceptible to the effects of tropical cyclones. Tropical cyclones are the single biggest threat to all of South Louisiana. With any single tropical cyclone event having the potential to devastate multiple parishes at once, tropical cyclones are a significant threat to the entire parish planning area. The worst-case scenario for a tropical cyclone event in the parish is a tropical storm.

Previous Occurrences

The parish experienced five tropical cyclone occurrences between the years 2002 and 2022. Since the last update in 2016, there have been two tropical cyclone occurrences within the boundaries of the parish.

Table 2-77: Historical Tropical Cyclone Occurrences in the Parish since the 2016 Update.

Date	Magnitude	Name	Property Damage	Crop Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
9/1/2008	Tropical Storm	Gustav	\$300,000	\$0	0	0
9/13/2008	Tropical Storm	Ike	\$200,000	\$0	0	0
8/30/2012	Tropical Storm	Isaac	\$0	\$0	0	0
8/27/2020	Tropical Storm	Laura	\$0	\$0	0	0
10/9/2020	Tropical Storm	Delta	\$0	\$0	0	0

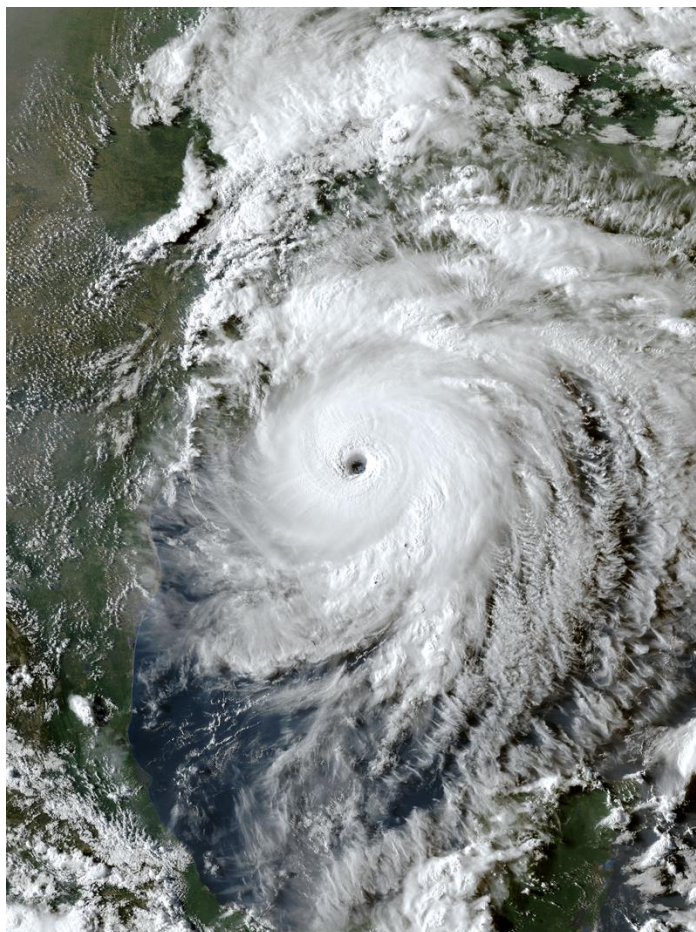
Tropical Storm Laura (2020)

Laura began as a large tropical wave that emerged off the west coast of Africa on August 16th. The wave traversed the tropical Atlantic for the next several days with little additional organization. On August 19th, the system became better organized, closed off a low-level circulation, and subsequently the National Hurricane Center began issuing advisories on Tropical Depression Thirteen late that evening.

On the morning of August 21st, Tropical Depression Thirteen strengthened into Tropical Storm Laura, which was the earliest twelfth named Atlantic storm, beating the previous record of Hurricane Luis of 1995 by eight days. As Laura moved westward, little additional strengthening took place as the center moved over the northern Lesser Antilles later that evening, and south of Puerto Rico on August 22nd. Early on August 23rd, Tropical Storm Laura made landfall across Hispaniola, traversed the entire island, and made landfall across Eastern Cuba later that evening. Tropical Storm Laura continued west northwestward, traveling just south of the island with a second landfall across Western Cuba late on August 24th.

On August 25th, Laura entered the Gulf of Mexico and became a Category 1 hurricane at 10 AM CDT. Laura began to explosively intensify on August 26th, reaching category 2 by 1 AM CDT, category 3 by 7 AM

CDT, and category 4 by 1 PM CDT. Laura reached a peak intensity of 150 mph (130 knots) and a minimum central pressure of 937 millibars (27.67 inches of mercury) by 8 PM CDT.



*Figure 2-31: Hurricane Laura in the Gulf Coast Area.
(Source: NOAA)*

With little change in strength, Laura made landfall at Cameron, Louisiana around 1 AM CDT August 27th, with sustained winds of 150 mph (130 knots) and a minimum central pressure of 938 millibars (27.70 inches of mercury). Laura was the strongest hurricane to strike Southwest Louisiana since records began in 1851. Laura slowly weakened after landfall but maintained major hurricane status throughout its passage across Cameron, Calcasieu, and southern Beauregard Parishes, and category 2 status across northern Beauregard and Vernon parishes as daybreak approached on August 27th. Laura finally weakened below hurricane strength by Noon as it was crossing I-20 in North Louisiana. With this being the strongest hurricane to affect Southwest Louisiana, wind damage to buildings and trees was major to catastrophic across Cameron and Calcasieu parishes, with considerable damage across Beauregard and Vernon parishes where the core of the hurricane passed.

The National Weather Service in Lake Charles, Louisiana recorded a station record highest peak wind gust of 116 knots (133 mph) at 1:42 AM CDT before the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) wind equipment failed. However, the ASOS barometer sensor that was safely within the NWS building (which received very little damage) recorded a station record minimum sea level pressure of 956 millibars (28.23 inches of mercury) at 2:20 AM CDT when the eye of Hurricane Laura passed nearly overhead.

A total of 33 fatalities occurred throughout the state with four of them coming from falling trees. They included a 14-year-old girl in Vernon Parish, a 68-year-old man in Acadia Parish, a 51-year-old man in Jackson Parish, and a 64-year-old man in Allen Parish. Carbon monoxide poisoning from generators being inside homes, which is strongly discouraged, led to the deaths of twelve people in Calcasieu Parish and two people in Allen Parish. Another man died of drowning while aboard a sinking boat during the storm. Finally, one person died in Calcasieu Parish in a house fire, four people died in Calcasieu Parish, Natchitoches Parish, and Morehouse Parish during the cleanup process, and eight others died in Beauregard Parish, Grant Parish, Morehouse Parish, and Vernon Parish due to heat-related illnesses following the loss of electricity.

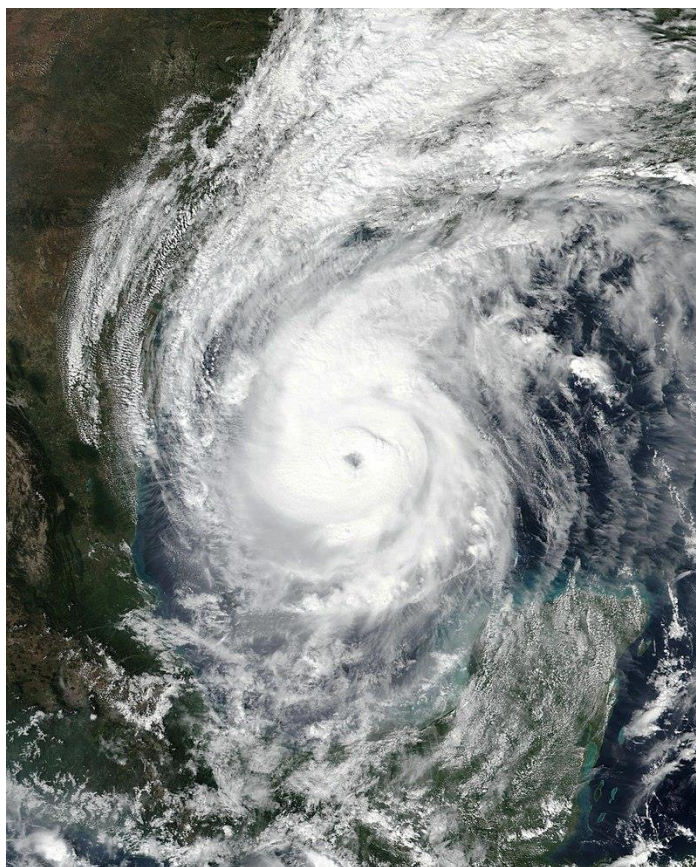
In Ouachita Parish, numerous trees and power lines down parish wide. Power outages to nearly 80 percent of parish residents. Some trees fell on homes in West Monroe and Monroe. The awning at a Chevron gas station in West Monroe was significantly damaged. The damage and power outages led to the cancellation of classes at the University of Louisiana-Monroe for the following week.

[Tropical Storm Delta \(2020\)](#)

Hurricane Delta was the record-tying fourth named storm of 2020 to strike Louisiana, as well as the record-breaking tenth named storm to strike the United States in that year. The twenty-sixth tropical cyclone, twenty-fifth named storm, ninth hurricane, and third major hurricane of the record breaking 2020 Atlantic hurricane season, Delta formed from a tropical wave which was first monitored by the National Hurricane Center on October 1. As it tracked across the western Caribbean, it rapidly intensified into a Category 4 hurricane. In fact, intensifying from tropical depression to Category strength in 40 hours is the fastest rate of intensification of any storm on record in the Atlantic Basin and accomplished by Delta. Delta quickly weakened to a category 1 hurricane after making its first landfall on the Yucatan Peninsula. It gradually recurved north towards the Louisiana coastline, fluctuating in intensity between category 2 and 3.

Hurricane Delta made landfall around 5 pm as a category 2 storm east of Cameron, Louisiana or about 15 miles east of where category 4 Hurricane Laura made landfall just a couple of months earlier of the same year. Local impacts included 50 to 70 mph wind gusts across the area, storm surge of 2 to 3 feet above ground, and widespread tree and structural damage. There were six injuries due to Hurricane Delta. In addition, outer bands of Delta produced a significant amount of rainfall on the north side of Baton Rouge Metro. Upwards of five to 10 inches of rain fell, causing street flooding in Baton Rouge and moderate river flooding in the region. Delta caused approximately \$100 million worth of damage across southeast Louisiana.

In Ouachita Parish, numerous trees and power lines were down throughout the parish. Over 50 trees were down in Kiroli Park in West Monroe, resulting in structural damage to walkways and foot bridges. Power outages to nearly 40 percent of the parish residents. Flooding was reported in the low-lying areas around Monroe and Bawcomville.



*Figure 2-32: Hurricane Delta in the Gulf Coast Area.
(Source: NOAA)*

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for tropical cyclone occurrences in the parish is 0.24 (24% annual probability) or approximately 1 tropical cyclone occurrence every 4 to 5 years.

Climate Change Impacts

Climate change has the potential to alter the prevalence and severity of extreme incidents such as tropical cyclones. Louisiana is expected to experience more days with temperatures above 95°F this century which means an increase in sea surface and ambient temperatures, alterations in the hydrological cycle, and an increase in sea level which collectively may increase the frequency of large storm incidents and impacts. Research indicates that the warming climate will increase the frequency of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes but decrease the frequency of less severe tropical cyclone incidents by the end of the century. This increase in the frequency of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes will lead to an increase in damage to the built environment and increased negative effects on the economy and ecosystem.

Climate change is amplifying the impacts of tropical cyclones on both infrastructure and vulnerable populations, making them more frequent and severe. As ocean temperatures rise due to global warming, tropical cyclones have access to greater energy, leading to stronger and more destructive storms. The intensification of cyclones poses significant risks to infrastructure located in coastal regions.

One of the primary impacts of tropical cyclones on infrastructure is the damage caused by strong winds and storm surges. Cyclones can rip apart buildings, topple power lines, and uproot trees, leading to widespread destruction of homes, businesses, and public facilities. Coastal areas are particularly

vulnerable to storm surges, which can inundate low-lying regions and cause severe flooding, damaging roads, bridges, and critical lifeline infrastructure such as water and sewage systems.

Vulnerable populations face disproportionate risks during tropical cyclones, especially in low-lying coastal communities. People with limited mobility, the elderly, and low-income households often lack resources and access to evacuation options, making them more susceptible to the devastating impacts of cyclones. Displacement, property damage, and loss of livelihoods are common consequences for vulnerable populations affected by cyclones, exacerbating existing social inequalities and pushing them further into hardship.

Moreover, tropical cyclones can have long-lasting effects on the mental and physical health of vulnerable populations. The trauma caused by experiencing such extreme weather events can lead to long-term psychological distress. Lack of access to healthcare and resources after cyclones can also result in a higher risk of waterborne diseases and malnutrition for vulnerable communities.

To mitigate the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and vulnerable populations concerning tropical cyclones, several actions are crucial. Investing in more resilient infrastructure that can withstand stronger storms and higher storm surges is essential to minimize damage and ensure the continuity of critical services. Enhancing early warning systems and evacuation plans can save lives and improve the preparedness of vulnerable populations. Additionally, providing social safety nets and support to vulnerable communities can aid in their recovery and reduce the long-term impacts of cyclones on their well-being. Mitigating climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions is also vital to curbing the intensification of tropical cyclones and protecting both infrastructure and vulnerable populations from their devastating effects.

Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for tropical cyclones.

*Table 2-78: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Tropical Cyclone Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively Low	Relatively Low

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Using Hazus 100-Year Hurricane Model, the 100-year hurricane scenario was analyzed to determine losses from this worst-case scenario. The table on the following page shows the total economic losses that would result from this occurrence.

*Table 2-79: Total Estimated Losses for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Jurisdiction	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Hurricane Event
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	\$4,591,840
Monroe	\$2,364,625
Richwood	\$239,774
Sterlington	\$103,801
West Monroe	\$649,526
Total	\$7,949,565

Total losses from a 100-year hurricane event for the parish were compared with the total value of assets to determine the ratio of potential damage to total inventory in the table below.

*Table 2-80: Ratio of Total Losses to Total Estimated Value of Assets for the Parish.
(Source: Hazus)*

Jurisdiction	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Hurricane Event	Total Estimated Value of Assets	Ratio of Estimated Losses to Total Value
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	\$4,591,840	\$11,607,999,000	< 0.1%
Monroe	\$2,364,625	\$9,801,111,000	< 0.1%
Richwood	\$239,774	\$200,349,000	0.1%
Sterlington	\$103,801	\$235,570,000	< 0.1%
West Monroe	\$649,526	\$3,271,315,000	< 0.1%

Based on the Hazus Hurricane Model, estimated total losses for the parish and the jurisdictions ranged from less than 0.1% to 0.1% of the total estimated value of all assets.

The Hazus Hurricane Model also provides a breakdown for seven primary sectors (Hazus occupancy) throughout the parish. The losses for the parish by sector are listed in the table below.

*Table 2-81: Estimated Losses in Unincorporated Ouachita Parish for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Parish (Unincorporated)	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Hurricane Event
Agricultural	\$1,598
Commercial	\$31,759
Government	\$5,963
Industrial	\$4,951
Religious / Non-Profit	\$19,359
Residential	\$4,520,893
Schools	\$7,316
Total	\$4,591,840

*Table 2-82: Estimated Losses in Monroe for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Monroe	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Hurricane Event
Agricultural	\$823
Commercial	\$16,355
Government	\$3,071
Industrial	\$2,550
Religious / Non-Profit	\$9,969
Residential	\$2,328,090
Schools	\$3,767
Total	\$2,364,625

*Table 2-83: Estimated Losses in Richwood for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Richwood	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Hurricane Event
Agricultural	\$83
Commercial	\$1,658
Government	\$311
Industrial	\$259
Religious / Non-Profit	\$1,011
Residential	\$236,069
Schools	\$382
Total	\$239,774

*Table 2-84: Estimated Losses in Sterlington for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Sterlington	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Hurricane Event
Agricultural	\$36
Commercial	\$718
Government	\$135
Industrial	\$112
Religious / Non-Profit	\$438
Residential	\$102,197
Schools	\$165
Total	\$103,801

*Table 2-85: Estimated Losses in West Monroe for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

West Monroe	Estimated Total Losses from 100-Year Hurricane Event
Agricultural	\$226
Commercial	\$4,492
Government	\$844
Industrial	\$700
Religious / Non-Profit	\$2,738
Residential	\$639,490
Schools	\$1,035
Total	\$649,526

The following figure displays the wind zones that affect the parish in relation to critical facilities throughout the parish:

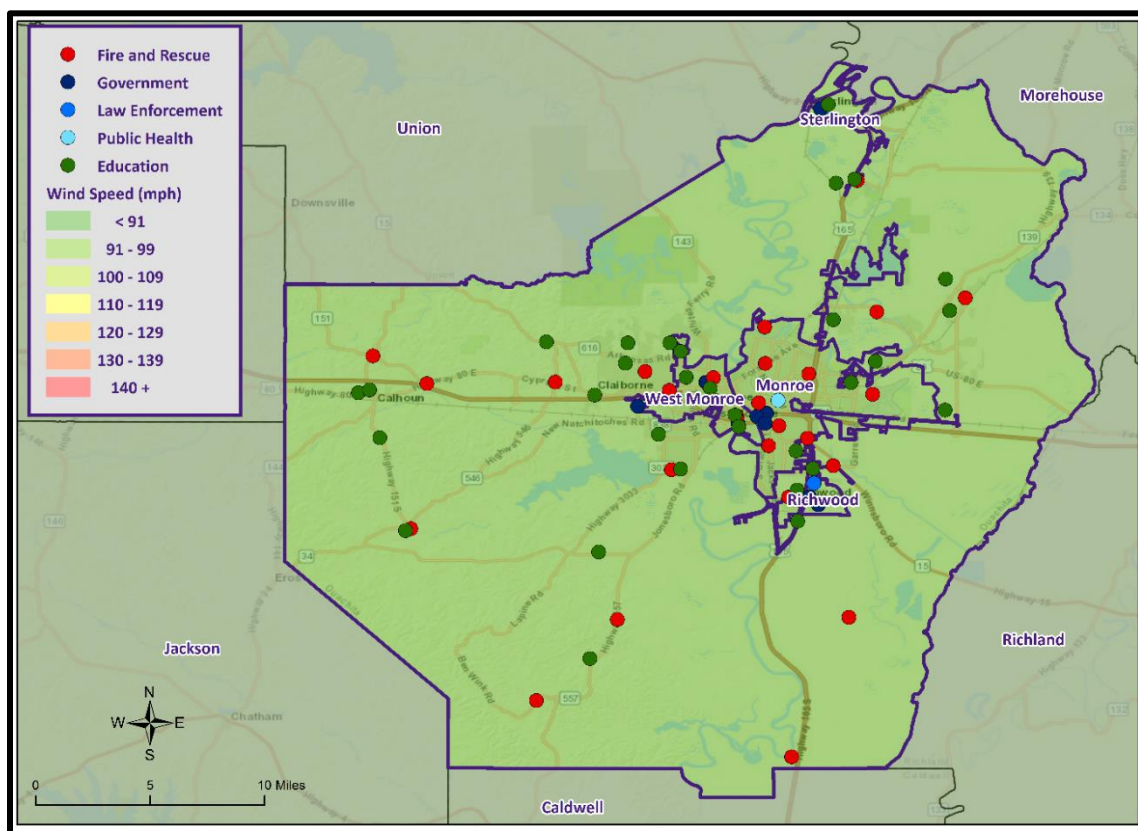


Figure 2-33: Winds Zones for the Parish in Relation to Critical Facilities

Vulnerable Population

The total population within the parish that is susceptible to a tropical cyclone hazard is shown in the table below:

*Table 2-86: Number of People Susceptible to a 100-Year Hurricane Event in Ouachita Parish
(Source: Hazus)*

Number of People Exposed to Hurricane Hazards			
Location	# in Community	# in Hazard Area	% in Hazard Area
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	86,854	86,854	100%
Monroe	48,815	48,815	100%
Richwood	3,392	3,392	100%
Sterlington	1,594	1,594	100%
West Monroe	13,065	13,065	100%
Total	153,720	153,720	100%

The Hazus hurricane model was also extrapolated to provide an overview of vulnerable populations throughout Ouachita Parish. These populations are illustrated in the following tables:

*Table 2-87: Vulnerable Populations in Unincorporated Ouachita Parish for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	86,854	100.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	5,385	6.2%
Persons Under 18 Years	21,019	24.2%
Persons 65 Years and Over	14,070	16.2%
White	51,418	59.2%
Minority	35,436	40.8%

*Table 2-88: Vulnerable Populations in Monroe for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Monroe		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	48,815	100.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	3,368	6.9%
Persons Under 18 Years	12,643	25.9%
Persons 65 Years and Over	7,273	14.9%
White	17,525	35.9%
Minority	31,290	64.1%

*Table 2-89: Vulnerable Populations in Richwood for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Richwood		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	3,392	100.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	146	4.3%
Persons Under 18 Years	597	17.6%
Persons 65 Years and Over	176	5.2%
White	726	21.4%
Minority	2,666	78.6%

*Table 2-90: Vulnerable Populations in Sterlington for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

Sterlington		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	1,594	100.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	124	7.8%
Persons Under 18 Years	552	34.6%
Persons 65 Years and Over	266	16.7%
White	1,140	71.5%
Minority	454	28.5%

*Table 2-91: Vulnerable Populations in West Monroe for a 100-Year Hurricane Event
(Source: Hazus)*

West Monroe		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	13,065	100.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	758	5.8%
Persons Under 18 Years	2,652	20.3%
Persons 65 Years and Over	2,286	17.5%
White	7,147	54.7%
Minority	5,918	45.3%

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-92: Tropical Cyclone Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Tropical Cyclone Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	3	4	4	1	4	3.3

Wildfires

Profile

A wildfire is combustion in a natural setting, marked by flames or intense heat. Most frequently, wildfires are ignited by lightning or unintentionally by humans. Fires set purposefully (but lawfully) are referred to as controlled fires or burns. There are three different types of wildfires: (1) Ground fires burn primarily in the thick layers of organic matter directly on the forest floor and even within the soil. Ground fires destroy root networks, peat, and compact litter. These fires spread extremely slowly and can smolder for months. (2) Surface fires burn litter (e.g., leaves, small sticks) and vegetative matter in the underbrush of a forest. (3) Crown fires spread rapidly by wind and move quickly by jumping along the tops of trees. There are two types of crown fires: (a) passive (or dependent) crown fires rely on heat transfer from surface fire, whereas (b) active (or independent) crown fires do not require any heat transfer from below. Active crown fires tend to occur with greater tree density and drier conditions. A firestorm is a mass crown fire (also called a running crown fire, area fire, or conflagration). They are large, continuous, intense fires that lead to violent convection. They are characterized by destructively violent surface in-drafts near and beyond their perimeter. Crown fires are the most damaging and most difficult to contain. The intensity of crown fires enables the fire to produce its own wind gusts. These so-called fire whirls can move embers ahead of the fire front and ignite new fires. Fire whirls are spinning vortex columns of ascending hot air and gases rising from the fire. Large fire whirls have the intensity of a small tornado.

The conditions conducive to the occurrence of wildfires are not distributed equally across the United States. Wildfires have a much greater likelihood of occurring in the western part of the country. Although less frequent than in other areas, wildfires do occur in Louisiana. Wildfire danger can vary greatly season to season, and is exacerbated by dry weather conditions. Factors that increase susceptibility to wildfires are the availability of fuel (e.g., litter and debris), topography (i.e., slope and elevation affect various factors like precipitation, fuel amount, and wind exposure), and specific meteorological conditions (e.g., low rainfall, high temperatures, low relative humidity, and winds). The potential for wildfire is often measured by the Keetch–Byram Drought Index (KBDI), which represents the net effect of evapotranspiration and precipitation in producing cumulative moisture deficiency in the soil. The KBDI aims to measure the amount of precipitation needed to return soil to its full field capacity, with KBDI values ranging from 0 (moist soil) to 800 (severe drought).

The wildland-urban interface and intermix land cover surface, developed by the SILVIS Lab at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, can be used to determine areas at risk. Wildland-urban interface is defined as the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development. This usually includes communities or areas of human development that are within 0.5 miles of the zone. Wildland-urban intermix is defined as areas in which human development is intermixed with wildland fuels. Intermix and interface areas are at risk of wildfires.

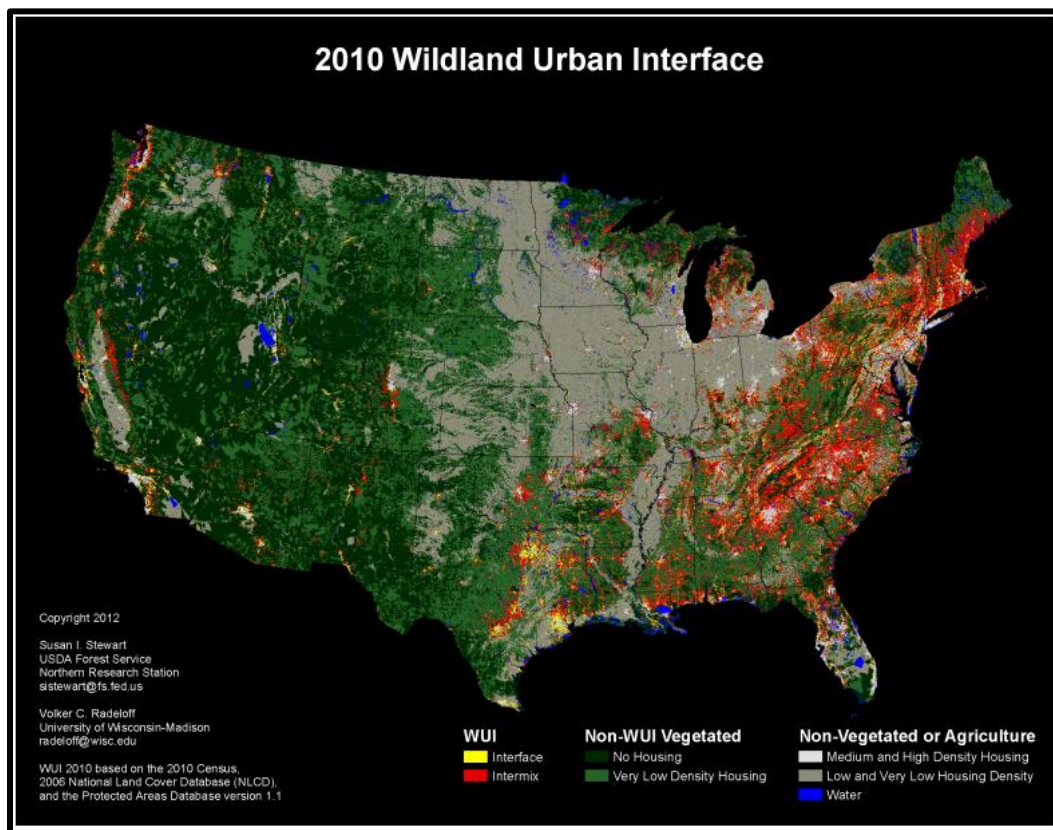


Figure 2-34: Contiguous USA Wildland Urban Interface Map.

According to the State of Louisiana Forestry Division, most forest fires in Louisiana are caused by intentional acts (arson) or carelessness and negligence committed by people, exacerbated by human confrontation with nature. The wildland–urban interface is the area in which development meets wildland vegetation, where both vegetation and the built environment provide fuel for fires. As development near wildland settings continues, more people and property are exposed to wildfire danger.

The Southern Group of State Foresters developed the Southern Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal to create awareness among the public and government sectors about the threat of wildfires in their areas. The Southern Wildfire Assessment Portal allows users to identify areas that are most prone to wildfires. The table on the next page summarizes the intensity levels assigned to areas in the Southern Wildfire Assessment Portal.

*Table 2-93: Southern Group of State Foresters Wildfire Risk Assessment Fire Intensity Scale.
(Source: Southern Wildfire Assessment Portal)*

Fire Intensity	
Level	Definition
1	Lowest Intensity: Minimal direct wildfire impacts. Location has a minimal chance of being directly impacted by a wildfire.
2	Low Intensity: Small flames usually less than two feet long; small amount of very short-range spotting possible. Fires are easy to suppress.
3	Moderate Intensity: Flames up to eight feet in length; short-range spotting is possible.
4	High Intensity: Large flames up to 30 feet in length; short-range spotting common; medium range spotting possible.
5	Highest Intensity: Very large flames up to 150 feet in length; profuse short-range spotting, frequent long-range spotting; strong fire induced winds.

Risk Assessment

Geographic Extent

Wildfires impact areas that are populated with forests and grasslands. The worst-case scenario for the parish is a level 5; Sterlington a level 4, West Monroe a level 3.5, and Monroe and Richwood a level 3. The following figure displays the areas of wildland-urban interface and intermix in the Parish and the jurisdictions.

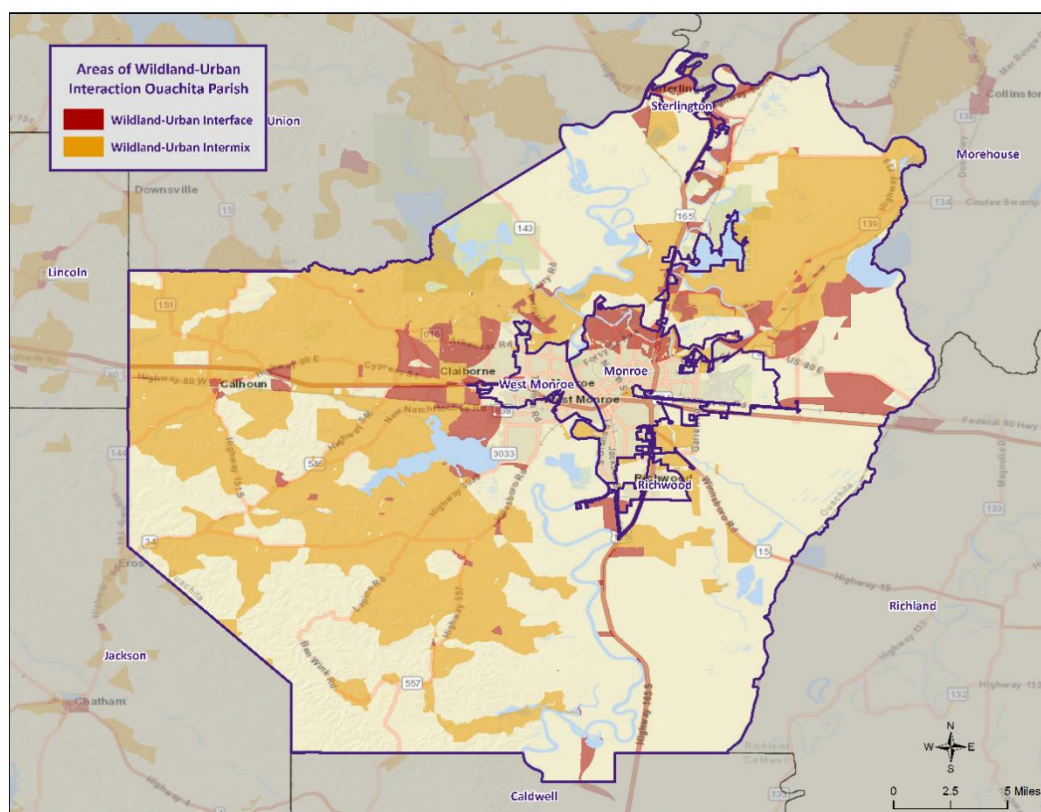


Figure 2-35: Wildland-Urban Interaction in the Parish.

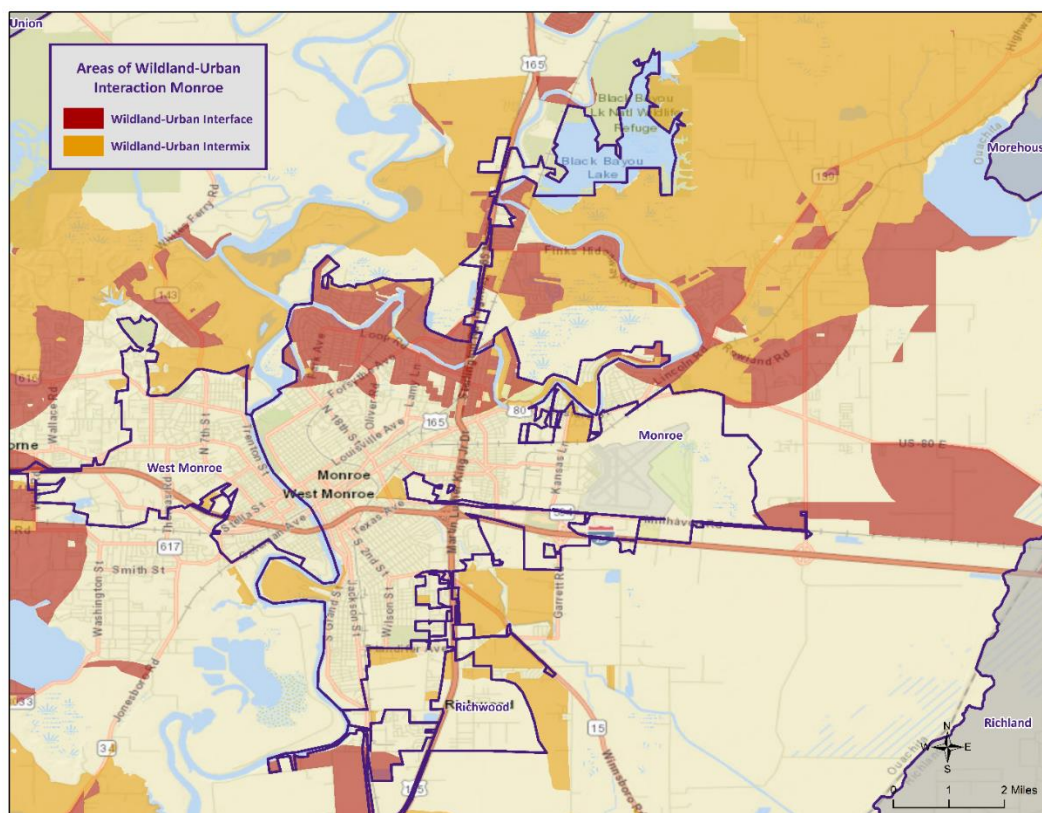


Figure 2-36: Wildland-Urban Interaction in Monroe.

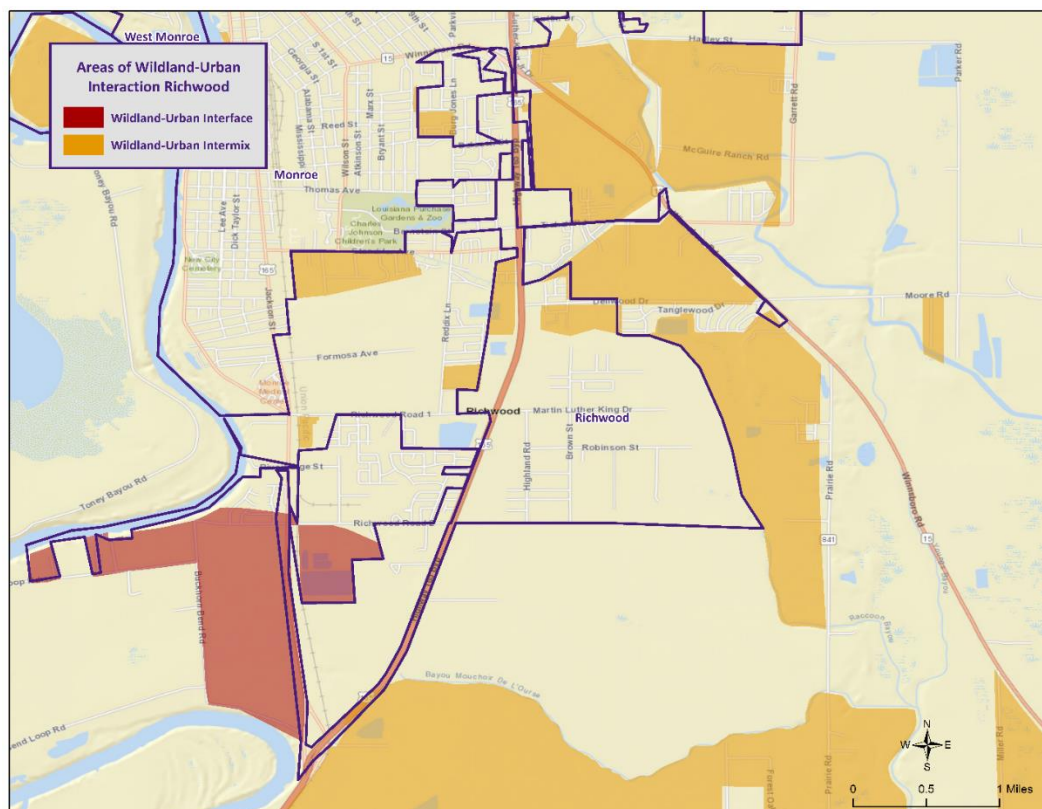


Figure 2-37: Wildland-Urban Interaction in Richwood.

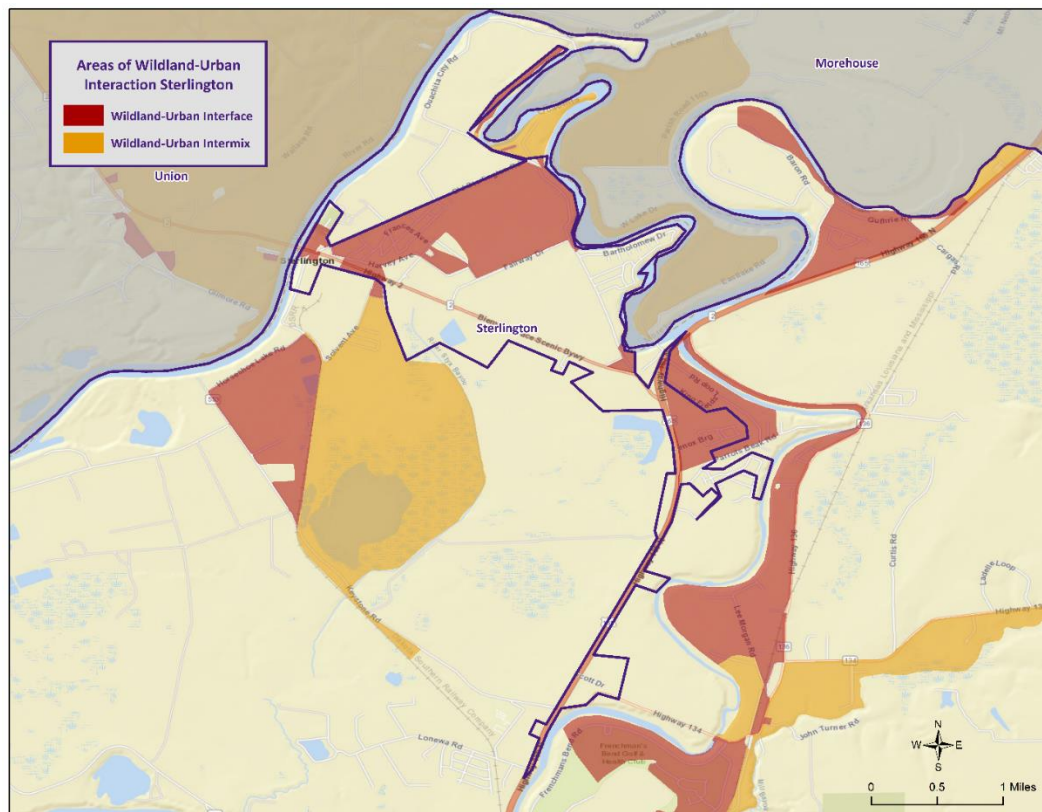


Figure 2-38: Wildland-Urban Interaction in Sterlington.

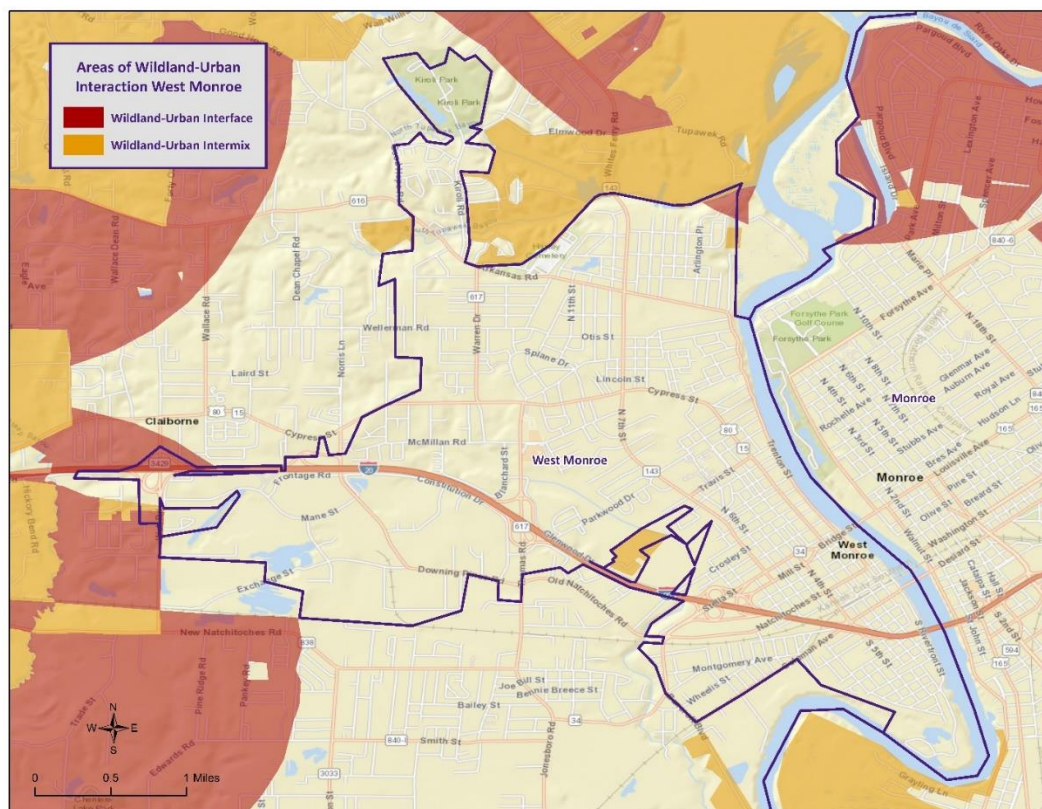


Figure 2-39: Wildland-Urban Interaction in West Monroe.

Previous Occurrences

The parish has experienced no wildfire occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022 per the NCEI Storm Events Database.

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for wildfire occurrences in the parish is 0 (< 1% annual probability) or approximately 1 wildfire event every 27 years.

Climate Change Impacts

The increasing probability and intensity of drought caused by climate change across Louisiana indicates that the risk of wildfires will also increase. The presence of drought or prolonged dry spells will lead to an increase in dry grasses, brush, and forests that act as fuel for fires.

Climate change is playing a significant role in the increasing frequency and severity of wildfires, resulting in substantial impacts on infrastructure and vulnerable populations. Rising temperatures, prolonged droughts, and altered precipitation patterns create ideal conditions for wildfires to ignite and spread rapidly. The destruction of critical infrastructure is one of the most profound consequences of wildfires. Roads, power lines, telecommunication networks, and water supply systems are vulnerable to damage, hindering emergency response efforts and disrupting access to essential services for communities affected by wildfires.

Vulnerable populations face unique challenges during wildfires. Those living in fire-prone areas often lack the means to adequately protect their homes and properties, making them more susceptible to property loss and displacement. Low-income communities may also have limited access to resources for evacuation and recovery, further exacerbating the impacts of wildfires on their well-being. Additionally, the elderly, children, and individuals with respiratory conditions are at heightened health risks due to poor air quality caused by wildfire smoke, which can lead to respiratory problems and other health issues.

Furthermore, wildfires can have long-term social and economic impacts on vulnerable populations. Displacement and property loss can force people to leave their homes and communities, leading to disruptions in education, employment, and social connections. The loss of livelihoods, particularly for those dependent on agriculture or tourism in affected regions, can exacerbate poverty and economic inequality.

To address the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and vulnerable populations concerning wildfires, various strategies are necessary. Investing in fire-resistant infrastructure and implementing better land use planning can help reduce the risk of infrastructure damage during wildfires. Creating and improving evacuation plans and warning systems can aid in ensuring the safety of vulnerable communities. Additionally, providing support and resources for those affected by wildfires, such as temporary housing, healthcare, and financial assistance, is essential for their recovery and well-being. To mitigate future wildfires and their impacts, it is imperative to take urgent action on climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and implementing sustainable land management practices to protect both infrastructure and vulnerable populations from the increasing threats of wildfires.

Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for wildfires.

*Table 2-94: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Wildfire Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Very Low	Very Low

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Using Hazus, along with wildland-urban interaction areas, the following table presents an analysis of total building exposure that is located within the wildland-urban interaction areas.

*Table 2-95: Total Building Exposure by Wildland-Urban Interaction Areas.
(Source: Hazus)*

Jurisdiction	Estimated Total Building Exposure
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	\$9,550,213,000
Monroe	\$3,110,908,000
Richwood	\$84,704,000
Sterlington	\$140,415,000
West Monroe	\$181,933,000
Total	\$13,068,173,000

Hazus also provides a breakdown by jurisdiction for seven primary sectors (Hazus occupancy) throughout the parish. Utilizing this information with the wildland-urban interaction areas allows for identifying the total exposure by jurisdiction.

*Table 2-96: Estimated Exposure for Unincorporated Ouachita Parish by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)*

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	Estimated Total Building Exposure by Sector
Agricultural	\$32,892,000
Commercial	\$813,834,000
Government	\$11,846,000
Industrial	\$338,208,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$215,306,000
Residential	\$8,072,524,000
Schools	\$65,603,000
Total	\$9,550,213,000

Table 2-97: Estimated Exposure for Monroe by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)

Monroe	Estimated Total Building Exposure by Sector
Agricultural	\$6,042,000
Commercial	\$555,425,000
Government	\$9,082,000
Industrial	\$49,327,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$56,750,000
Residential	\$2,407,009,000
Schools	\$27,273,000
Total	\$3,110,908,000

Table 2-98: Estimated Exposure for Richwood by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)

Richwood	Estimated Total Building Exposure by Sector
Agricultural	\$0
Commercial	\$6,673,000
Government	\$2,868,000
Industrial	\$479,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$2,480,000
Residential	\$72,204,000
Schools	\$0
Total	\$84,704,000

Table 2-99: Estimated Exposure for Sterlington by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)

Sterlington	Estimated Total Building Exposure by Sector
Agricultural	\$164,000
Commercial	\$7,882,000
Government	\$1,124,000
Industrial	\$1,072,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$3,052,000
Residential	\$127,121,000
Schools	\$0
Total	\$140,415,000

Table 2-100: Estimated Exposure for West Monroe by Sector.
(Source: Hazus)

West Monroe	Estimated Total Building Exposure by Sector
Agricultural	\$98,000
Commercial	\$39,596,000
Government	\$0
Industrial	\$8,197,000
Religious / Non-Profit	\$8,644,000
Residential	\$125,398,000
Schools	\$0
Total	\$181,933,000

Vulnerable Population

The total population within the parish that is located within a wildland-urban interaction area is shown in the table below:

Table 2-101: Population Located within a Wildland-Urban Interaction Areas.
(Source: 2020 U.S. Census Data)

Number of People Located in Wildland-Urban Interaction Areas			
Location	# in Community	# in Hazard Area	% in Hazard Area
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish	92,632	27,380	29.6%
Monroe	47,702	12,159	25.5%
Richwood	4,837	131	2.7%
Sterlington	2,094	732	35.0%
West Monroe	13,103	122	0.9%
Total	160,368	40,524	25.3%

The 2020 U.S. Census data was also extrapolated to provide an overview of populations located within wildland-urban interaction areas throughout the jurisdictions. The data is illustrated in the following tables:

Table 2-102: Population in Unincorporated Ouachita Parish Located within a Wildland-Urban Interaction Area.
(Source: 2020 Census Data)

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	27,380	29.6%
Persons Under 5 Years	1,698	6.2%
Persons Under 18 Years	6,626	24.2%
Persons 65 Years and Over	4,436	16.2%
White	16,209	59.2%
Minority	11,171	40.8%

*Table 2-103: Population in Monroe Located within a Wildland-Urban Interaction Area.
(Source: 2020 Census Data)*

Monroe		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	12,159	25.5%
Persons Under 5 Years	839	6.9%
Persons Under 18 Years	3,149	25.9%
Persons 65 Years and Over	1,812	14.9%
White	4,365	35.9%
Minority	7,794	64.1%

*Table 2-104: Population in Richwood Located within a Wildland-Urban Interaction Area.
(Source: 2020 Census Data)*

Richwood		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	131	2.7%
Persons Under 5 Years	6	4.3%
Persons Under 18 Years	23	17.6%
Persons 65 Years and Over	7	5.2%
White	28	21.4%
Minority	103	78.6%

*Table 2-105: Population in Sterlington Located within a Wildland-Urban Interaction Area.
(Source: 2020 Census Data)*

Sterlington		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	732	35.0%
Persons Under 5 Years	57	7.8%
Persons Under 18 Years	253	34.6%
Persons 65 Years and Over	122	16.7%
White	523	71.5%
Minority	209	28.5%

*Table 2-106: Population in West Monroe Located within a Wildland-Urban Interaction Area.
(Source: 2020 Census Data)*

West Monroe		
Category	Total Numbers	Percentage of People in Hazard Area
Number in Hazard Area	122	0.9%
Persons Under 5 Years	7	5.8%
Persons Under 18 Years	25	20.3%
Persons 65 Years and Over	21	17.5%
White	67	54.7%
Minority	55	45.3%

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-107: Wildfire Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Wildfire Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	1	3	4	1	2	2.25

Winter Storms

Profile

For Louisiana and other parts of the southeastern United States, a severe winter storm occurs when humid air from the Gulf of Mexico meets a cold air mass from the north. Once the cold air mass crosses Louisiana, and the temperature drops, precipitation may fall in the form of snow or sleet. If the ground temperature is cold enough but air temperature is above freezing, rain can freeze instantly on contact with the surface, causing massive ice storms.

The winter storm events that affect the state of Louisiana are ice storms, freezes, and snow events. Of the winter storm types listed above, ice storms are the most dangerous. Ice storms occur during a precipitation event when warm air aloft exceeds 32 °F, while the surface remains below the freezing point. Ice will form on all surfaces when precipitation originating as rain or drizzle contacts physical structures. These ice storms are usually accompanied by freezing temperatures and occasionally snow.

Winter storms can be accompanied by strong winds, creating blizzard conditions with blinding, wind driven snow, severe drifting, and dangerous wind chill. These types of conditions are very rare in Louisiana, even in north Louisiana, but ice storms are more common. The climatic line between snow and rain often stalls over north Louisiana, creating ideal conditions for ice accumulation.

In a typical winter storm event, homes and buildings are damaged by ice accumulation, either directly by the weight of the ice on the roofs or by trees and/or limbs falling on buildings. While it is not very prevalent, this type of damage can occur in Louisiana, particularly in north Louisiana. Effects of winter weather more likely to occur in Louisiana, especially southern Louisiana, include extreme temperatures which can cause waterlines to freeze and sewer lines to rupture. This is especially true with elevated or mobile homes since cold air is able to access more of the building's infrastructure. Winter storms can also have a devastating effect on agriculture, particularly on crops (like citrus) that are dependent on warm weather. Long exposures to low temperatures can kill many kinds of crops, and ice storms can weigh down branches and fruit.

Winter storms are not only a direct threat to human health through conditions like frostbite and hypothermia, but they are also an indirect threat to human health due to vehicle accidents and loss of power and heat, which can be disrupted for days. However, these impacts are rarely seen in Louisiana. As people use space heaters and fireplaces to stay warm, the risk of household fires and carbon monoxide poisoning increases.

Winter storm events occur throughout Louisiana usually during the colder calendar months of December, January, and February. Severe weather events do not occur with the same frequency across all parts of Louisiana. The northern quarter of Louisiana has historically experienced the most severe winter events between 1987 and 2012. The central, and to an even greater extent the southern parts of the state, such as Ascension Parish, have experienced the fewest severe winter events. The table on the following page shows the Sperry-Piltz Ice Accumulation Index which is utilized to predict the potential damage to overhead utility systems from freezing rain and ice storms.

Table 2-108: Sperry-Piltz Ice Accumulation Index

Ice Damage Index	Damage and Impact Descriptions
0	Minimal risk of damage to exposed utility systems; no alerts or advisories needed for crews, few outages.
1	Some isolated or localized utility interruptions are possible, typically lasting only a few hours. Roads and bridges may become slick and hazardous.
2	Scattered utility interruptions expected, typically lasting 12 to 24 hours. Roads and travel conditions may be extremely hazardous due to ice accumulation.
3	Numerous utility interruptions with some damage to main feeder lines and equipment expected. Tree limb damage is excessive. Outages lasting 1 – 5 days.
4	Prolonged and widespread utility interruptions with extensive damage to main distribution feeder lines and some high voltage transmission lines/structure. Outages lasting 5 – 10 days.
5	Catastrophic damage to entire exposed utility systems, including both distribution and transmission networks. Outages could last several weeks in some areas. Shelters needed.

*Risk Assessment**Geographic Extent*

All of the parish planning area is susceptible to the effects of winter storms. The worst-case scenario for winter storms is a 2 on the Sperry-Piltz Ice Accumulation Index.

Previous Occurrences

The parish has experienced 8 winter storm occurrences between the years 1996 and 2022 per the NCEI Storm Events Database. There have been three winter storm events since the 2017 update.

Table 2-109: Historical Tornado Occurrences in the Parish since the 2017 Update.

Date	Synopsis	Property Damage	Crop Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
1/10/2021	Snowfall amounts ranged from two to near five inches across much of North Louisiana. These accumulations resulted in treacherous travel conditions across these areas, with the weight of the heavy wet snow contributing to a total of 56,128 customers without power across the AEP SWEPCO service area across East Texas and North Louisiana.	\$0	\$0	0	0

Date	Synopsis	Property Damage	Crop Damage	Fatalities	Injuries
2/14/2021	Widespread snow and sleet amounts of 2-6 inches fell across much of North Louisiana.	\$0	\$0	0	0
2/16/2021	Strong overrunning of warmer air atop the shallow freezing air mass in place resulted in areas of freezing rain developing over the southern and eastern sections of North-central Louisiana, with ice accumulations of a tenth to a half inch observed.	\$0	\$0	0	0

Probability

The annual return rate (frequency) for winter storm occurrences in the parish is 0.30 (30% annual probability) or approximately 1 winter storm event every 3 to 4 years.

Climate Change Impacts

Winter weather is likely to become less frequent as the winter season decreases in length over the next century due to an increase in ambient and sea surface temperatures. By the end of the century, Louisiana is expected to experience a 5°F to 10°F increase in average ambient temperatures which will drastically reduce the number of days below freezing and lower the chance of winter weather. Precipitation is expected to increase during the winter months.

Climate change is influencing winter weather patterns, leading to significant impacts on both infrastructure and vulnerable populations. While it may seem counterintuitive, global warming can cause more frequent and intense winter storms. The warming of the Arctic and the disruption of the polar jet stream can result in polar vortex shifts, causing freezing temperatures and extreme winter conditions in regions that typically experience milder winters.

Winter weather impacts infrastructure in various ways. Freezing temperatures can damage roads, bridges, and other transportation networks, leading to increased maintenance costs and travel disruptions. Ice and snow accumulation on power lines can cause blackouts and outages, leaving communities without electricity and heating during frigid temperatures. Water supply systems can also be affected, as frozen pipes can burst, leading to water shortages and damage to properties.

Vulnerable populations are particularly at risk during severe winter weather events. Homeless individuals may struggle to find shelter and protection from the cold, leading to an increased risk of hypothermia and frostbite. Low-income households may face difficulties in affording heating costs, potentially exposing them to unsafe living conditions. The elderly and those with limited mobility may find it challenging to access essential services and resources during snowstorms, leading to isolation and health risks.

Moreover, winter storms can have economic consequences for vulnerable populations. Closures of schools and businesses during severe weather can lead to loss of income and educational disruptions,

impacting families already facing financial challenges. In regions where winter tourism is vital, extreme winter weather can affect local economies, leading to job losses and reduced economic opportunities for vulnerable communities.

To address the impacts of climate change on infrastructure and vulnerable populations concerning winter weather, various measures are essential. Investing in winter-ready infrastructure, such as weather-resistant roads and insulated power lines, can help mitigate damage and improve resilience. Implementing programs to support vulnerable populations, such as providing emergency shelters, fuel assistance, and resources for winter preparedness, can protect them during extreme winter events. Climate change mitigation efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are also crucial to addressing the root causes of extreme winter weather patterns, helping to protect both infrastructure and vulnerable populations from the adverse effects of winter storms in the long run.

Vulnerability Analysis

The NRI includes data on the expected annual losses to individual natural hazards, historical losses, and overall risk at the county and Census tract level. The following table provides an overview of each category at the county level for winter storms.

*Table 2-110: National Risk Index (NRI) Summarization of Winter Storm Occurrences for the Parish.
(Source: National Risk Index)*

Expected Annual Losses	Overall Risk Rating
Relatively Low	Relatively Low

Estimated Impact and Potential Loss

Since 1996, there have been eight significant winter storm occurrences per the NCEI Storm Events Database. The total property damage associated with these storms totaled approximately \$250,000. To estimate the potential losses on an annual basis, the total damages recorded were divided by the total number of years of available data in the NCEI Storm Events Database (1996 – 2022). This provides an annual estimated potential loss of \$9,259 and \$31,250 per event. The following table provides an estimate of potential property losses for the Parish:

Table 2-111: Estimated Annual Property Losses in the Parish resulting from Winter Storm Damage.

Estimated Annual Potential Losses				
Unincorporated Area (53.1%)	Monroe (21.2%)	Richwood (0.7%)	Sterlington (1.8%)	West Monroe (6.0%)
\$5,410	\$2,754	\$224	\$114	\$757

Vulnerable Population

Per the NCEI Storm Events Database, there have been no reported fatalities or injuries as a result of winter weather. However, winter storms can have a significant impact the population. They can cause physical injuries and even fatalities. High winds, falling trees, and structural collapses can pose immediate risks to people's safety during a storm. These storms can displace individuals and families from their homes, either temporarily or permanently. In cases of extensive property damage, people may be forced to evacuate or seek emergency shelter. The displacement can result in temporary homelessness or the need for long-term housing solutions.

Winter storms can disrupt critical infrastructure such as transportation systems, power grids, and water supply networks. Disruption in these services could lead to health issues or the inability to access essential services that are needed to meet basic needs. This can lead to not only physical issues but psychological effects as well.

Everyone in the parish is vulnerable to the impacts of winter storms; however, they can have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations exacerbating existing social, economic, and health disparities. Vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals, the homeless, and those living in standardized housing, are often more susceptible to the effects of winter storms.

Vulnerability Score

Table 2-112: Winter Storm Vulnerability Score for the Parish.

Winter Storm Vulnerability Score						
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Risk Factor
Risk Level	3	3	4	1	2	2.75

3. Capability Assessment

This section summarizes the results of efforts by each jurisdiction and other agency to develop policies, programs, and activities that directly or indirectly support hazard mitigation. It also provides information on resources and gaps in the parish's infrastructure, as well as relevant changes in its law since the last plan update, in order to suggest a mitigation strategy.

Through this assessment, Ouachita Parish and the incorporated jurisdictions are able to identify strengths that could be used to reduce losses and reduce risk throughout the communities. It also identifies areas where mitigation actions might be used to supplement current capabilities and create a more resilient community before, during, and after a hazard event.

Policies, Plans and Programs

These capabilities are unique to the parish and jurisdictions, including planning, regulatory, administrative, technical, financial, and education and outreach resources. There are a number of mitigation-specific acts, plans, executive orders, and policies that lay out specific goals, objectives, and policy statements which already support or could support pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation. Many of the ongoing plans and policies hold significant promise for hazard mitigation, and take an integrated and strategic look holistically at hazard mitigation in the Ouachita Parish planning area to propose ways to continually improve it. These tools are valuable instruments in pre- and post-disaster mitigation as they facilitate the implementation of mitigation activities through the current legal and regulatory framework. Examples of existing documents include the following:

Table 3-1: Planning and Regulatory Capabilities

Capability Assessment Worksheet						
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, policies and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.						
Planning and Regulatory						
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.						
	Ouachita Parish	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe	Comments
Plans	Yes / No					
Comprehensive / Master Plan	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Capital Improvements Plan	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Economic Development Plan	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Transportation Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Stormwater Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)	Shelter plan for incoming evacuees	Yes			Yes	
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes / No					
Building Code	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score				No	No	
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	Yes	
Site plan review requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes / No					
Zoning Ordinance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Other						

All jurisdictions within the Ouachita Parish planning area will work to expand their capabilities by adding to these plans, as well as work to create new plans that will address a long-term recovery and resiliency framework. In instances where there are no existing plans, there will be a concerted effort to explore opportunities to create new plans that will address long-term recovery and resiliency framework as parish and local resources allow.

Building Codes, Permitting, Land Use Planning and Ordinances

Ouachita Parish Government provides oversight for building permits and codes, land use planning, and all parish ordinances.

As of the 2023 update, Ouachita Parish and the incorporated communities ensure that all adopted building codes are enforced and in compliance relating to the construction of any structure within the boundaries of the parish. Building permits are required prior to beginning any type of construction or renovation projects, installation of electrical wiring, plumbing or gas piping, moving manufactured/modular or portable buildings, and reroofing or demolitions.

The Ouachita Parish Police Jury is also responsible for enforcing the parish ordinances related to health and safety, property maintenance standards, and condemnation of unsafe structures.

The Ouachita Parish Police Jury meets regularly to consider any proposed ordinance changes, and to take final actions on proposed changes.

While local capabilities for mitigation can vary from community to community, the jurisdictions within the Ouachita Parish planning area as a whole have a system in place to coordinate and share these capabilities through the OHSEP and through this Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Some programs and policies, such as the above described, might use complementary tools to achieve a common end, but fail to coordinate with or support each other. Thus, coordination among local mitigation policies and programs is essential to hazard mitigation.

Administration, Technical, and Financial

The jurisdictions within the Ouachita Parish planning area have administrative and technical capabilities in place that may be utilized in reducing hazard impacts or implementing hazard mitigation activities. Such capabilities include staff, skillset, and tools available in the community that may be accessed to implement mitigation activities and to effectively coordinate resources. The ability to access and coordinate these resources is also important. The table on the following page shows examples of resources in place.

Table 3-2: Administration and Technical Capabilities

Administration and Technical						
Identify whether your community has the following administrative and technical capabilities. For smaller jurisdictions without local staff resources, if there are public resources at the next higher level government that can provide technical assistance, indicate so in your comments.						
	Ouachita Parish	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe	Comments
Administration	Yes / No					
Planning Commission	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mitigation Planning Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (tree trimming, clearing drainage systems)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Staff	Yes / No					
Chief Building Official	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Floodplain Administrator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Emergency Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Community Planner	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Civil Engineer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
GIS Coordinator	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Grant Writer	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Other						
Technical	Yes / No					
Warning Systems / Service (Reverse 911, outdoor warning signals)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Hazard Data & Information	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Grant Writing	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Hazus Analysis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Other						

Financial capabilities are the resources that Ouachita Parish and its incorporated jurisdictions have access to or are eligible to use in order to fund mitigation actions. Costs associated with implementing the actions identified by the parish may vary from little to no cost actions, such as outreach efforts, or substantial action costs such acquisition of flood prone properties.

The following financial resources are available to fund mitigation actions in the Ouachita Parish planning area:

Table 3-3: Financial Capabilities

Financial						
Identify whether your jurisdiction has access to or is eligible to use the following funding resources for hazard mitigation.						
	Ouachita Parish	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe	Comments
Funding Resource	Yes / No					
Capital Improvements project funding	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric services	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Impact fees for new development	No	No	No	No	No	
Stormwater Utility Fee	No	No	No	No	No	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Other Funding Programs					Yes	

Education and Outreach

A key element in hazard mitigation is promoting a safer, more disaster resilient community through education and outreach activities and/or programs. Successful outreach programs provide data and information that improves overall quality and accuracy of important information for citizens to feel better prepared and educated with mitigation activities. These programs enable the individual communities and the parish as a whole to maximize opportunities for implementation of activities through greater acceptance and consensus of the community.

The jurisdictions within the Ouachita Parish planning area have existing education and outreach programs to implement mitigation activities, as well as communicate risk and hazard related information to its communities. Specifically, focusing on advising repetitive loss property owners of ways they can reduce their exposure to damage by repetitive flooding remains a priority for the entire parish. The existing programs are as follows:

Table 3-4: Education and Outreach Capabilities

Education and Outreach						
Identify education and outreach programs and methods, already in place that could be used to implement mitigation activities and communicate hazard-related information.						
	Ouachita Parish	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe	Comments
Program / Organization	Yes / No					
Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Ongoing public education or information program (responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Natural Disaster or safety related school program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Storm Ready certification	Yes		No	No	No	
Firewise Communities certification			No	No	No	
Public/Private partnership initiatives addressing disaster-related issues	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Other						

As reflected with the above existing regulatory mechanisms, programs and resources within the parish, the jurisdictions within the Ouachita Parish planning area remain committed to expanding and improving on the existing capabilities within the parish. Communities will work together along with Ouachita Parish toward increased participation in funding opportunities and available mitigation programs. Should funding become available, the hiring of additional personnel to dedicate to hazard mitigation initiatives and programs, as well as increasing ordinances within the parish, will enhance and expand overall risk reduction for the entirety of Ouachita Parish.

Flood Insurance and Community Rating System

Participation in the CRS strengthens local capabilities by lowering flood insurance premiums for jurisdictions that exceed NFIP minimum requirements. As noted in the CRS Eligible Communities List effective April 1, 2023 Unincorporated Ouachita Parish is rated a Class 9 community and the City of Monroe is rated a Class 10 community

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) administers the Community Rating System (CRS). Under the CRS, flood insurance premiums for properties in participating communities are reduced to reflect the flood protection activities that are being implemented. This program can have a major influence on the design and implementation of flood mitigation activities, so a brief summary is provided here.

A community receives a CRS classification based upon the credit points it receives for its activities. It can undertake any mix of activities that reduce flood losses through better mapping, regulations, public information, flood damage reduction and/or flood warning and preparedness programs.

There are ten CRS classes: Class 1 requires the most credit points and gives the largest premium reduction; Class 10 receives no premium reduction (see [Figure 3-1](#)). A community that does not apply for the CRS or that does not obtain the minimum number of credit points is a class 10 community.

CLASS	DISCOUNT	CLASS	DISCOUNT
1	45%	6	20%
2	40%	7	15%
3	35%	8	10%
4	30%	9	5%
5	25%	10	—
SFHA (Zones A, AE, A1-A30, V, V1-V30, AO, and AH): Discount varies depending on class.			
SFHA (Zones A99, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1-A30, AR/AH, and AR/AO): 10% discount for Classes 1-6; 5% discount for Classes 7-9.*			
Non-SFHA (Zones B, C, X, D): 10% discount for Classes 1-6; 5% discount for Classes 7-9.			

Figure 3-1: CRS Discounts by Class
(Source: FEMA)

As of April 2023, 318 communities in the State of Louisiana participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Of these communities, 47 (or 13%) participate in the Community Rating System (CRS). Jefferson Parish leads the state with a rating of Class 5, followed by four cities with a rating of Class 6: the Cities of Gretna and Kenner in Jefferson Parish and the Cities of Mandeville and Slidell

in St. Tammany Parish. Of the top fifty Louisiana communities, in terms of total flood insurance policies held by residents, 29 participate in the CRS. The remaining 21 communities present an outreach opportunity for encouraging participation in the CRS.

The CRS provides an incentive not just to start new mitigation programs, but to keep them going. There are two requirements that “encourage” a community to implement flood mitigation activities. Once the parish has obtained a CRS rating and is a participant, the parish will receive CRS credit for this plan when it is adopted. To retain that credit, though, the parish must submit an evaluation report on progress toward implementing this plan to FEMA by October 1 of each year. That report must be made available to the media and the public. Second, the parish must annually recertify to FEMA that it is continuing to implement its CRS credited activities. Failure to maintain the same level of involvement in flood protection can result in a loss of CRS credit points and a resulting increase in flood insurance rates to residents.

In 2011¹, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) completed a comprehensive review of the Community Rating System (CRS) that resulted in the release of a new CRS Coordinator's Manual. The changes to the 2013 CRS Coordinator's Manual are the result of a multi-year program evaluation that included input from a broad group of contributors to evaluate the CRS and refine the program to meet its stated goals. The changes helped to drive new achievements in the following six core flood loss reduction areas important to the NFIP: (1) reduce liabilities to the NFIP Fund; (2) improve disaster resiliency and sustainability of communities; (3) integrate a Whole Community approach to addressing emergency management; (4) promote natural and beneficial functions of floodplains; (5) increase understanding of risk, and; (6) strengthen adoption and enforcement of disaster-resistant building codes.

Since the revision of the 2013 Coordinator's Manual, FEMA released the 2017 CRS Coordinator's Manual which continued the evolution of the CRS program and its mission to reward communities that prioritize mindful floodplain regulations. As with the 2013 manual, the changes made in the 2017 manual impact each CRS community differently. Some communities see an increase in the points they receive since points for certain activities have increased (e.g., Activity 420 Open Space Preservation). Other communities receive fewer points for certain activities (e.g., Activity 320 Map Information Service). It is

¹ <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>

likely that some communities with marginal CRS Class 9 programs have to identify new CRS credits in order to remain in the CRS class. Most notably, as it relates to this hazard mitigation plan, more credit was made available for Activity 410 Floodplain Mapping.

Typically, CRS communities do not request credit for all the activities they are currently implementing unless it would earn enough credit to advance the community to a higher CRS Class. A community that finds itself losing CRS credit with the 2017 manual could likely identify activities deserving credit they had not previously received. Due to the changes in both activities and CRS points, community CRS coordinators should speak with their ISO/CRS Specialist to understand how the 2017 manual will impact their community and when.

In addition to the direct financial reward for participating in the Community Rating System, there are many other reasons to participate in the CRS. As FEMA staff often say, “If you are only interested in saving premium dollars, you’re in the CRS for the wrong reason.”

The other benefits that are more difficult to measure in dollars include:

1. The activities credited by the CRS provide direct benefits to residents, including:

- Enhanced public safety
- A reduction in damage to property and public infrastructure
- Avoidance of economic disruption and losses
- Reduction of human suffering
- Protection of the environment

2. A community’s flood programs will be better organized and more formal. Ad hoc activities, such as responding to drainage complaints rather than an inspection program, will be conducted on a sounder, more equitable basis.

3. A community can evaluate the effectiveness of its flood program against a nationally recognized benchmark.

4. Technical assistance in designing and implementing a number of activities is available at no charge from the Insurance Services Office.

5. The public information activities will build a knowledgeable constituency interested in supporting and improving flood protection measures.

6. A community would have an added incentive to maintain its flood programs over the years. The fact that its CRS status could be affected by the elimination of a flood related activity or a weakening of the regulatory requirements for new developments would be taken into account by the governing board when considering such actions.

7. Every time residents pay their insurance premiums, they are reminded that the community is working to protect them from flood losses, even during dry years.

NFIP Worksheets

Parish NFIP worksheets can be found in [Appendix E: State Required Worksheets](#).

4. Mitigation Strategy

Introduction

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy for Ouachita Parish and its incorporated communities have a common guiding principle and is the demonstration of the parish's commitment to reduce risks from hazards. The strategy also serves as a guide for parish and local decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of hazards.

Officials from all jurisdictions within the planning area confirmed the goals, objectives, actions and projects over the period of the hazard mitigation plan update process. The mitigation actions and projects in this 2023 HMP update are a product of analysis and review of the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee under the coordination of the Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The committee was presented a list of projects and actions, new and from the 2017 plan, for review from January 2023 – June 2023

An online public opinion survey of Ouachita Parish residents was conducted between January 2023 – August 2023. The survey was designed to capture public perceptions and opinions regarding natural hazards in the Ouachita Parish planning area. In addition, the survey collected information regarding the methods and techniques preferred by the respondents for reducing the risks and losses associated with local hazards.

This activity was created in an effort to confirm that the goals and action items developed by the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee are representative of the outlook of the community at large. However, because there were no responses to the survey, this public feedback could not be incorporated into the plan. The full Ouachita Parish survey can be found at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OuachitaHM2022>

Goals

The goals represent the guidelines that the parish and its communities want to achieve with this plan update. To help implement the strategy and adhere to the mission of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the preceding section of the plan update was focused on identifying and quantifying the risks faced by the residents and property owners in Ouachita Parish from natural and manmade hazards. By articulating goals and objectives based on the previous plans, the risk assessment results, and intending to address those results, this section sets the stage for identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing feasible, cost effective, and environmentally sound actions to be promoted at the parish and municipal level – and to be undertaken by the state for its own property and assets. By doing so, Ouachita Parish can make progress toward reducing identified risks.

For the purposes of this plan update, goals and action items are defined as follows:

- **Goals** are general guidelines that explain what the parish wants to achieve. Goals are expressed as broad policy statements representing desired long-term results.
- **Action Items** are the specific steps (projects, policies, and programs) that advance a given goal. They are highly focused, specific, and measurable.

The current goals of the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Planning Committee represent long-term commitments by the parish. After assessing these goals, the committee decided that the current remain valid.

The goals are as follows:

1. Protect health and safety
2. Protect existing properties
3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish
4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner

The Mitigation Action Plan focuses on actions to be taken by Ouachita Parish and its communities. All of the activities in the Mitigation Action Plan will be focused on helping the parish and its communities in developing and funding projects that are not only cost effective but also meet the other DMA 2000 criteria of environmental compatibility and technical feasibility.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee reviewed and evaluated the potential action and project lists in which consideration was given to a variety of factors. Such factors include determining a project's eligibility for federal mitigation grants as well as its ability to be funded. This process required evaluation of each project's engineering feasibility, cost effectiveness, and environmental and cultural factors.

2023 Mitigation Actions and Update on Previous Plan Actions

The Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee identified new actions that would reduce and/or prevent future damage within the Ouachita Parish planning area. In that effort, the committee focused on a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions. These actions were identified in thorough fashion by the consultant team and the committee by way of frequent and open communications and meetings held throughout the planning process. The addition of these new actions, coupled with any ongoing and/or carried over projects from their previous update, provide Ouachita Parish with a solid mitigation strategy through which risk and losses will be reduced throughout the parish and its communities.

As outlined in the Local Mitigation Planning Handbook the following are eligible types of mitigation actions:

- **Local Plans and Regulations** – These actions include government authorities, policies, or codes that influence the way land and buildings are developed and built.
- **Structure and Infrastructure Projects** – These actions involve modifying existing structures and infrastructure to protect them from a hazard or remove them from a hazard area, and also includes projects to construct manmade structures to reduce the impact of hazards.
- **Natural System Protection** – These actions minimize the damage and losses and also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems.
- **Education and Awareness Programs** – These actions inform and educate citizens, elected officials, and property owners about hazards and potential ways to mitigate them.

Status updates for actions included in the previous plan can be found on the following pages. Additionally, new mitigation actions agreed upon by the parish and its jurisdictions are included.

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish

Previous Action Update

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish - New Mitigation Actions						
Jurisdiction-Specific Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Status
O1: Building Retrofits	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events. Benefits: Reduces damage from high winds, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 1)
O2: Drainage Improvement	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation. Benefits: Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	In Progress - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 2)
O3: Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Ongoing - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 3)
O4: Safe Room Projects	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Ouachita Parish. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 4)

O5: Education and Outreach	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for Flooding, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Extreme Heat, Thunderstorms (lightning, high wind, hail), Drought, Levee Failure, and Winter Storm hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas. Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Ongoing - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 5)
O6: Generators for Continuity of Operations and Government	Procurement and installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 6)
O7: Lightning Mitigation	Procurement and installation of lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 7)
O8: Warning Systems	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Ouachita Parish as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s)	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 8)
O9: Potable Water	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals in Parish, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Flooding, Excessive Heat, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 9)
O10: Promote Flood Insurance	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Ongoing
O11: Flood Control Measures	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 10)

O12: Levee Failure Working Group	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible effects of a levee failure.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP, Army Corps of Engineers	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 11)
O13: Drought Ordinances	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 12)
O14: Wildfire Ordinances	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 13)
O15: Shelter Structures	Continually inventory and Retrofit/upgrade existing structures and/or construct new structures to act as shelters during and after Hurricanes/Tropical Storms and other severe weather events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O4 Action
O16: Harden Critical Facilities	Storm harden/retrofit critical facilities throughout Ouachita Parish. Actions can include but are not limited to window shutters, roof straps, flood proofing, roll-up door reinforcement (i.e. for fire stations).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O1 Action
O17: Warning Sirens	Purchase warning sirens for the parish. The parish is already in the process of purchasing indoor warning systems through Alert FM. The parish is purchasing 50 portable and one wall unit.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O8 Action
O18: Outdoor Warning Sirens	Purchase outdoor warning sirens to place in areas throughout the Parish.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O8 Action
O19: Elevate Flood Prone Structures	Elevate new and existing flood prone structures and infrastructure and key electrical equipment throughout Ouachita Parish.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	36 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones	Completed
O20: Upgrade Bridges and Crossings	Replace and/or upgrade bridges and other crossings throughout Ouachita Parish.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 14)

O21: Drainage Improvements	Pursue drainage improvements throughout Ouachita Parish. Actions can include but are not limited to installing/upgrading culverts and headwalls as well as enlarging storm water ditches and canals. See Appendix C for specific locations and projects.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of O2 Action
O22: Generators and Back Up Power Systems for Critical Facilities	Provide generators/back-up power systems for critical facilities (including but not limited to lift stations, water plants, police, EMS, Fire and other first responder facilities) throughout the Ouachita Parish.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O6 Action
O23: Improve Detention / Retention Ponds	Construct or improve existing detention/retention ponds where appropriate to collect storm water to reduce flooding.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of O2 Action
O24: Safe Rooms	Retrofit existing structures or construct new structures to act as safe rooms during tornados or other severe weather events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-3 Years	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O4 Action
O25: Educational Programs	Provide educational programs and information to the public regarding the hazards identified in this 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Programs and informational items include presentations at community meetings and schools, pamphlets that are provided at public facilities and schools, and public service announcements and advertisements on local cable channels.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O5 Action

O26: Minimize Tree Damage	Minimize damage to structures and infrastructure from falling trees. Actions include but are not limited to the following: • Pursue and coordinate a dangerous tree and limb removal program to protect infrastructure and critical facilities from damage. This includes working with private homeowners for voluntary removal of hazardous trees and limbs on private property. • Coordinate contracting to remove and/or trim trees that endanger structures, infrastructure, and vital roadways.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 15)
O27: Community Education Program	Develop a community education program for presentation to local schools and community groups. Establish a speaker's bureau to schedule and make presentations.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O5 Action
O28: Funding for Project Implementation	Pursue all possible funding opportunities for project implementation.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Ongoing - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 16)
O29: PSAs	Coordinate PSA's with local television and radio stations.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O8 Action
O30: Advance Public Notice	Coordinate advance public notice by local television and radio stations.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of O8 Action
O31: Water Reduction and Conservation Programs	Establish and coordinate water reduction and water conservation programs with local water providers and utility companies. Prepare brochures to be mailed to water customers.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Deleted - Duplicate of O13 Action

O32: Wildfire Educational Campaigns	Design and implement comprehensive educational campaign for wildfire.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Deleted - Duplicate of O5 Action
O33: Wildfire Building Standards	Educate homeowners on mitigating damage due to wildfire by encouraging and implementing the use of building standards outlined in the national Fire Wise Program.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Deleted - Duplicate of O14 Action
O34: GIS Commission	Establish a parish wide G.I.S. commission, develop implementation structure and establish and adopt base maps.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Ouachita Parish Mitigation Action 17)
O35: Flood Property Mitigation Program	Establish and implement a Flood Property Mitigation Program.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of O3 Action
O36: Update NFIP Repetitive Loss List	Review the current FEMA NFIP Repetitive Loss List for Ouachita Parish to identify the correct, updated address and exact location of each individual structure. Many structures on the list are not mapped due to inaccurate or outdated addresses. Purge the list of any repetitive loss structure that is located within an incorporated area of the Parish, and, transfer responsibility for mitigation to the appropriate NFIP community. Submit any corrections to the State Floodplain Manager of Louisiana and FEMA Region VI.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flood, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones, Thunderstorms	Ongoing
O37: Drive Development Away From Hazards	Continue to Update and enforce ordinances that drive development away from known hazard areas. This can include but is not limited to developing and/or updating floodplain ordinances that require new structures built in Special Flood Hazard Areas to have a minimum building elevation at least one foot above base flood elevation.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of O3 Action

O38: DFIRMS	Upon completion of levee stability studies and pending any necessary modifications to the preliminary D-FIRMS (issued in 2009), adopt new DFIRMS once available from FEMA and approved by the Parish (incorporated and un-incorporated areas).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of O12 Action
O39: Relocate Flood Prone Properties	Relocate flood prone properties throughout the Parish to locations out of the floodplain to prevent future flood losses.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	36 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of O3 Action
O40: Dam Failure	Work with those individual dam owners to analyze the potential dam inundation zones and levels that could occur due to dam failure.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Dam Failure, Flooding	Deleted – Action not applicable to Ouachita Parish
O41: Acquire Flood Prone Properties	Acquire flood prone properties (including Repetitive Loss and Severe Repetitive Loss Properties).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-36 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of O3 Action
O42: Water Retention Ponds	Construct water retention ponds to collect storm water run-off and use as an alternate water source throughout Ouachita Parish.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Deleted - Duplicate of O11
O43: Wildfire Defensible Space Program	Develop a defensible space program in order to reduce fuels surrounding homes in the urban-wildland interface.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Ouachita Parish Police Jury/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfire	Deleted - Duplicate of O14 Action

New Mitigation Actions

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 1	Building Retrofits
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Reduces damage from high wind related events, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 2	Drainage Improvements
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual flooding problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.
Current Status of Action	In Progress – Carried Over
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones

Supporting Information: Since the previous plan update, Ouachita Parish has started multiple drainage projects throughout the parish. The Parish plans to start more drainage projects over the next five years and wants this action carried over.

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 3	Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Eliminates flooding risk of repetitive and severe repetitive loss structures.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

Supporting Information: Since the previous plan update, Ouachita Parish has formed a team to research RPL structures in the parish and engage in a possible buyout program. The Parish plans to continue their efforts over the next five years and wants this action carried over.

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 4	Safe Room Projects
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Ouachita Parish. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Allows for continued operations of essential personnel to actively respond during a natural hazard event
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 5	Education and Outreach
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for levee failure, drought, excessive heat, flooding, thunderstorms, tornadoes, tropical cyclones, wildfires, and winter weather hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas
Type of Mitigation Action	Education and Awareness Programs
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

Supporting Information: Since the previous plan update, Ouachita Parish has engaged several outreach programs surrounding hazards and the dangers that come with it. The Parish plans to continue their efforts over the next five years and wants this action carried over.

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 6	Generators for continuity of operations and government
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Installation of generators will allow public facilities to run accordingly and aid with local relief efforts
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 7	Lightning Mitigation
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of Lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	The installation of lightning rods and surge protectors in public buildings and critical infrastructure will reduce losses due to lightning strikes and surges in electricity.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 8	Warning Systems
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Ouachita Parish as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s).
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	An upgraded public warning system will increase the likelihood of public notification immediately prior to an event
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 9	Potable Water
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals in Parish, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Creating a redundancy of potable water for critical facilities will reduce downtime and allow for the continuity of essential operations during and after an event.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Flooding, Excessive Heat, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 10	Flood Control Measures
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Creation of flood control structures can prevent flood damage
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 11	Levee Failure Working Group
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible impact of a levee failure.
Type of Mitigation Action	Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the specific areas of inundation related to levee failure in Ouachita Parish
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 12	Drought Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting water saving ordinances will allow for water to be regulated and distributed throughout the community when drought related events are imminent
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 13	Wildfire Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural Systems Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting wildfire ordinances will reduce the chances of wildfire taking place due to penalties and restrictions laid forth by the ordinance
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Wildfires

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 14	Upgrade Bridges and Crossings
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Replace and/or upgrade bridges and other crossings throughout Ouachita Parish.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Upgrading bridges will prevent roadways from being susceptible to flooding
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 15	Minimize Tree Damage
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	<p>Minimize damage to structures and infrastructure from falling trees. Actions include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue and coordinate a dangerous tree and limb removal program to protect infrastructure and critical facilities from damage. This includes working with private homeowners for voluntary removal of hazardous trees and limbs on private property. • Coordinate contracting to remove and/or trim trees that endanger structures, infrastructure, and vital roadways.
Type of Mitigation Action	Natural Systems Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Minimizing tree damage within the parish will allow certain areas to be less susceptible to damage when hazard events are prevalent
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 16	Funding for Project implementation
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Pursue all possible funding opportunities for project implementation.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Pursuing funding opportunities will allow the parish to coordinate with local and federal funding sources so that pertinent mitigation actions get completed
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

Supporting Information: Since the previous plan update, Ouachita Parish has pursued all funding possibilities for various projects throughout the parish. The Parish plans to continue their efforts over the next five years and wants this action carried over.

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PARISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 17	GIS Commission
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Establish a parish wide G.I.S. commission, develop implementation structure and establish and adopt base maps.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Obtaining GIS personnel for the parish will allow for data to be collected and administered in the event of a disaster
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS OUACHITA PRISH	
	DESCRIPTION
OUACHITA PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 18	Fans and Cooling Devices
LEAD AGENCY	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Provide fans and cooling devices for the public, especially at risk populations
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and infrastructure Projects, Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Cooling devices will serve as a backup in the event of a widespread power outage during excessive heat events
Current Status of Action	New
Hazard Addressed	Excessive Heat

City of Monroe

Previous Action Update

City of Monroe						
Jurisdiction-Specific Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Status
M1: Building Retrofits	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events. Benefits: Reduces damage from high winds and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 1)
M2: Drainage Improvement	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation. Benefits: Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 2)
M3: Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 3)
M4: Safe Room Projects	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Monroe. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 4)

M5: Education and Outreach	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for Flooding, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Extreme Heat, Thunderstorms (lightning, high wind, hail), Drought, , Levee Failure, and Winter Storm hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas. Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 5)
M6: Generators for Continuity of Operations and Government	Procurement and installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 6)
M7: Lightning Mitigation	Procurement and installation of lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 7)
M8: Warning Systems	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Monroe as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s)	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 8)
M9: Potable Water	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 9)
M10: Promote Flood Insurance	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 10)

M11: Flood Control Measures	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 11)
M12: Levee Failure Working Group	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible effects of levee failure.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP, Army Corps of Engineers	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 12)
M13: Drought Ordinances	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 13)
M14: Wildfire Ordinances	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 14)
M15: Auxiliary Power Sources for New and Existing Critical Infrastructure	Provide portable generators and backup or redundancy in electric power to critical city services including primary power stations, primary emergency shelters, potable water, sewage systems(73 sewer lift stations), and emergency responder facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of M6 Action
M16: Sewer System Rehabilitation	Continue sewer line rehabilitation program.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action
M17: New Chemical Storage Building	Construct new chemical storage building that meets 100-mph wind load.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 15)
M18: Storage Capacity Enhancement of Bayous and Drainage Canals	Develop and implement a sustainable bayou and canal program that either enhances or restores the capacities of the bayous and drainage canals. Other than general revenue, another funding alternative could be for the city to establish special stormwater taxing districts for areas within the 100-year flood zones.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action

M19: Debris Reduction Public Outreach Program	Develop a public outreach program focused on debris reduction in the City's drainage canals. Working through the Beautification Department, pattern a program following its annual fall volunteer cleanup along Bayou Desiard and the Ouachita River.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding	Deleted - Duplicate of M5 Action
M20: School-based All-Hazard Education Program	Incorporate an all-hazard education program into all City of Monroe school curriculums.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of M5 Action
M21: Recertification of Floodwall Levee	The Monroe City Council will provide the TBLB with a formal letter strongly supporting the recertification of the floodwall along the Ouachita River.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M12 Action
M22: Commodity Flows Study	Conduct a transportation chemical commodity flows study.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Hazardous Materials	Deleted - Not a profile hazard
M23: Community Rating System (CRS) Strategy	Develop strategy that identifies actions the city can take to enhance its CRS rating.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 16)
M24: Hazard Mitigation Plan for Historic Structures	Conduct a study that includes a highly detailed structural inventory of historic buildings within the City that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, an analysis of the vulnerability of each structure to high winds and flood, and a recommended actions needed to be taken to create more resilient historic structures.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M3 Action

M25: Transportation Evacuation Study	Working with the North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, identify those roadway links that frequently flood, impeding or jeopardizing evacuation during flood events. The City needs to coordinate this planning effort with Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The results of the study should be integrated into the North Delta Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 17)
M26: Mitigation Planning Coordination	Attend all relevant disaster mitigation seminars and meetings with various regional, parish, or municipal organizations.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of M3 Action
M27: Calypso Street Stormwater Station Reconstruction	Elevate floor of pump station, modify piping, and replace all three pumps and controls.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action
M28: Phillips Lake Drainage Project	Modify existing Marquette Street pump station, build small pump station in lake, install suction line, and put in various piping changes.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action
M29: Storm Drainage Pump Stations Upgrades	Modify and upgrade nine pump stations; purchase portable diesel generators.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action
M30: Structural Assessment of Fire Stations	Conduct fire station structural assessment study.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of M1 Action
M31: Citywide Drainage Study	Conduct a citywide drainage study.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action
M33: Storm Drainage Cleanup Program	Create a storm drain cleanup program.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action

M34: Weatherization Assistance Program	Weatherize homes of low-income households to sustain winter storms.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of M1 Action
M35: Weatherization/Hazardous Materials Education Program	Develop a weatherization education program.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of M5 Action
M36: Airport Canal Erosion Project	Construct a Guniting drainage membrane in the Airport Canal from White Street to Owl Street.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-24 Months	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M2 Action
M37: Long-Term Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan	Prepare a long-term post disaster redevelopment plan	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 18)
M38: Require all utilities for new construction projects to be installed underground	Constructing utilities underground where available will during the City's vulnerable to utility damage and power outages from wind events and winter storms.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of Monroe Mitigation Action 19)
M39: Elevation/acquisition/flood proofing projects for new and existing repetitive loss structures	Elevate, acquire, or flood proof new and existing repetitive loss structures throughout the City.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of M3 Action
M40: Structurally harden all existing and future critical facilities to withstand strong winds	The hardening of critical facilities will mitigate potential damages associated with high wind events, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes/tropical storms. Hardening can include, but is not limited to, shatter-proof windows, reinforced walls, and reinforced foundations.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	City of Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of M1 Action

New Mitigation Actions

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 1	Building Retrofits
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Reduces damage from high wind related events, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 2	Drainage Improvements
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual flooding problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 3	Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Eliminates flooding risk of repetitive and severe repetitive loss structures.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 4	Safe Room Projects
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Monroe. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Allows for continued operations of essential personnel to actively respond during a natural hazard event
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 5	Education and Outreach
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for levee failure, drought, flooding, thunderstorms, tornadoes, tropical cyclones, wildfires, and winter weather hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas
Type of Mitigation Action	Education and Awareness Programs
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 6	Generators for continuity of operations and government
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Installation of generators will allow public facilities to run accordingly and aid with local relief efforts
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 7	Lightning Mitigation
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of Lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	The installation of lightning rods and surge protectors in public buildings and critical infrastructure will reduce losses due to lightning strikes and surges in electricity.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 8	Warning Systems
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Monroe as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s).
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	An upgraded public warning system will increase the likelihood of public notification immediately prior to an event
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 9	Potable Water
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals in Parish, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Creating a redundancy of potable water for critical facilities will reduce downtime and allow for the continuity of essential operations during and after an event.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Flooding, Excessive Heat, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 10	Promote Flood Insurance
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
Type of Mitigation Action	Education and Awareness Programs
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Educating the public on flood insurance will allow public to obtain insurance at a cost that's affordable to them and will help gain relief to their home and personal items during post-flood events
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 11	Flood Control Measures
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Creation of flood control structures can prevent flood damage
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 12	Levee Failure Working Group
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible impact of a levee failure.
Type of Mitigation Action	Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the specific areas of inundation related to levee failure in Monroe
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 13	Drought Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting water saving ordinances will allow for water to be regulated and distributed throughout the community when drought related events are imminent
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 14	Wildfire Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural Systems Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting wildfire ordinances will reduce the chances of wildfire taking place due to penalties and restrictions laid forth by the ordinance
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Wildfires

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 15	New Chemical Storage Building
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Construct new chemical storage building that meets 100-mph wind load.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Constructing a chemical storage building able to withstand high winds will reduce the chance of chemical materials spilling during high wind events
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 16	Community Rating System (CRS) Strategy
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Develop strategy that identifies actions the city can take to enhance its CRS rating.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Increasing the CRS rating for the community will allow those who participate to receive greater discounts on insurance premiums
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 17	Transportation Evacuation Study
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Working with the North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, identify those roadway links that frequently flood, impeding or jeopardizing evacuation during flood events. The city needs to coordinate this planning effort with Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The results of the study should be integrated into the North Delta Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Developing a transportation evacuation plan will help determine which routes will be best for evacuation as well as highlight certain areas with high poverty that may not have reliable access to public transportation during hazard eminent events
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 18	Long-Term Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Prepare a long-term post disaster redevelopment plan
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Redevelopment plans will allow for a cohesive effort of prioritization when dealing with relief efforts after natural disasters have taken place
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 19	Require all utilities for new construction projects to be installed underground
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Constructing utilities underground where available will during the City's vulnerable to utility damage and power outages from wind events and winter storms.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Constructing utilities underground will reduce the risk of power outages and allow essential personnel to function properly during hazard events
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 20	Fans and Cooling Devices
LEAD AGENCY	City of Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Provide fans and cooling devices for the public, especially at risk populations
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and infrastructure Projects, Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Cooling devices will serve as a backup in the event of a widespread power outage during excessive heat events
Current Status of Action	New
Hazard Addressed	Excessive Heat

Town of Richwood

Previous Action Update

Town of Richwood						
Jurisdiction-Specific Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Status
R1: Building Retrofits	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events. Benefits: Reduces damage from high winds, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 1)
R2: Drainage Improvement	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation. Benefits: Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 2)
R3: Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 3)
R4: Safe Room Projects	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Richwood. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 4)

R5: Education and Outreach	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for Flooding, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Extreme Heat, Thunderstorms (lightning, high wind, hail), Drought, Levee Failure, and Winter Storm hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas. Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 5)
R6: Generators for Continuity of Operations and Government	Procurement and installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 6)
R7: Lightning Mitigation	Procurement and installation of lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 7)
R8: Warning Systems	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Richwood as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s)	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 8)
R9: Potable Water	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals in Parish, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 9)
R10: Promote Flood Insurance	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 10)

R11: Flood Control Measures	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 11)
R12: Levee Failure Working Group	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible effects of a levee failure.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 12)
R13: Drought Ordinances	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 13)
R14: Wildfire Ordinances	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 14)
R15: New Shelters for Hurricanes	Continually inventory and Retrofit/upgrade existing structures and/or construct new structures to act as shelters during and after Hurricanes/Tropical Storms and other severe weather events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Tropical Storms	Deleted - Duplicate of R4 Action
R16: Elevate Flood Prone Structures	Elevate new and existing flood prone structures and infrastructure and key electrical equipment throughout Town of Richwood.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	36 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of R3 Action
R17: Upgrade Bridges and Crossings	Replace and/or upgrade bridges and other crossings throughout Town of Richwood.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 15)
R18: Drainage Improvements	Pursue drainage improvements throughout Town of Richwood. Actions can include but are not limited to installing/upgrading culverts and headwalls as well as enlarging storm water ditches and canals.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of R2 Action

R19: Generators and Back Up Power for Critical Facilities	Provide generators/back-up power systems for critical facilities throughout the Town of Richwood.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of R6 Action
R20: New Shelters for Tornadoes	Retrofit existing structures or construct new structures to act as safe rooms during tornados or other severe weather events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-3 Years	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Tornadoes	Deleted - Duplicate of R4 Action
R821: Educational Programs	Provide educational programs and information to the public regarding the hazards identified in this 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Programs and informational items include presentations at community meetings and schools, pamphlets that are provided at public facilities and schools, and public service announcements and advertisements on local cable channels.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of R5 Action
R22: Funding for Project Implementation	Pursue all possible funding opportunities for project implementation.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 16)
R23: Water Conservation Programs	Establish a water conservation programs with local water providers and utility companies. Prepare brochures to be mailed to water customers.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	6-12 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Deleted - Duplicate of R13 Action

R24: Update NFIP Repetitive Loss List	Review the current FEMA NFIP Repetitive Loss List for Town of Richwood to identify the correct, updated address and exact location of each individual structure. Many structures on the list are not mapped due to inaccurate or outdated addresses. Purge the list of any repetitive loss structure that is located within an incorporated area of the Parish, and, transfer responsibility for mitigation to the appropriate NFIP community. Submit any corrections to the State Floodplain Manager of Louisiana and FEMA Region VI.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	6-12 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flood, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones, Thunderstorms	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Richwood Mitigation Action 17)
R25: DFIRMS	Adopt new DFIRMS once available from FEMA and approved by the town (incorporated and unincorporated areas).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-48 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of R12 Action
R26: Acquire Flood Prone Properties	Acquire flood prone properties (including Repetitive Loss and Severe Repetitive Loss Properties).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	12-36 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of R3 Action
R27: Defensible Space Program	Develop a defensible space program in order to reduce fuels surrounding homes in the urban-wildland interface.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	12-48 Months	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfire	Deleted - Duplicate of R14 Action

New Mitigation Actions

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 1	Building Retrofits
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Reduces damage from high wind related events, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 2	Drainage Improvements
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual flooding problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 3	Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Eliminates flooding risk of repetitive and severe repetitive loss structures.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 4	Safe Room Projects
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Richwood. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Allows for continued operations of essential personal to actively respond during a natural hazard event
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 5	Education and Outreach
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for levee failure, drought, flooding, thunderstorms, tornadoes, tropical cyclones, wildfires, and winter weather hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas
Type of Mitigation Action	Education and Awareness Programs
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 6	Generators for continuity of operations and government
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Installation of generators will allow public facilities to run accordingly and aid with local relief efforts
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 7	Lightning Mitigation
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of Lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	The installation of lightning rods and surge protectors in public buildings and critical infrastructure will reduce losses due to lightning strikes and surges in electricity.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 8	Warning Systems
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Richwood as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s).
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	An upgraded public warning system will increase the likelihood of public notification immediately prior to an event
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 9	Potable Water
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals in Parish, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Creating a redundancy of potable water for critical facilities will reduce downtime and allow for the continuity of essential operations during and after an event.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Flooding, Excessive Heat, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 10	Promote Flood Insurance
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
Type of Mitigation Action	Education and Awareness Programs
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Educating the public on flood insurance will allow public to obtain insurance at a cost that's affordable to them and will help gain relief to their home and personal items during post-flood events
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 11	Flood Control Measures
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Creation of flood control structures can prevent flood damage
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 12	Levee Failure Working Group
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible impact of a levee failure.
Type of Mitigation Action	Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the specific areas of inundation related to levee failure in Richwood
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 13	Drought Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting water saving ordinances will allow for water to be regulated and distributed throughout the community when drought related events are imminent
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 14	Wildfire Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural Systems Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting wildfire ordinances will reduce the chances of wildfire taking place due to penalties and restrictions laid forth by the ordinance
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Wildfires

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 15	Upgrade Bridges and Crossings
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Replace and/or upgrade bridges and other crossings throughout Ouachita Parish.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Upgrading bridges will prevent roadways from being susceptible to flooding
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 16	Funding for Project implementation
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Pursue all possible funding opportunities for project implementation.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Pursuing funding opportunities will allow the parish to coordinate with local and federal funding sources so that pertinent mitigation actions get completed
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 17	Update NFIP RPL
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Review the current FEMA NFIP Repetitive Loss List for Richwood to identify the correct, updated address and exact location of each individual structure. Many structures on the list are not mapped due to inaccurate or outdated addresses. Purge the list of any repetitive loss structure that is located within an incorporated area of the Parish, and, transfer responsibility for mitigation to the appropriate NFIP community. Submit any corrections to the State Floodplain Manager of Louisiana and FEMA Region VI.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural Systems Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Constantly updating NFIP data when concerning RPL will allow the parish to administer services to area that are most vulnerable
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones, Thunderstorms

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF RICHWOOD	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF RICHWOOD MITIGATION ACTION 18	Fans and Cooling Devices
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Richwood Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Provide fans and cooling devices for the public, especially at risk populations
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and infrastructure Projects, Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Cooling devices will serve as a backup in the event of a widespread power outage during excessive heat events
Current Status of Action	New
Hazard Addressed	Excessive Heat

Town of Sterlington

Previous Action Update

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Jurisdiction-Specific Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Status
S1: Building Retrofits	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events. Benefits: Reduces damage from high winds, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	In Progress - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 1)
S2: Drainage Improvement	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation. Benefits: Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	In Progress
S3: Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 2)
S4: Safe Room Projects	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Sterlington. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 3)

S5: Education and Outreach	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for Flooding, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Extreme Heat, Thunderstorms (lightning, high wind, hail), Drought, Levee Failure, and Winter Storm hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas. Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Ongoing
S6: Generators for Continuity of Operations and Government	Procurement and installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 4)
S7: Lightning Mitigation	Procurement and installation of lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	In Progress
S8: Warning Systems	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Sterlington as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s)	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 5)
S9: Potable Water	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals in Parish, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather	In Progress
S10: Promote Flood Insurance	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 6)

S11: Flood Control Measures	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 7)
S12: Levee Failure Working Group	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible effects of a levee failure.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 8)
S13: Drought Ordinances	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 9)
S14: Wildfire Ordinances	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 10)
S15: Public Education and Outreach	Develop disaster education program, to include information from FEMA, NWS, and USDA, to educate citizens about the drought hazard	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of A5 Action
S16: Training for First Responders	Provide training for EMS personnel	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Ongoing
S17: Conduct Commodity Flow Study	Develop transportation chemical commodity flow study	Homeland Security Funds, DOTD, Local Budget	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Hazardous Materials	Deleted - Not a profiable hazard
S18: Alternate Evacuation Route	Work with Ouachita Parish and LADOTD to examine alternate exit route for the Power Avenue area	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires	Completed
S19: Previous Occurrence and Extent Data Collection	Begin gathering town specific previous occurrence and extent data; this data will be incorporated into future updates of the plan.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 11)

S20: Building Code Implementation	Implement and enforce International Building Codes	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Completed
S21: Floodplain Regulation – Limit Development	Continue to include and update mitigation requirements in floodplain development regulations	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	2 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding	Deleted - Duplicate of S11 Action
S22: Warning Systems	Upgrade or expand warning system for Town of Sterlington	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	2 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of S8 Action
S23: Emergency Generator	Install emergency generator at Sterlington waste water treatment facility, Sterlington Police Station, sewer lift stations, Sterlington Elementary School, and East Ouachita Recreation Center.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	4 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of S6 Action
S24: Retrofit, or incorporate mitigation into the design of, existing buildings and infrastructure to reduce the impacts of flood	Drainage projects to alleviate standing water issues throughout town.; Add backflow protection to homes to prevent sewer backup issues.; Resize culverts at Francis, and Ronaldson, Davis, Taylor and Rogers, Highway 2 and Old Sterlington Rd, Old Sterlington Rd. east of Ronaldson, and Francis and High St.; Increase capacity of local drainage canals; increase capacity of lift station at Harvey and Francis Streets; increase capacity of lift station at District 10 on Power Ave.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of S1 Action
S25: Hail-Proofing Public Buildings	Hail-proof public buildings	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	Deleted - Duplicate of S1 Action

S26: Retrofit of Critical Facilities	Retrofit/harden roof and facility for Sterlington Public Works Facility and East Ouachita Recreation Center	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of S1 Action
S27: Protection of Critical Facilities	Create wildfire safety zones around critical facilities by managing and altering landscaping and vegetation	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Deleted - Duplicate of S14 Action
S28: Protection of Critical Facilities	Winterize/weatherize Sterlington Water System and sewer system infrastructure	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of S1 Action
S29: Retrofit Existing Structures to Function as Safe Rooms	Retrofit Sterlington Town Hall, East Ouachita Recreation Center, Sterlington Middle School, Sterlington Elementary School, and Sterlington Police Station to protect life and prevent injury of those housed inside	HMGP, Local, Non-Disaster HMA Grants	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of S1 Action
S30: Community Shelters	Construct multi-purpose community shelter to provide immediate life protection for events with little or no warning as well as serve as new town hall and government complex.	HMGP, Local, Non-Disaster HMA Grants	1-5 Years	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See Town of Sterlington Mitigation Action 12)

New Mitigation Actions

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 1	Building Retrofits
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Reduces damage from high wind related events, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.
Current Status of Action	In Progress – Carried Over
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

Supporting Information: Since the last Plan Update, the Town of Sterlington has retrofitted the roof of their town hall. Sterlington plans on retrofitting more municipal buildings within the town and wants this action carried over

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 2	Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Eliminates flooding risk of repetitive and severe repetitive loss structures.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 3	Safe Room Projects
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Sterlington. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Allows for continued operations of essential personal to actively respond during a natural hazard event
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 4	Generators for continuity of operations and government
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Installation of generators will allow public facilities to run accordingly and aid with local relief efforts
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 5	Warning Systems
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout Sterlington as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s).
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	An upgraded public warning system will increase the likelihood of public notification immediately prior to an event
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 6	Promote Flood Insurance
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
Type of Mitigation Action	Education and Awareness Programs
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Educating the public on flood insurance will allow public to obtain insurance at a cost that's affordable to them and will help gain relief to their home and personal items during post-flood events
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 7	Flood Control Measures
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	High
Action Description	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Creation of flood control structures can prevent flood damage
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 8	Levee Failure Working Group
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible impact of a levee failure.
Type of Mitigation Action	Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the specific areas of inundation related to levee failure in Sterlington
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 9	Drought Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting water saving ordinances will allow for water to be regulated and distributed throughout the community when drought related events are imminent
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 10	Wildfire Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural Systems Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting wildfire ordinances will reduce the chances of wildfire taking place due to penalties and restrictions laid forth by the ordinance
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Wildfires

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 11	Previous Occurrence and Extent Data Collection
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Begin gathering town specific previous occurrence and extent data; this data will be incorporated into future updates of the plan.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Additional input from the parish will make hazard mitigation plans more comprehensive and allow for better understanding of each hazards impact on the community
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 12	Community Shelters
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Construct multi-purpose community shelter to provide immediate life protection for events with little or no warning as well as serve as new town hall and government complex.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Community shelters will benefit those who are in immediate danger of a hazard
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS TOWN OF STERLINGTON	
	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF STERLINGTON MITIGATION ACTION 13	Fans and Cooling Devices
LEAD AGENCY	Town of Sterlington Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Provide fans and cooling devices for the public, especially at-risk populations
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and infrastructure Projects, Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Cooling devices will serve as a backup in the event of a widespread power outage during excessive heat events
Current Status of Action	New
Hazard Addressed	Excessive Heat

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Jurisdiction-Specific Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Status
WM1: Building Retrofits	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events. Benefits: Reduces damage from high winds, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 1)
WM2: Drainage Improvement	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation. Benefits: Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	In Progress
WM3: Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	In Progress
WM4: Safe Room Projects	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in West Monroe. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 2)

WM5: Education and Outreach	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for Flooding, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Extreme Heat, Thunderstorms (lightning, high wind, hail), Drought, Levee Failure, and Winter Storm hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas. Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 3)
WM6: Generators for Continuity of Operations and Government	Procurement and installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 4)
WM7: Lightning Mitigation	Procurement and installation of lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 5)
WM8: Warning Systems	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout West Monroe as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s).	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 6)
WM9: Potable Water	Create redundancy of potable water supply to critical facilities, especially hospitals in Parish, and provide protection of potable water supply by acquisition/installation of backflow preventers at appropriate critical locations.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Ongoing
WM10: Promote Flood Insurance	Promote the purchase of flood insurance. Advertise the availability, cost, and coverage of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Ongoing

WM11: Flood Control Measures	Install and/or upgrade minor flood control structures including berms and floodwalls to protect critical facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Ongoing
WM12: Levee Failure Working Group	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible effects of a levee failure.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 7)
WM13: Drought Ordinances	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 8)
WM14: Wildfire Ordinances	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Wildfires	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 9)
WM15: Master Drainage Plan	The Master Drainage Plan will include information on the existing storm sewer system and potential projects to help alleviate flooding. It will include flood plans for Black Bayou. The Master Drainage Plan will also include an analysis of future development and possible solutions for maintaining pre-developed runoff rates.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	4 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of WM2 Action
WM16: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	Determine the need for stormwater pollution prevention greater than what is required by the EPA. By reducing sediment that infiltrates the storm sewer system, the City can reduce flooding caused by congested storm sewers. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan will also analyze the amount of pollutants that accumulate in the storm sewer system and possible projects and ordinances to prevent and reduce the amount of pollutants in the storm sewer system and ultimately in Black Bayou and the Ouachita River.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	3 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of WM2 Action.

WM17: Levee Failure - Evacuation Plan	Develop an evacuation and notification plan for a potential levee failure. The plan will identify the residents and critical facilities most susceptible to damage.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	2 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure	Deleted - Duplicate of WM12 Action.
WM18: Targeted Drainage Projects	Upon completion of the Master Drainage Plan, several drainage projects will be prioritized to reduce flooding. Until that time, the drainage projects found in the Project Scoping Report should take precedent.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of WM2 Action.
WM19: Warning System	Investigate the feasibility of implementing several options in the warning system. Some mitigation options may be deemed too expensive for the benefit provided. An audible warning system installed around the city will be investigated. The City will also place a link to real-time weather information on the West Monroe website.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of WM8 Action.
WM20: Review Building Codes	The Building Department will review the current Building Codes and determine whether any changes should be made.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Winter Weather	Ongoing
WM21: Public Service Announcements	Plan a public service announcement program through which all potential hazards will be addressed and announcements will be made throughout the year	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1 Year	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of WM8 Action.
WM22: Maintain Storm Sewer System	Attempt to budget more money towards maintenance and replacement but will also seek funding from outside sources. The Department of Public Works continues to inspect the existing infrastructure to determine the priority of repairs and replacements.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of WM2 Action.

WM23: School Program	Preparing a school program to inform children about the dangers that certain hazards cause.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1 Year	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Deleted - Duplicate of WM5 Action.
WM24: Heat/Winter Elderly Plan - Council on Aging	The West Ouachita Senior Center Division will continue to check in on the elderly during extreme heat and provide fans for those homes without air conditioning. They will also contact them during winter weather to make sure they have proper medication and transportation if necessary. Information will be provided to residents concerning the dangers of extreme heat and ways to keep cool. The City will also conduct public service announcements with shelter locations and other areas to keep cool or warm.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Excessive Heat, Winter Weather	Ongoing
WM25: Enhance/Upgrade Sanitary Sewer	The Public Works Department will be responsible for inspecting all sanitary sewer lines and manholes for inflow/infiltration.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding	In Progress
WM26: Water Conservation Plan	The Department of Public Works will coordinate with the Department of Economic Development to prepare and implement a water conservation plan.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	3 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought	Deleted - Duplicate of WM 13 Action.
WM27: GIS System	The City is currently creating a geographic information system (GIS). The GIS will include the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer facilities of the City. It will also include information from this Plan such as special flood hazard areas and critical facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	Ongoing

WM28: Repetitive Floodloss Structures/Buyouts	The Planning and Zoning Department will review the Repetitive Flood Loss Structures list and make any changes or corrections that are necessary to the list. The Department will also prioritize the structures so that facilities are not removed in a checkerboard type fashion.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	Deleted - Duplicate of WM3 Action.
WM29: Review Data Gaps	The Hazard Mitigation Advisory Team will continue to research past hazard events that little historical information was given such as hailstorms and lightning.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	5 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	Deleted - This action/project is no longer needed and does not need to be carried over into the 2023 update.
WM30: Hazard Map Availability	Provide the hazard maps generated during the planning process for public access at the library and City website.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	<1 Year	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather	In Progress
WM31: Water Level Gauge/Call System	The Public Works Department will determine the feasibility of placing water level gauges on Black Bayou and the Ouachita River to help determine flood risk.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	5 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding	In Progress
WM32: Mosquito Abatement Program	West Monroe will continue to work with the Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement District to inform the public of the dangers of mosquito carried diseases. The City will also conduct mosquito fogging in conjunction with Ouachita Parish's treatment schedule.	General Fund	2 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Disease	Deleted - Not a profitable hazard.
WM33: Generators, Lightning rods & Surge Protection	The City will enhance critical facilities by adding lightning rods, surge protection, and generators to the facilities. These will be added to both current and new facilities.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	2 Years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms	Deleted - Duplicate of WM6 & WM8 Actions.

WM34: Evaluate Detention Pond Construction	The City recently completed a drainage project, Restoration Park, which created wetlands, provided detention, and beautified the area. The project will help reduce runoff rates to Black Bayou. Additional projects like Restoration Park will be necessary if future development is not required to discharge stormwater at pre-developed conditions. The Department of Public Works and City Engineer will be responsible for monitoring the situation and determining whether additional projects will be necessary.	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Flooding	Deleted - Duplicate of WM2 Action.
WM35: Encourage underground Utility Construction	The Keep West Monroe Beautiful Department will investigate the feasibility of placing above ground utility facilities below ground.	HGMP, BRIC, Local	1-5 years	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office/Ouachita Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, tropical Cyclones	Not Started - Carried Over (See City of West Monroe Mitigation Action 10)

New Mitigation Actions

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 1	Building Retrofits
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Reduces damage from high wind related events, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 2	Safe Room Projects
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in West Monroe. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Allows for continued operations of essential personnel to actively respond during a natural hazard event
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 3	Education and Outreach
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Enhance the public outreach programs for the parish and all communities by increasing awareness of risks and safety for levee failure, drought, excessive heat, flooding, thunderstorms, tornadoes, tropical cyclones, wildfires, and winter weather hazards as well as providing information on high risk areas
Type of Mitigation Action	Education and Awareness Programs
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Informing communities, business and citizens on proper mitigation efforts and activities will create resiliency within the parish and its communities.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Excessive Heat, Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfire, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 4	Generators for continuity of operations and government
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of generators at public facilities to ensure continued operations during and after events.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Installation of generators will allow public facilities to run accordingly and aid with local relief efforts
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 5	Lightning Mitigation
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Procurement and Installation of Lightning rods and surge protectors for public buildings to preserve life and property
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	The installation of lightning rods and surge protectors in public buildings and critical infrastructure will reduce losses due to lightning strikes and surges in electricity.
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 6	Warning Systems
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Update/upgrade public warning system components throughout West Monroe as necessary. Install audible and/or reverse 911 warning system(s).
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and Infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	An upgraded public warning system will increase the likelihood of public notification immediately prior to an event
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Wildfires, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 7	Levee Failure Working Group
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, FMA, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the possible impact of a levee failure.
Type of Mitigation Action	Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Create a working group in order to assess the extent and determine the specific areas of inundation related to levee failure in West Monroe
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Flooding, Levee Failure

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 8	Drought Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Adopt ordinances requiring water-saving measures in time of drought.
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural System Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting water saving ordinances will allow for water to be regulated and distributed throughout the community when drought related events are imminent
Current Status of Action	Not Started - Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Drought

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 9	Wildfire Ordinances
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Strengthen penalties and improve enforcement capabilities of burn ban ordinances
Type of Mitigation Action	Local Plans and Regulations, Natural Systems Protection
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Adopting wildfire ordinances will reduce the chances of wildfire taking place due to penalties and restrictions laid forth by the ordinance
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Wildfires

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 10	Encourage Underground Utility construction
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect health and safety 2. Protect existing properties 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Constructing utilities underground where available will during the City's vulnerable to utility damage and power outages from wind events and winter storms.
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and infrastructure Projects
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Constructing utilities underground will reduce the risk of power outages and allow essential personnel to function properly during hazard events
Current Status of Action	Not Started – Carried Over from 2017 Plan
Hazard Addressed	Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Winter Weather

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS CITY OF WEST MONROE	
	DESCRIPTION
CITY OF WEST MONROE MITIGATION ACTION 11	Fans and Cooling Devices
LEAD AGENCY	City of West Monroe Mayor's Office
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
TIMELINE	1-5 years
COST ESTIMATE	Unknown
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HGMP, BRIC, Local
ASSOCIATED GOALS	1. Protect health and safety 3. Improve the quality of life in Ouachita Parish 4. Ensure that public funds are used in the most efficient manner
PRIORITY	Medium
Action Description	Provide fans and cooling devices for the public, especially at risk populations
Type of Mitigation Action	Structure and infrastructure Projects, Local Plans and Regulations
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	Cooling devices will serve as a backup in the event of a widespread power outage during excessive heat events
Current Status of Action	New
Hazard Addressed	Excessive Heat

Action Prioritization

During the prioritization process, the planning committee considered the costs and relative benefits of each new action. Costs can usually be listed in terms of dollars, although at times it involves staff time rather than the purchase of equipment or services that can be readily measured in dollars. In most cases, benefits, such as lives saved or future damage prevented, are hard to measure in dollars. Therefore, many projects were prioritized with these factors in mind. In addition, prioritization of the mitigation actions was performed based on the following economic criteria: i) whether the action can be performed with the existing parish resources; ii) whether the action requires additional funding from external sources; and iii) relative costs of the mitigation actions.

In all cases, the committee concluded that the benefits (in terms of reduced property damage, lives saved, health problems averted and/or economic harm prevented) outweighed the costs for the recommended action items.

The planning committee prioritized the possible activities that could be pursued. Planning committee members consulted appropriate agencies in order to assist with the prioritizations. The results were items that address the major hazards, are appropriate for those hazards, are cost-effective, and are affordable. The planning committee met internally for mitigation action meetings to review and approve mitigation actions for Ouachita Parish and the incorporated jurisdictions. On-going actions, as well as actions which will provide maximum benefit that can be undertaken by existing parish staff with or without additional external funding were given high priority. The actions with medium benefit and relatively low cost, political support, and public support but require additional funding from parish or external sources were given medium priority. The actions that require substantial funding from external sources and would result in limited benefit to the community were given low priority.

Ouachita Parish and the incorporated jurisdictions will implement and administer the identified actions based off the proposed timeframes and priorities for each reflected in the portions of this section where actions are summarized. The inclusion of any specific action item in this document does not commit the parish to implementation. Each action item will be subject to availability of staff and funding. Certain items may require regulatory changes or other decisions that must be implemented through standard processes. This plan is intended to offer priorities based on an examination of hazards.

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Appendix A: Planning Process

Purpose

The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update process prompts local jurisdictions to keep their hazard mitigation plan current and moving toward a more resilient community. The plan update builds on the research and planning efforts of previous plans while reviewing recent trends. The planning committee followed FEMA's hazard mitigation planning process per the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Handbook. This planning process assured public involvement and the participation of interested agencies and private organizations. Documentation of the planning process for the updated plan is addressed in this section.

The Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update process began in October 2022 with a series of emails, phone calls, meetings, and collaborations between the contractor (SDMI) and a diverse group of participating agencies and stakeholders. Update activities were intended to give each participating agency and stakeholder the opportunity to shape the plan to best fit their community's mitigation goals. Community stakeholders and the general public were invited to attend and contribute information to the planning process during specific time periods or meetings.

The table below details the meeting schedule and purpose for the planning process:

Date	Meeting or Outreach	Location	Public Invited	Purpose
2/15/2023	Kick Off Meeting	Phone Conference	No	Discuss with the Parish OHSEP Director expectations and requirements of the project. Discuss meeting schedules, committee make up, and next steps.
3/23/2023	Initial Planning Committee Meeting	Monroe, LA	No	Discuss with Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee the process and expectations of plan participants. Discuss timeline and action items for parish and each jurisdiction.
8/15/2023	Planning Committee Risk Assessment Review	Monroe, LA	No	Presentation of Risk Assessment and profiled hazards to Planning Committee.
8/15/2023	Public Meeting	Monroe, LA	Yes	Presentation of Risk Assessment and profiled hazards to public. Presentation also includes current mitigation project highlights within communities and public survey discussion.
1/6/2023 – 8/15/2023	Public Opinion Survey	Online	Yes	This survey asked participants about public perceptions and opinions regarding natural hazards in Ouachita Parish. In addition, questions covered the methods and techniques preferred for reducing the risks and losses associated with these hazards. Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OuachitaHM2022

Planning

The plan update process consisted of several phases:

	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11
Plan Revision											
Data Collection											
Risk Assessment											
Public Input											
Mitigation Strategy											
Plan Review by GOHSEP and FEMA											
FEMA APA											
Plan Adoptions											
Final Plan Approval											

Coordination

The Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) oversaw the coordination of the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Planning Committee during the update process. The parish OHSEP was responsible for identifying members for the committee. Representatives of relevant local and parish government departments were invited for inclusion in the planning process via email from SDMI and the Bienville Parish OHSEP Director. Ouachita Parish and their jurisdictions identified and reached out, via email, to representatives of non-profits, local businesses and organizations, and private organizations that provide for the betterment and benefit of populations identified as socially vulnerable and work directly with communities that are deemed as underserved so that they could be involved in the entirety of this plan update process and participate as key stakeholders. Some directors of organizations contacted included the Council of Aging, and the local American Red Cross chapter, but no response was received. Administration from the University of Louisiana Monroe was invited via email to attend various meetings throughout the planning process, but no response was received. However, SDMI is an institution under the Louisiana State University system, so this plan update received constant feedback from academia personnel on LSU's campus. Therefore, LSU was able to be included for academic participation during the plan update process.

The Parish Director was responsible for inviting the planning committee and key stakeholders to scheduled meetings and activities via phone call and/or email. SDMI assisted the Parish Director with

press releases and social media statements for notification to the media and general public for public meetings and public outreach activities.

SDMI was responsible for facilitating all meetings and outreach efforts during the update process.

Neighboring Community, Local and Regional Planning Process Involvement

From the outset of the planning process, the planning committee encouraged participation from a broad range of parish entities. The involvement of representatives from the city, state, and regional agencies provided diverse perspectives and mitigation ideas.

Formal participation in this plan includes but is not limited to the following activities:

- Participation in Hazard Mitigation planning meetings at the local and parish level
- Sharing local data and information with jurisdictions
- Incorporation of other planning documents, studies and efforts
- Action item development and action progress from 2017 update
- Risk Assessment review
- Plan document draft review
- Formal adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Union Parish OHSEP Director was invited to attend the Initial Planning and Risk Assessment Meetings for Ouachita Parish in an effort to coordinate mitigation efforts where possible as neighboring communities. The Union OHSEP Director was invited via email and phone call to participate in an effort to collaborate with neighboring communities. SDMI assisted Ouachita Parish with encouraging the collaboration with these neighboring communities via email by extending an invitation to the Ouachita Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Meetings.

As part of the coordination and planning process, the parish was provided the State Required Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Worksheet. The completed worksheets can be found in [Appendix E: State Required Worksheets](#).

The 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Planning Committee consisted of representatives from the following parish, municipal or community stakeholders. Below is a detailed list of the 2023 HMPU Planning Committee:

Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee			
Name	Title	Agency	Email
Rodger McConnell	Director	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	rodger.mcconnell@ohsep.net
Todd Smith	Region 8 Coordinator	GOHSEP	todd.smith@la.gov
Shane Smiley	Police Jury President	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	ssmiley@oppi.org
Matt Talbert	Mayor	Town of Sterlington	mtalbert@townofsterlington.com
Tom Malmay	Parish Consultant	Malmay and Associates	tom@malmay.com
Gary Eldridge	Engineer	City of West Monroe	geldridge@westmonroe.la.gov
Robbie George	President/Engineer	S.E. Huey/City of West Monroe	rgeorge@seheuy.com
Charles Huggins	Fire Protection Officer	West Monroe Fire Department	chuggins@westmonroe.la.gov
Jason Pleasant	Police Chief	West Monroe Police Department	jpleasant@westmonroe.la.gov
Friday Ellis	Mayor	City of Monroe Mayor	Friday.Ellis@ci.monroe.la.us
Gerald Brown	Mayor	Town of Richwood Mayor	mayorbrown@townofrichwood.com
Kevin Crosby	Parish Engineer	Ouachita Parish/Lazenby & Assoc	kcrosby@lazenbyengr.com
Pat Hemphill	Fire Chief	Ouachita Parish Fire Department	phemphill@ouachitafire.org
Jay Russell	Sheriff	Ouachita Parish Sheriff	jrussell@opso.net
Terry Williams	Fire Chief	City of Monroe	terry.williams@ci.monroe.la.us

Program Integration

Local governments are required to describe how their mitigation planning process is integrated with other ongoing local and area planning efforts. This subsection describes Ouachita Parish programs and planning.

A measure of integration and coordination is achieved through the HMPU participation of planning committee members and community stakeholders who administer programs such as: floodplain management under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Community Rating System, parish planning and zoning and building code enforcement.

Since the last update in 2017, Ouachita Parish has used the hazard mitigation plan as a reference point to various projects and mitigation strategies that take place throughout the planning area. Along with the mitigation actions outlined for each parish, Ouachita has used vulnerability statistics and integration strategies within the plan to help guide their mitigation practices. The strategies and practices in this plan update build upon the practices that have been used since the previous update. Those strategies and practices can be found in various sections throughout the risk assessment that address climate change, vulnerable populations, and future development trends. Furthermore, the parish has held and will continue to hold annual meetings to discuss any changes that have occurred within the parish that could alter the vulnerability of Ouachita, and how to combat any issues that have arisen within the means and regulations of the hazard mitigation plan.

Ouachita Parish will continue to integrate the requirements of this Hazard Mitigation Plan into other local planning mechanisms that are to be identified through future meetings of the parish, and through the five-year review process described in [Appendix B: Plan Maintenance](#). The primary means for integrating mitigation strategies into other local planning mechanisms will be through the revision, update and implementation of any individual municipal plans that require specific planning and administrative tasks (e.g. risk assessment, plan amendments, ordinance revisions, capital improvement projects, etc.).

The members of the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will remain charged with ensuring that the goals and strategies of new and updated local planning documents for their communities or agencies are consistent with the goals and actions of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and will not contribute to increased hazard vulnerability in the parish. Existing plans, studies, and technical information were incorporated in the planning process. Examples include flood data from FEMA and the U. S. Geological Survey. Much of this data was incorporated into the Risk Assessment component of the plan relative to plotting historical events and the magnitude of damages that occurred. The parish's 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan was also used in the planning process. Other existing data and plans used in the planning process include those listed below.

- Parish Emergency Operations Plan
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Flood Insurance Rate Maps
- State of Louisiana Hazard Mitigation Plan

Further information on the plans can be found in [Section 3: Capability Assessment](#).

Meeting Documentation and Public Outreach Activities

The following pages contain documentation of the meetings and public outreach activities conducted during this hazard mitigation plan update.

Meeting #1: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Kick-Off

Date: February 15, 2023

Location: Phone Call

Purpose: Discuss with the Parish OHSEP Director expectations and requirements of the project. Discuss meeting schedules, committee make up, and next steps.

Public Invitation: No

Meeting Invitees:

Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee		
Name	Title	Agency
Neal Brown	Director	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
Chris Rippetoe	Program Manager	LSU-SDMI
Jason Martin	Emergency Management Analyst	LSU-SDMI

Meeting #2: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Initial Planning Committee Meeting

Date: March 23, 2023

Location: Monroe, LA

Purpose: Discuss the expectations and requirements of the hazard mitigation plan update process and establish an initial project timeline with the Parish's Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee. Assign each individual tasks related to the parish data collection for the plan update.

Public Invitation: No

Meeting Invitees:

Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee		
Name	Title	Agency
Rodger McConnell	Director	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
Todd Smith	Region 8 Coordinator	GOHSEP
Shane Smiley	Police Jury President	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Matt Talbert	Mayor	Town of Sterlington
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Pat Hemphill	Fire Chief	Ouachita Parish Fire Department
Jay Russell	Sheriff	Ouachita Parish Sheriff
Terry Williams	Fire Chief	City of Monroe

Meeting #3: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Planning Committee Risk Assessment Review**Date:** August 15, 2023**Location:** Monroe**Purpose:** Presentation of Risk Assessment hazards and maps to Planning Committee.**Public Invitation:** No**Meeting Invitees:**

Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee		
Name	Title	Agency
Rodger McConnell	Director	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
Todd Smith	Region 8 Coordinator	GOHSEP
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Jay Russell	Sheriff	Ouachita Parish Sheriff
Terry Williams	Fire Chief	City of Monroe

Meeting #4: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Meeting

Date: August 15, 2023

Location: Monroe, LA

Purpose: The Public Meeting allowed the public and community stakeholders to participate and provide input into the hazard mitigation planning process. Presentation also included highlights of current mitigation projects highlights, as well as public survey discussion. The public meeting notice on the following page was presented to stakeholders as well as the general public, including those in underserved communities and those populations deemed as socially vulnerable. This notice was distributed via email as well as posted on the front door of the courthouse, published in the local newspaper, and posted via social media. This public meeting was also open to many different representatives from private, local community-based organizations and businesses, and non-profits that provide for the betterment of socially vulnerable populations and those areas that have been deemed as underserved. The parish and jurisdictions involved in the plan update were in charge of identifying these specific organizations so that they may be invited to participate at this public meeting and in the plan update process as a whole. This effort was carried out by Ouachita Parish, their jurisdictions, and with assistance from SDMI.

Public Invitation: Yes

Meeting Invitees:

Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee		
Name	Title	Agency
Rodger McConnell	Director	Ouachita Parish OHSEP
Todd Smith	Region 8 Coordinator	GOHSEP
Shane Smiley	Police Jury President	Ouachita Parish Police Jury
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Meeting Announcement:

OUACHITA PARISH OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**Ouachita Parish and its partners are seeking community input for the 2023 Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan update!**

Ouachita Parish OHSEP, in partnership with The Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute at LSU, is leading the process to update the plan. The Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Multi-Jurisdictional Plan describes the **naturally occurring** risks to the region and outlines strategies to reduce these risks to save lives, reduce property damage, and lessen the impact of future disasters.

Are you passionate about building a more resilient future for your parish? Do you have questions about the natural hazards your community is at risk to? Please join us on Tuesday, August 15th, for a public meeting at 11AM to learn more about the plan and share your input on the risks and vulnerabilities that most impact you and your community.

Meeting Location:

Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security
1000 New Natchitoches Road
West Monroe, LA 71292

Residents of Ouachita are asked to participate in a survey about public perceptions and opinions regarding natural hazards in the parish. The survey results will be used in the development of the plan. This short web-based survey can be found at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OuachitaHM2022>

The Parish appreciates your input.

If you have questions, please contact the Ouachita Parish OHSEP Office

Outreach Activity #1: Public Opinion Survey

Date: Ongoing throughout planning process

Location: Web survey

Public Invitation: Yes

As referenced in the *Mitigation Strategy* section of this document, an online public opinion survey of Ouachita Parish residents was conducted between January and August 2023. The survey was designed to capture public perceptions and opinions regarding natural hazards in Ouachita Parish. In addition, the survey collected information regarding the methods and techniques preferred by the respondents for reducing the risks and losses associated with local hazards. As of August 15, 2023, there have been zero responses to the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Survey, therefore, public input could not be included in this plan update. A link to the survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OuachitaHM2022>

Outreach Activity #2: Public Meeting Activity - Incident Questionnaire

Date: TBD

Location: Public Meeting – Monroe, LA

Public Invitation: Yes

An incident/issue questionnaire was provided at the public meeting in an effort to collect additional information from residents of Ouachita Parish regarding hazard events and their localized impacts. While the information collected via the questionnaire was to be integrated into this planning document, there was no public turnout for the meeting, and subsequently no results could be collected. A copy of the incident questionnaire can be found on the next page.

Outreach Activity #3: 2023 Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Review

Date: Ongoing

Location: SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

Public Initiation: Yes

After an initial review by the Ouachita Parish Planning Committee was completed, the 2023 Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan was made available for public review and comment. The plan was hosted on SDMI's Hazard Mitigation website: <https://hmpans.sdmi.lsu.edu/Home/Parish/ouachita>

OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC MEETING**PUBLIC ACTIVITY:
INCIDENT/ ISSUE
QUESTIONNAIRE****1. HAZARD TYPE(S):**

- A. DROUGHT
- B. EXCESSIVE HEAT
- C. FLOODING
- D. LEVEE FAILURE
- E. THUNDERSTORMS
- F. TORNADOES
- G. TROPICAL CYCLONES
- H. WILDFIRES
- I. WINTER WEATHER

2. DESCRIBE INCIDENT OR ISSUE:**3. LOCATION:**

A. CITY:

B. ADDRESS OR AREA:

4. INTENSITY:

A. DEPTH (FLOODING) OR SIZE (HAIL ETC.):

B. WIND STRENGTH

5. RECURRING OR ONE TIME:

A. IF RECURRING, HOW OFTEN:

**6. WHAT TYPE OF INTERRUPTIONS
DOES/DID THE INCIDENT OR ISSUE
CAUSE? (BUSINESS CLOSURE, DAMAGE,
EVACUATION, ETC.)****7. HOW LONG WAS THE INTERRUPTION
(HOURS, DAYS, WEEKS ETC.)****8. HOW COULD THIS HAZARD OR
IMPACT BE PREVENTED, FIXED
OR ALLEVIATED?**

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Appendix B: Plan Maintenance

Purpose

The section of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) pertaining to Local Mitigation Plans lists five required components for each plan: a description of the planning process; risk assessments; mitigation strategies; a method and system for plan maintenance; and documentation of plan adoption. This section details the method and system for plan maintenance, following the CFR's guidelines that the Plan Update must include (1) "a section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle," (2) "a process by which local governments incorporated the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans", and (3) "discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process."

Implementing, Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan

The Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will be responsible for implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and documenting the plan's progress throughout the year. Part of the plan maintenance process should include a system by which local governing bodies incorporate the HMP into the parish and jurisdictions' other plans where applicable. This process provides for continued public participation through the diverse resources of the parish to help in achieving the goals and objectives of the plan. Public participation will be achieved through availability of copies of HMP in parish public buildings and SDMI HM website. This section describes the update process as a whole, which includes the following:

- Responsible parties
- Methods to be used
- Evaluation criteria to be applied
- Scheduling for monitoring and evaluating the plan

Responsible Parties

Ouachita Parish has developed a method to ensure that a regular review and update of this Hazard Mitigation Plan occurs. This will be the responsibility of the planning committee, which consists of representatives from governmental organizations, local businesses, and private citizens, who will be involved in the process of monitoring, evaluating and updating the plan. All committee members in this plan will remain active in the planning committee.

Although the people filling the positions may change from year to year, the parish and its stakeholders will have representatives on the planning committee. The future planning committee will continue to be comprised of the same job functions as currently evident in the planning committee. However, the decision of specific job duties will be left to the Parish OHSEP Director to be assigned as deemed appropriate.

Methods for Monitoring and Evaluating the Plan and Plan Evaluation Criteria

Ouachita Parish has developed a method to ensure implementation, monitoring, evaluating, and updating of the HMP occurs during the five-year cycle of the plan. Implementation will be accomplished through constant and transparent efforts to network and highlight the multi-objective, win-win benefits of each project proposed in the [Mitigation Strategy](#) section. These efforts include the routine actions of monitoring agendas, attending meetings, and promoting a safe and resilient community. The planning committee will seek to become a permanent body and will be responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and

updating of the plan. The planning committee meeting will be held annually in order to monitor, evaluate, and update the plan. The Ouachita Parish OHSEP Director will be responsible for conducting the annual planning committee meetings.

The lead person of the agency responsible for the implementation of a specific mitigation action will submit a progress report to the Director at least thirty days prior to the planning committee meeting. The progress report will provide project status monitoring to include the following: whether the project has started; if not started, reason for not starting; if started, status of the project; if the project is completed, whether it has reduced/eliminated the problem; and any changes recommended to improve the implementation of the project etc. In addition, the progress report will provide status monitoring on the plan evaluation, changes to the hazard profile, changes to the risk assessment, and public input on the Hazard Mitigation Plan updates and reviews.

Progress on the mitigation action items and projects will be reviewed during the annual planning committee meeting. The criteria that would be utilized in the project review will include the following:

- 1) Whether the action was implemented and reasons, if the action was not implemented
- 2) What were the results of the implemented action
- 3) Were the outcomes as expected, and reasons if the outcomes were not as expected
- 4) Did the results achieve the stated goals and objectives
- 5) Was the action cost-effective
- 6) What were the losses avoided after completion of the project
- 7) In case of a structural project, did it change the hazard profile

In addition to monitoring and evaluating the progress of the mitigation plan actions and projects, the mitigation plan is required to be maintained and monitored annually, and fully updated every five years. The annual maintenance, monitoring and evaluation of the plan will be conducted in the annual planning committee meeting. The planning committee will review each goal to determine their relevance to changing situations in the parish, as well as changes to state or federal policy, and to ensure that they are addressing current and expected conditions. The planning committee will evaluate if any change in hazard profile and risk in the parish occurred during the past year. In addition, the evaluation will include the following criteria in respect of plan implementation:

- 1) Any local staffing changes that would warrant inviting different members to the planning committee
- 2) Any new organizations that would be valuable in the planning process or project implementation need to be included in the planning committee
- 3) Any new or existing procedures that can be done more efficiently
- 4) Any additional ways to gain more diverse and widespread cooperation
- 5) Any different or additional funding sources available for mitigation planning and implementation

The HMP will be updated every five years to remain eligible for continued HMGP funding. The planning committee will be responsible for updating the HMP. The OHSEP Director will be the lead person for the

HMP update. The HMP update process will commence at least one year prior to the expiration of the plan. The HMP will be updated after a major disaster if an annual evaluation of the plan indicates a substantial change in hazard profile and risk assessment in the parish.

Additionally, the public will be canvassed to solicit public input to continue Ouachita Parish's dedication to involving the public directly in review and updates of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Meetings will be scheduled as needed by the plan administrator to provide a forum for which the public can express their concerns, opinions, and/or ideas about the plan. The plan administrator will be responsible for using parish resources to publicize the annual public meetings and maintain public involvement through the newspapers, radio, and public access television channels. Copies of the plan will be catalogued and kept at all appropriate agencies in the city government, as well as at the SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website.

The review by the planning committee and input from the public will determine whether a plan update is needed prior to the required five-year update.

Annual reports on the progress of actions, plan maintenance, monitoring, evaluation, incorporation into existing planning programs, and continued public involvement will be documented at each annual meeting of the committee and kept by the Parish OHSEP Director. The planning committee will work together as a team, with each member sharing responsibility for completing the monitoring, evaluation and updates. It is the responsibility of the Parish OHSEP Director for contacting committee members, organizing the meeting and providing public noticing for the meeting to solicit public input.

2023 Plan Version Plan Method and Schedule Evaluation

For the current plan update, the previously approved plan's method and schedule were evaluated to determine if the elements and processes involved in the required 2023 update. Based on this analysis, the method and schedule were deemed to be acceptable, and nothing was changed for this update.

Incorporation into Existing Planning Programs

It is and has been the responsibility of the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee and participating jurisdictions to determine additional implementation procedures when appropriate. This may include integrating the requirements of the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan into each jurisdiction's planning documents, processes, or mechanisms as follows:

- Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations
- Floodplain Ordinances
- Comprehensive/Master Plans
- Capital Improvement Plans
- Economic Development Plans
- Emergency Operations Plans
- Continuity of Operations Plans
- Transportation Plan
- Stormwater Management Plan

Opportunities to integrate the requirements of this plan into other local planning mechanisms will continue to be identified through future meetings of the Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and through the five-year review process described herein. The primary means for integrating mitigation strategies into other local planning mechanisms will be through the revision, update and

implementation of each jurisdiction's individual plans that require specific planning and administrative tasks (e.g. risk assessment, plan amendments, ordinance revisions, capital improvement projects, etc.).

While there have been no instances of the mitigation strategy being incorporated into other planning documents since the adoption of the 2017 Ouachita Hazard Mitigation Plan, the committee members recognize the importance of a holistic approach across all planning efforts and will use their standing to integrate the mitigation strategy outlined in the 2023 Ouachita Hazard Mitigation Plan into other planning documents when appropriate.

During the planning process for new and updated local planning documents at the parish and jurisdiction level, such as a risk assessment, comprehensive plan, capital improvements plan, or emergency operations plan, the jurisdictions will provide a copy of the Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan to the appropriate parties and recommend that all goals and strategies of new and updated local planning documents are consistent with and support the goals of the Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan and will not contribute to increased hazards.

Although it is recognized that there are many possible benefits to integrating components of this plan into other parish and jurisdiction planning mechanisms, the development and maintenance of this stand-alone Hazard Mitigation Plan is deemed by the planning committee to be the most effective and appropriate method to ensure implementation of Parish and local hazard mitigation actions.

On behalf of the City of Monroe, the Town of Richwood, the Town of Sterlington, the City of West Monroe, and Unincorporated Ouachita Parish has the authority to incorporate the contents of the Hazard Mitigation Plan into the parish's existing regulatory mechanisms. Agreements are currently in place with jurisdictions to allow for the parish incorporation mechanisms to take place.

The following parish and local plans incorporate requirements of this HMP Update as follows through planning committee member and jurisdiction representation throughout the planning process as described above:

Ouachita Parish			
<i>Capital Improvements Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Economic Development Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Local emergency Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Continuity of Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Transportation Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Stormwater Management Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Shelter Plan for Incoming Evacuees</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓

City of Monroe

<i>Comprehensive Master Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Capital Improvements Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Economic Development Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Local emergency Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Continuity of Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Transportation Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Stormwater Management Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓

Town of Richwood

<i>Local emergency Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Continuity of Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Transportation Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Stormwater Management Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓

Town of Sterlington

<i>Local emergency Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Continuity of Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Transportation Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Stormwater Management Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓

City of West Monroe

<i>Comprehensive Master Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Capital Improvements Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Economic Development Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓
<i>Local emergency Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Continuity of Operations Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Transportation Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish OHSEP	✓
<i>Stormwater Management Plan</i>	Updated as needed	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	✓

Continued Public Participation

Public participation is an integral component of the mitigation planning process and will continue to be essential as this plan evolves over time. Significant changes or amendments to the plan require a public hearing prior to any adoption procedures. Other efforts to involve the public in the maintenance, evaluation, and revision process will be made as necessary. These efforts may include:

- Advertising meetings of the Mitigation Committee in the local newspaper, public bulletin boards, and/or city and county office buildings
- Designating willing and voluntary citizens and private sector representatives as official members of the Mitigation Committee
- Utilizing local media to update the public of any maintenance and/or periodic review activities taking place
- Utilizing city and Parish web sites to advertise any maintenance and/or periodic review activities taking place
- Keeping copies of the plan in appropriate public locations.

Appendix C: Critical Facilities

Critical Facilities within the Ouachita Parish Planning Area

Ouachita Parish Planning Area Critical Facilities											
Type	Name	Drought	Flooding	Levee Failure	Thunderstorms	Tornadoes	Tropical Cyclones	Wildfires	Winter Weather	Latitude	Longitude
Civil Government	911 Communications District	x			x	x	x		x	32.494774	-92.128762
	Monroe City Hall	x			x	x	x		x	32.501169	-92.110922
	Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court	x			x	x	x		x	32.4993547	-92.1167813
	Ouachita Parish Police Jury	x			x	x	x		x	32.494998	-92.111602
	Ouachita Parish Public Works Department	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5056945	-92.1923656
	Richwood Public Works	x			x	x	x		x	32.4434678	-92.0779246
	Richwood Town Hall	x			x	x	x		x	32.4484042	-92.0835454
	Sterlington Town Hall	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.693637	-92.0765741
	West Monroe City Court	x			x	x	x		x	32.5208475	-92.1491452
	West Monroe City Hall	x			x	x	x		x	32.520912	-92.148531
Fire & SAR	5th Street Fire Station	x			x	x	x		x	32.499313	-92.129384
	Cypress St Fire Station	x			x	x	x		x	32.515745	-92.172332
	Fire Dept. Garage and Maintenance	x	x		x	x	x		x	32.485507	-92.084841
	Fire Dept. Training, Tower	x			x	x	x		x	32.480819	-92.109396
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #5 SWARTZ	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5741209	-91.9851159

	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #9 FAIRBANKS	x			x	x	x		x	32.648291	-92.053366
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #11 BOSCO	x			x	x	x		x	32.284409	-92.094857
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #12 CADEVILLE	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.4283534	-92.3357414
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #14 CYPRESS COMM.	x			x	x	x		x	32.3199484	-92.2563737
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #2 WALLACE	x			x	x	x		x	32.527624	-92.187625
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #4 KING STREET	x			x	x	x		x	32.465659	-92.170974
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #6 CHENIERE	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.521031	-92.244367
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #7 KINCAID	x			x	x	x		x	32.3724846	-92.0586512
	FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #8 CALHOUN	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5199648	-92.325559
	FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #1 Finks Hideaway	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.565346	-92.041005
	FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #10 LUNA	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.371041	-92.205166
	FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #16 CARLTON	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.537567	-92.359663
	FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #3 TICHELLI	x			x	x	x		x	32.468155	-92.068572
	Fire Station #10 River Oaks	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	32.555726	-92.111899
	Fire Station #4	x			x	x	x		x	32.480819	-92.109396
	Fire Station #5	x			x	x	x		x	32.526213	-92.084030
	Fire Station #6	x	x		x	x	x		x	32.532750	-92.111560

	Fire Station #7	x			x	x	x		x	32.513279	-92.043634
	Fire Station #8	x			x	x	x		x	32.448279	-92.096738
	Fire Station, #1	x			x	x	x		x	32.507858	-92.115730
	Fire Station, #2	x			x	x	x		x	32.493425	-92.102878
	Otis St Fire Station	x			x	x	x		x	32.523806	-92.144376
Law Enforcement	Monroe Police Building, Jail & Courts	x			x	x	x		x	32.501372	-92.110734
	Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office	x			x	x	x		x	32.49844975	-92.11562073
	Richwood Correctional Center	x	x		x	x	x		x	32.457055	-92.080726
	Richwood Police Department	x			x	x	x		x	32.4484042	-92.0835454
	Sterlington Police Department	x			x	x	x		x	32.694361	-92.074644
	West Monroe Police Department	x			x	x	x		x	32.5208475	-92.1491452
Public Health	Ouachita Parish Public Health Unit	x			x	x	x		x	32.5094148	-92.103444
Schools	Boley Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.5171156	-92.1465041
	Calhoun Elementary	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5142359	-92.3688942
	Calhoun Middle	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5160273	-92.3618346
	Central Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.4858627	-92.3553489
	Claiborne Elementary	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5328407	-92.2000367
	Crosley Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.5001185	-92.1305879
	Drew Elementary	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5463928	-92.2499847
	East Ouachita Middle	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5860932	-91.9974776
	George Welch Elementary	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5457603	-92.1985783
	Good Hope Middle	x			x	x	x		x	32.545749	-92.1718802
	Highland Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.5240862	-92.1616027
	Jack Hayes Elementary	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.5603682	-92.0685081
	Kiroli Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.5403416	-92.1650968
	Lakeshore Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.5340531	-92.0419473
	Lenwil Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.4660948	-92.1650977

	Ouachita Junior High	x			x	x	x		x	32.5207125	-92.0572817
	Ouachita Parish High	x			x	x	x		x	32.5032973	-91.9978852
	Pinecrest Elementary and Middle	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	32.3464438	-92.2224387
	Richwood High	x			x	x	x		x	32.4331438	-92.0910374
	Richwood Junior High	x			x	x	x		x	32.4331438	-92.0910374
	Riser Elementary	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.4880381	-92.1790835
	Riser Middle	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.4880381	-92.1790835
	Riverbend Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.492885	-92.1282671
	Robinson Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.4528263	-92.0914095
	Shady Grove Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.4663436	-92.0815696
	Sterlington Elementary	x			x	x	x		x	32.6491209	-92.0549925
	Sterlington High	x			x	x	x		x	32.6466699	-92.06685
	Sterlington Middle	x			x	x	x		x	32.6962995	-92.0716734
	Swartz Lower Elementary	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	32.5660935	-91.9949533
	Swartz Upper Elementary	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	32.5660935	-91.9949533
	Swayze Elementary	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	32.4775059	-92.0920962
	West Monroe High	x			x	x	x		x	32.5101567	-92.1454339
	West Ouachita High	x			x	x	x		x	32.4272152	-92.3390861
	West Ridge Middle	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	32.5128806	-92.2194779
	Woodlawn Elementary	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.413674	-92.2169303
	Woodlawn Junior High	x			x	x	x	x	x	32.413674	-92.2169303

Appendix D: Plan Adoption

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish

WILL UPDATE ONCE JURISDICTIONS FORMALLY ADOPT HMP AFTER FEMA REVIEW

City of Monroe



Town of Richwood



Town of Sterlington



City of West Monroe



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Appendix E: State Required Worksheets

During the planning process ([Appendix A: Planning Process](#)), the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Planning Committee was provided state-required plan update process worksheets to be filled out. The worksheets were presented at the Initial Planning Meeting by SDMI as tools for assisting in the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, but also as a state requirement for the update. The plan update worksheets allowed for collection of information such as planning team members, community capabilities, community infrastructure, vulnerable populations and NFIP information. The following pages contain documentation of the state required worksheets.

Mitigation Planning Team

Ouachita Parish Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee			
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Capability Assessment

Unincorporated Ouachita Parish

Capability Assessment Worksheet - Ouachita Parish		
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, polices and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.		
Planning and Regulatory		
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.		
Plans	Yes/No	Comments
Comprehensive / Master Plan	No	
Capital Improvements Plan	Yes	This is done during the yearly budget mtg
Economic Development Plan	Yes	North Delta Planning
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	Through OHSEP
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	Covered in Emerg Op Plan
Transportation Plan	Yes	Covered in Emerg Op Plan
Stormwater Management Plan	Yes	Covered in Emerg Op Plan
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Yes	Covered in Emerg Op Plan
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)	Shelter plan for incoming evacuees	Covered in Parish Shelter Plan
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes/No	Comments
Building Code	Yes	
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score		
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	Yes	Rating - 4
Site plan review requirements	Yes	For all new developments
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes/No	Comments
Zoning Ordinance	No	
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes	approved 2016
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	approved 2016
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	No	
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	New map effective 01/20/16
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	No	
Other		

Administration and Technical		
Identify whether your community has the following administrative and technical capabilities. For smaller jurisdictions without local staff resources, if there are public resources at the next higher level government that can provide technical assistance, indicate so in your comments.		
Administration	Yes/No	Comments
Planning Commission	No	
Mitigation Planning Committee	Yes	OHSEP & PEMAC
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (tree trimming, clearing drainage systems)	Yes	Dept of Public Works
Staff	Yes/No	Comments
Chief Building Official	Yes	Certified Contractor
Floodplain Administrator	Yes	Certified
Emergency Manager	Yes	OHSEP Director
Community Planner	No	
Civil Engineer	Yes	Certified P.E. (Contract)
GIS Coordinator	Yes	Public Works has certified GIS contractor
Grant Writer	No	
Other		
Technical	Yes/No	Comments
Warning Systems / Service (Reverse 911, outdoor warning signals)	Yes	Rave, NWS, IPAWS
Hazard Data & Information	No	
Grant Writing	No	This will be hired on an as needed basis by contract
Hazus Analysis	Yes	In Mitigation Plan
Other		

Financial		
Identify whether your jurisdiction has access to or is eligible to use the following funding resources for hazard mitigation.		
Funding Resource	Yes/No	Comments
Capital Improvements project funding	Yes	Local, Federal and State Funding
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Yes	
Fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric services	Yes	Sewer
Impact fees for new development	No	
Stormwater Utility Fee	No	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Yes	We apply for any for which we qualify.
Other Funding Programs		

Education and Outreach		
Identify education and outreach programs and methods, already in place that could be used to implement mitigation activities and communicate hazard-related information.		
Program / Organization	Yes/No	Comments
Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.	Yes	VOAD, CERT
Ongoing public education or information program (responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	Yes	MFD, WMFD, OPFD, MPD, WMPD, OPSO, OHSEP
Natural Disaster or safety related school program	Yes	Review all School Hat Mit plans yearly
Storm Ready certification	Yes	Certified Storm Ready Community by NWS
Firewise Communities certification		
Public/Private partnership initiatives addressing disaster-related issues	Yes	United Way, Red Cross, VOAD,
Other		

City of Monroe

Capability Assessment Worksheet - Monroe		
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, polices and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.		
Planning and Regulatory		
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.		
Plans	Yes/No	Comments
Comprehensive / Master Plan	Yes	City has an Updated ComPlan
Capital Improvements Plan	Yes	Engineering Dept in charge
Economic Development Plan	Yes	City /North La.Eco. Dev. and Chamber
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	City/Interagency Plan
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	Install generators/ on duty personnel
Transportation Plan	Yes	Coord.with Monroe Trans. Sytm
Stormwater Management Plan	Yes	State Approv. Storm. Manag. Plan
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Yes	State/Parish & City Fire Marshal
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)	Yes	Commt. Redevl.Plan/state Recovery
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes/No	Comments
Building Code	Yes	Adopted State IBC Code
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score		
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	Yes	Monroe Fire Dpt. Is No 1 rated
Site plan review requirements	Yes	For all new Develop. and additions
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes/No	Comments
Zoning Ordinance	Yes	Newly Updated
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes	Newly Updated
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	Approved by state
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	Yes	SWEPP (Fire Dept.)
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	New Maps Effic. Jan. 20, 2016
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	Yes	
Other		

Administration and Technical		
Identify whether your community has the following administrative and technical capabilities. For smaller jurisdictions without local staff resources, if there are public resources at the next higher level government that can provide technical assistance, indicate so in your comments.		
Administration	Yes/No	Comments
Planning Commission	Yes	
Mitigation Planning Committee	Yes	Eng. Police.Planning. Fire & Pwk
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (tree trimming, clearing drainage systems)	Yes	Public Works Department
Staff	Yes/No	Comments
Chief Building Official	Yes	Certified
Floodplain Administrator	Yes	
Emergency Manager	Yes	Mayor
Community Planner	Yes	Certified
Civil Engineer	Yes	Certified
GIS Coordinator	Yes	
Grant Writer	Yes	
Other		
Technical	Yes/No	Comments
Warning Systems / Service (Reverse 911, outdoor warning signals)	Yes	National Weather Service
Hazard Data & Information	Yes	
Grant Writing	Yes	
Hazus Analysis	Yes	Done in the last Haz. Mitig. Plan
Other		

Financial		
Identify whether your jurisdiction has access to or is eligible to use the following funding resources for hazard mitigation.		
Funding Resource	Yes/No	Comments
Capital Improvements project funding	Yes	City Capital Bonding
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Yes	Millage
Fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric services	Yes	Water, Sewer
Impact fees for new development	No	
Stormwater Utility Fee	No	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Yes	
Other Funding Programs		

Education and Outreach		
Identify education and outreach programs and methods, already in place that could be used to implement mitigation activities and communicate hazard-related information.		
Program / Organization	Yes/No	Comments
Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.	Yes	Keep Monroe/Ouachita Beau.
Ongoing public education or information program (responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	Yes	PWD, Fire, PUD Police, Eng.
Natural Disaster or safety related school program	Yes	Hazard Mitigation Mat. Diliver to schs.
Storm Ready certification		
Firewise Communities certification		
Public/Private partnership initiatives addressing disaster-related issues	Yes	City, United Way, Red Cross, Cham
Other		

Town of Richwood

Capability Assessment Worksheet - Richwood		
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, polices and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.		
Planning and Regulatory		
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.		
Plans	Yes/No	Comments
Comprehensive / Master Plan	No	
Capital Improvements Plan	No	
Economic Development Plan	No	
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	Through Ouachita OHSEP
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emerg Op Plan
Transportation Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emerg Op Plan
Stormwater Management Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emerg Op Plan
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emerg Op Plan
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)		
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes/No	Comments
Building Code	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score		
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	4	Rating - 4 (Parish Fire Dept)
Site plan review requirements	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes/No	Comments
Zoning Ordinance	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes	approved 2016 (Parish)
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	approved 2016 (Parish)
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	New map effective 01/20/16 (Parish)
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	No	
Other		

Administration and Technical		
Identify whether your community has the following administrative and technical capabilities. For smaller jurisdictions without local staff resources, if there are public resources at the next higher level government that can provide technical assistance, indicate so in your comments.		
Administration	Yes/No	Comments
Planning Commission	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Mitigation Planning Committee	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (tree trimming, clearing drainage systems)	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Staff	Yes/No	Comments
Chief Building Official	No	
Floodplain Administrator	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Emergency Manager	Yes	OHSEP Director
Community Planner	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Civil Engineer	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
GIS Coordinator	Yes	Covered by Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Grant Writer	No	
Other		
Technical	Yes/No	Comments
Warning Systems / Service (Reverse 911, outdoor warning signals)	Yes	Alert FM, NWS, IPAWS by OHSEP
Hazard Data & Information	No	
Grant Writing	No	
Hazus Analysis	Yes	Covered in Parish Plan
Other		

Financial		
Identify whether your jurisdiction has access to or is eligible to use the following funding resources for hazard mitigation.		
Funding Resource	Yes/No	Comments
Capital Improvements project funding	No	
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Yes	
Fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric services	No	
Impact fees for new development	No	
Stormwater Utility Fee	No	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	No	
Other Funding Programs		

Education and Outreach		
Identify education and outreach programs and methods, already in place that could be used to implement mitigation activities and communicate hazard-related information.		
Program / Organization	Yes/No	Comments
Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.	No	
Ongoing public education or information program (responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	Yes	OPFD, OPSO, OHSEP
Natural Disaster or safety related school program	Yes	OPSD reviews all School plans yearly
Storm Ready certification	No	
Firewise Communities certification	No	
Public/Private partnership initiatives addressing disaster-related issues	Yes	United Way, VOAD,
Other		

Town of Sterlington

Capability Assessment Worksheet - Sterlington		
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, polices and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.		
Planning and Regulatory		
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.		
Plans	Yes/No	Comments
Comprehensive / Master Plan	No	
Capital Improvements Plan	Yes	
Economic Development Plan	No	
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	Through OHSEP
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emergency Op Plan
Transportation Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emergency Op Plan
Stormwater Management Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emergency Op Plan
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Yes	Covered in Parish Emergency Op Plan
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)		
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes/No	Comments
Building Code	Yes	
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score	No	
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	Yes	Parish
Site plan review requirements	Yes	For all new developments
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes/No	Comments
Zoning Ordinance	Yes	
Subdivision Ordinance	No	
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	No	
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	Parish Maps are used
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	No	
Other		

Administration and Technical		
Identify whether your community has the following administrative and technical capabilities. For smaller jurisdictions without local staff resources, if there are public resources at the next higher level government that can provide technical assistance, indicate so in your comments.		
Administration	Yes/No	Comments
Planning Commission	Yes	
Mitigation Planning Committee	Yes	OHSEP & PEMAC
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (tree trimming, clearing drainage systems)	No	
Staff	Yes/No	Comments
Chief Building Official	Yes	Chad Parker Inspections Unlimited
Floodplain Administrator	Yes	Parish F.P. Administrator is used
Emergency Manager	Yes	Parish OHSEP Director is used
Community Planner	No	
Civil Engineer	Yes	Volkert Engineering
GIS Coordinator	No	
Grant Writer	No	
Other		
Technical	Yes/No	Comments
Warning Systems / Service (Reverse 911, outdoor warning signals)	Yes	Alert FM, NWS, IPAWS
Hazard Data & Information	No	
Grant Writing	No	
Hazus Analysis	Yes	In Parish Mitigation Plan
Other		

Financial		
Identify whether your jurisdiction has access to or is eligible to use the following funding resources for hazard mitigation.		
Funding Resource	Yes/No	Comments
Capital Improvements project funding	Yes	Local, Federal and State Funding
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Yes	
Fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric services	Yes	Sewer
Impact fees for new development	No	
Stormwater Utility Fee	No	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Yes	We apply for any for which we qualify.
Other Funding Programs		

Education and Outreach		
Identify education and outreach programs and methods, already in place that could be used to implement mitigation activities and communicate hazard-related information.		
Program / Organization	Yes/No	Comments
Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.	No	
Ongoing public education or information program (responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	Yes	
Natural Disaster or safety related school program	No	
Storm Ready certification	No	
Firewise Communities certification	No	
Public/Private partnership initiatives addressing disaster-related issues	No	
Other		

City of West Monroe

Capability Assessment Worksheet - West Monroe		
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, policies and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.		
Planning and Regulatory		
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.		
Plans	Yes/No	Comments
Comprehensive / Master Plan	Yes	City has an updated Plan
Capital Improvements Plan	Yes	City Engineer
Economic Development Plan	Yes	Economic Dir
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	
Transportation Plan	Yes	2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Monroe MPO)
Stormwater Management Plan	Yes	
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	No	
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)	Yes	Downtown Master Plan Citywide Master Plan
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes/No	Comments
Building Code	Yes	Adopted State Code
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score	No	
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	Yes	COWM Fire Dpt No 1 Rating
Site plan review requirements	Yes	
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes/No	Comments
Zoning Ordinance	Yes	
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes	
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	Yes	
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	Yes	
Other		

Administration and Technical		
Identify whether your community has the following administrative and technical capabilities. For smaller jurisdictions without local staff resources, if there are public resources at the next higher level government that can provide technical assistance, indicate so in your comments.		
Administration	Yes/No	Comments
Planning Commission	Yes	
Mitigation Planning Committee	Yes	
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (tree trimming, clearing drainage systems)	Yes	
Staff	Yes/No	Comments
Chief Building Official	Yes	
Floodplain Administrator	Yes	
Emergency Manager	Yes	
Community Planner	Yes	
Civil Engineer	Yes	
GIS Coordinator	Yes	
Grant Writer	Yes	
Other		
Technical	Yes/No	Comments
Warning Systems / Service (Reverse 911, outdoor warning signals)	Yes	911 / National Weather Service
Hazard Data & Information	Yes	
Grant Writing	Yes	
Hazus Analysis	No	
Other		

Financial		
Identify whether your jurisdiction has access to or is eligible to use the following funding resources for hazard mitigation.		
Funding Resource	Yes/No	Comments
Capital Improvements project funding	Yes	
Authority to levy taxes for specific purposes	Yes	
Fees for water, sewer, gas, or electric services	Yes	
Impact fees for new development	No	
Stormwater Utility Fee	No	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Yes	
Other Funding Programs	Yes	FEMA-HMGP/PDM, LDH-DWRLF

Education and Outreach		
Identify education and outreach programs and methods, already in place that could be used to implement mitigation activities and communicate hazard-related information.		
Program / Organization	Yes/No	Comments
Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.	Yes	KWMB
Ongoing public education or information program (responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	Yes	WMFD Fire Prevention; KWMB; City of WM regularly posts PSAs about responsible water use
Natural Disaster or safety related school program	Yes	WMFD Fire Prevention Bureau visits each elementary school yearly to deliver fire safety information
Storm Ready certification	No	
Firewise Communities certification	No	
Public/Private partnership initiatives addressing disaster-related issues	Yes	United Way, Red Cross
Other		

Building Inventory

Ouachita Parish and Jurisdiction Owned Building Information								
Unincorporated Ouachita Parish								
Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed Value	Date Built	Construction Type
MAIN COURTHOUSE (4th floor sprinklered)	Parish Office and Court Rooms	300 ST. JOHN	MONROE	32.4997766	-92.116104	\$30,675,000	1929	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC WORKS-MAIN BLDG/OFF-SHOP	Public Works Offices and Shop	337 WELL RD	WEST MONROE	32.50569	-92.189796	\$1,650,000	1979	Reinforced Masonry
COURTHOUSE ANNEX - 3 Story	Parish Office and Court Rooms	400 ST. JOHN	MONROE	32.4982929	-92.114963	\$4,600,000	1950	Reinforced Masonry
COURTHOUSE ANNEX - 1 Story	Parish Office and Court Rooms	400 ST. JOHN	MONROE	32.4982929	-92.114963	\$2,540,000	1950	Reinforced Masonry
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT - 911	911 System	800 COLEMAN AVE	WEST MONROE	32.494774	-92.128762	\$816,509	2002	Reinforced Masonry
SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION	sewer Lift Station	4801 HWY 165 S	MONROE	32.453519	-92.106063	\$197,000	1997	Reinforced Masonry
HEALTH UNIT	Ouachita Parish Public Health Unit and State Public Health Offices	1650 DESARD	Monroe	32.509598	-92.102760	\$7,850,000	2003	Reinforced Masonry
RECREATION CENTER	Recreation Center/Emergency Shelter	710 HOLLAND DR.	OSTERLAND	32.56453	-92.050533	\$1,200,000	1981	Reinforced Masonry
RECREATION CENTER	Recreation Center/Emergency Shelter	701 LINCOLN	HILL SWARTZ	32.563934	-92.9909	\$1,200,000	1981	Reinforced Masonry
REC CENTER	Recreation Center/Emergency Shelter	709 FRANCIS AVENUE	STERLINGTON	32.698799	-92.07311	\$1,200,000	1996	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - OUCHITA VALLEY	Library/Emergency Shelter	581 MCMILLAN RD	WEST MONROE	32.514369	-92.153597	\$3,150,000	1976	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - WEST MONROE	Library/Emergency Shelter	315 CYPRESS STREET	WEST MONROE	32.502286	-92.127192	\$1,919,250	1976	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - CARVER	Library/Emergency Shelter	2941 RENWICK STREET	MONROE	32.514436	-92.085572	\$1,302,300	1976	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - ANNA MEYER	Library/Emergency Shelter	1808 HWY 165 SOUTH	MONROE	32.518072	-92.106187	\$1,482,075	1994	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - MAIN	Library/Emergency Shelter	1800 STUBBS AVENUE	MONROE	32.52023	-92.108209	\$7,324,200	1976	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - WEST OUACHITA	Library/Emergency Shelter	188 HWY 546	WEST MONROE	32.516684	-92.245815	\$2,025,000	2001	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH	Library/Emergency Shelter	140 BAYOU OAKS DRIVE	MONROE	32.547149	-92.01617	\$2,250,000	2005	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - STERLINGTON BRANCH	Library/Emergency Shelter	305 KEYSTONE ROAD	STERLINGTON	32.64764	-92.064411	\$1,732,500	2005	Reinforced Masonry
PUBLIC LIB - OLLIE BURNS BRANCH	Library/Emergency Shelter	5601 U.S. 165 SOUTH	RICHWOOD	32.632209	-92.063184	\$2,500,000	2010	Reinforced Masonry

PUBLIC LIB - SEARCY MEMORIAL	Library/Emergency Shelter	5775 Jonesboro Road	West Monroe	32.411468	-92.208785	\$2,500,000	2010	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #1 Finks Hideaway	Fire Station	1148 FINK'S HIDEAWAY	MONROE	32.565346	-92.041005	\$467,000	1988	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #2 WALLACE	Fire Station	717 WALLACE RD	WEST MONROE	32.527624	-92.187625	\$467,000	1967	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #3 TICHELLI	Fire Station	2557 TICHELLI RD	MONROE	32.468155	-92.068572	\$315,000	1967	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #4 KING STREET	Fire Station	514 KING STREET	WEST MONROE	32.465659	-92.170974	\$467,000	1967	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #7 KINCAID	Fire Station	3167 PRAIRIE	MONROE	32.363902	-92.083213	\$505,000	1967	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #5 SWARTZ	Fire Station	3413 Hwy 594 Swartz	MONROE	32.574406	-91.985492	\$360,000	1987	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #9 FAIRBANKS	Fire Station	232 HWY 134	MONROE	32.648291	-92.053366	\$655,000	1987	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #6 CHENIERE	Fire Station	152 CHENIERE DREW RD	WEST MONROE	32.521031	-92.244367	\$600,000	1988	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #8 CALHOUN	Fire Station	133 COWBOY LANE	WEST MONROE	32.520364	-92.325234	\$372,000	1988	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #12 CADEVILLE	Fire Station	3947 CAPLES RD	WEST MONROE	32.4378	-92.301722	\$600,000	1988	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #10 LUNA	Fire Station	2323 HWY LA 557	WEST MONROE	32.371041	-92.205166	\$550,000	1988	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #11 BOSCO	Fire Station	226 BLANKSTON RD.	MONROE	32.284409	-92.094857	\$525,000	1994	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT - STATION #14 CYPRESS COMM.	Fire Station	936 CYPRESS SCHOOL	WEST MONROE	32.314771	-92.259555	\$525,000	1994	Reinforced Masonry
FIRE DISTRICT- STATION #16 CARLTON	Fire Station	1257 HWY 151 NORTH	CALHOUN	32.537567	-92.359663	\$525,000	1994	Reinforced Masonry
Ouachita Parish EOC and Ouachita Fire Dispatch	OPFD Dispatch & Parish Emergency Operations Center	1000 NEW NATCHITOCHES	WEST MONROE	32.495519	-92.177626	\$3,019,000	2003	Reinforced Masonry
CHAUVIN BAYOU PUMP STATION	Main Parish Pump Station	4141 Levee Drive	MONROE	32.435948	-92.127203	\$5,435,600	1993	Concrete
RIVER STYX BAYOU PUMP STATION	Main Parish Pump Station	924 HORSELAKE ROAD	MONROE	32.597791	-92.082812	\$5,290,630	1990	Concrete
SEWER DISTRICT #16 LIFT STATION	Sewer Lift Station	120 HERITAGE DR LOT 25	WEST MONROE	32.527328	-92.22687	\$75,000	2001	Concrete
SEWER DISTRICT #16 AER PAC TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Lift Station	E. OF 118 COUNTRY WAY TRACT 4	WEST MONROE	32.525193	-92.22706	\$175,000	2001	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 AER PAC TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Lift Station	221 CREEK STONE DR LOT 49	WEST MONROE	32.529346	-92.219937	\$125,000	2001	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 AER PAC TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Lift Station	503 HODGE WATSON LOT 37	CALHOUN	32.544461	-92.292835	\$200,000	2001	Non-Combustible

SEWER DISTRICT #16 LIFT STATION	Sewer Lift Station	713 HODGE WATSON LOT 54	CALHOUN	32.545523	-92.297981	\$31,555	2001	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 LIFT STATION	Sewer Lift Station	115 AUGUSTA DRIVE LOT 24	CALHOUN	32.542432	-92.298909	\$31,555	2001	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 AER PAC TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Lift Station	105 GREENFIELD DIRCLE LOT 29	WEST MONROE	32.525359	-92.203638	\$300,000	2001	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 AER PAC TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Lift Station	607 TEAL CIRCLE LOT 11	WEST MONROE	32.514213	-92.208101	\$350,000	2004	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 LIFT STATION	Sewer Lift Station	108 TEAL LOOP LOT 30	WEST MONROE	32.514869	-92.210929	\$75,000	2004	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 AER PAC TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Lift Station	155 BIEDENHARN DRIVE	WEST MONROE	32.530974	-92.207053	\$250,000	2004	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 AER PAC TREATMENT PLANT	Sewer Lift Station	E. OF 107 IBERIA CIRCLE LOT 16	WEST MONROE	32.532609	-92.207531	\$75,000	2004	Non-Combustible
SEWER DISTRICT #16 LIFT STATION	Sewer Lift Station	218 STANDARD REED RD E. OF LOT 1	WEST MONROE	32.554197	-92.197224	\$75,000	2004	Non-Combustible
Fresh Water Plant	Fresh Water Treatment and Storage	1020 A&B Miller Road	MONROE	32.4100339	-92.0346195	\$875,000	1973	Steel
HUNTINGTON PARK WELL - PLUGGED & ABANDONED	Water Storage Tank	1612 GARRETT ROAD	MONROE	32.488184	-92.055179	\$125,000	Plugged and abandoned	Steel
STORAGE TANK 70,000 GALLONS	Water Storage Tank	190 PARKER ROAD	MONROE	32.462279	-92.038931	\$125,000	2015	Steel
WATER TOWER - CLEO - ELEVATED - 200,000 gallons	Water Storage Tank	293 CLEO RD	MONROE	32.457034	-92.039079	\$175,000	1983	Steel
WTR TANK/TWR - W. Ouachita Ind. District	Water Storage Tank	INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY	MONROE	32.512038	-92.277064	\$450,000	1976	Steel
TREATMENT PLANT	Fresh Water Treatment Plant	HUEY LEONARD LOOP	MONROE	32.509132	-92.28519	\$800,000	2009	Steel
TREATMENT PLANT	Fresh Water Treatment Plant	98 COMANCHE TRAIL	MONROE	32.56629	-92.239444	\$850,000	1960	Concrete
OPPJ Office Building	Police Jury Administrative Offices	100 Bry Street	MONROE	32.494998	-92.111602	\$3,105,960	1930	Joisted Masonry

City of Monroe

Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed Value	Date Built	Contstruction Type
JPS Aviation Offices	Airports & Airfields	5410 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	112,320	1967	2
Flight Control Tower	Airports & Airfields	5403 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511077	-92.044126	397,000	1980	3
Monroe Regional Airport Main Building, A	Airports & Airfields	5400 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	6,112,566	2011	2
Boarding Building, Building B	Airports & Airfields	5400 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	6,174,618	2011	2
Ticketing Building, Building C	Airports & Airfields	5400 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	4,313,330	2011	2

Baggage Claim, Building D	Airports & Airfields	5400 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	3,633,000		2
Rental Car Offices, Building E	Airports & Airfields	5413 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	849,213	2011	2
Car Wash Building, Building F	Airports & Airfields	5413 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	460,940	2011	2
Gas Station, Building G	Airports & Airfields	5413 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	671,238	2011	2
Toll Booth, Building H	Airports & Airfields	5413 Operations Rd	Monroe	32.511948	-92.043450	92,233	2011	2
Monroe City Hall	Civil Government	400 Lea Joyner Expressway	Monroe	32.502158	-92.108645	3,540,935	1966	5
Dept Public Works Off & Check-In room	Civil Government	1200 Grammont	Monroe	32.506005	-92.106023	587,035	1970	3
City Hall Annex	Civil Government	316 Breard St	Monroe	32.505804	-92.117467	656,670	1960	2
Drivers License Office	Civil Government	5171 Northeast Rd	Monroe	32.512595	-92.047727	1,000,000	2004	3
City Hall Annex - Jackson St.	Civil Government	3901 Jackson St	Monroe	32.461922	-92.107009	11,009,445	1980	4
Public Safety Building	Civil Government	1810 Martin Luther King	Monroe	32.485507	-92.084841	5,278,995	2006	4
Fire Station, #1	Fire & SAR	508 Olive St	Monroe	32.507858	-92.115730	570,242	1960	4
Fire Station, #2	Fire & SAR	915 Orange St	Monroe	32.493425	-92.102878	129,900	1965	2
Fire Station #6	Fire & SAR	2001 Forsythe Ave	Monroe	32.532750	-92.111560	129,900	1975	2
Fire Station #4	Fire & SAR	300 Forrest Ave.	Monroe	32.480819	-92.109396	129,900	1966	4
Fire Station #5	Fire & SAR	3110 Breard	Monroe	32.526213	-92.084030	129,900	1966	2
Fire Station #7	Fire & SAR	5500 Operations Road	Monroe	32.513279	-92.043634	129,900	1980	2
Fire Dept. Training, Tower	Fire & SAR	300 Forest	Monroe	32.480819	-92.109396	120,674	1965	1
Fire Station #8	Fire & SAR	1204 Richwood Rd #1	Monroe	32.448279	-92.096738	122,028	1965	2
Midway Fire Station #9	Fire & SAR	1015 Inabnet Blvd	Monroe	32.541015	-92.028866	121,528	1970	2
Fire Station #10 River Oaks	Fire & SAR	3702 Barbados	Monroe	32.555726	-92.111899	228,000	1970	2
Fire Dept Training Bldg	Fire & SAR	300 Forest Avenue	Monroe	32.480819	-92.109396	43,000	1980	2
Fire Dept. Garage and Maintenance	Fire & SAR	1810R Martin Luther King	Monroe	32.485507	-92.084841	542,000	2008	3
Fire Station	Fire & SAR	300 Forrest Avenue	Monroe	32.480819	-92.109396	1,025,000	2011	2
Police Building, Jail & Courts	Law Enforcement	700 Wood Street/600 Calypso	Monroe	32.501372	-92.110734	4,061,899	1966	4
Jail Extension Bldg.	Law Enforcement	700 Wood Street	Monroe	32.501372	-92.110734	539,852	1970	4
Masur Museum	Museum	1400 South Grand	Monroe	32.490127	-92.113117	632,564	1930	2
Colonial Dames Museum	Museum	528 South Grand	Monroe	32.497148	-92.115976	38,220	1970	2
Steel elevated water tank								
Grammont Elevated Tank	Public Works	1200 Grammont	Monroe	32.506005	-92.106023	264,600	1960	3
Rochelle Ave., Pumping Station	Public Works	901 Rochelle Ave	Monroe	32.520492	-92.120502	1,495,000	1970	3
Monroe Transit System Garage & Office	Public Works	604 Washington Street	Monroe	32.506132	-92.113378	1,121,609	1970	4

Monroe Transit System Terminal	Public Works	205 Catalpa	Monroe	32.502512	-92.113977	244,380	1970	1
Allen St. Pump Station 1 & 2 Story, Brick	Public Works	110 Allen Avenue	Monroe	32.469644	-92.114815	165,000	1965	2
Pine St. Pump Station 1 & 2 Story Brick	Public Works	7 Olive Street	Monroe	32.505430	-92.120940	1,026,000	1965	2
Willow St. Pump Station 1 Story Brick 1100	Public Works	107 Willow Street	Monroe	32.529193	-92.127583	495,000	1965	2
Sewer Pump Station	Public Works	103 Standifer Ave	Monroe	32.464645	-92.114284	55,440	1972	6
City Cemetery Office & Storage	Public Works	3701 South Grand	Monroe	32.464540	-92.114863	71,400	1966	2
Utility Engineering Bldg., Office, Brick	Public Works	910 North 9th	Monroe	32.513454	-92.115863	232,260	1960	2
Welding Shop & Office	Public Works	400 S 18th St 300	Monroe	32.509062	-92.099550	71,480	1975	3
Street Dept., Office	Public Works	401 S 18th St	Monroe	32.509062	-92.099550	80,730	1975	3
Plum St. Pump Station, Brick	Public Works	13 Plum St	Monroe	32.495328	-92.134725	105,000	1975	3
Lamy Lane Pump Station, Brick	Public Works	2003 Lamy Ln	Monroe	32.534461	-92.093082	709,000	1975	4
Hadley St. Pump Station, Brick	Public Works	311 Hadley St	Monroe	32.484802	-92.078800	16,800	1960	3
Maintenance Construction Office & Shop	Public Works	1201 Oak Street	Monroe	32.504620	-92.105087	54,200	1960	1
Ouachita River Pump Station	Public Works	817 Park Ave	Monroe	32.529045	-92.127512	197,400	1960	2
Waterworks Pump & filtration plant, AAA Old Plant	Public Works	2405 North 10th Street	Monroe	32.527917	-92.126597	2,265,600	1960	3
Steel Water Storage Tank 3.1 Million Gals	Public Works	2401 N 10th	Monroe	32.527917	-92.126597	460,800	1960	2
Water treatment plant #2 New Plant	Public Works	2401 N 10th	Monroe	32.527917	-92.126597	3,087,000	1960	2
Water treatment plant Chemical Feed bldg.	Public Works	2401 N 10th	Monroe	32.527917	-92.126597	278,900	1960	2
Steel elevated water tank Powell Elevated Tank	Public Works	Powell Ave	Monroe	32.511924	-92.074858	264,600	1960	3
Booster Pump Station Thomas St. Pump Station	Public Works	790 Thomas	Monroe	32.470592	-92.105179	123,480	1960	6
Steel Water tank on ground	Public Works	790 Thomas	Monroe	32.470592	-92.105179	298,800	1960	3
Bayou DeSiard Pump Station	Public Works	2530 Levee Dr	Monroe	32.554370	-92.119616	192,000	1960	3
Selman Field Pump Station	Public Works	4960 Transport Ave	Monroe	32.515060	-92.050227	496,100	1960	3
Selman 4.0MG Storage Tank Station	Public Works	4960 Transport Dr	Monroe	32.515060	-92.050227	736,500	1960	3
Bayou Bartholomew Pump Station	Public Works	1595 Levee Dr	Bastrop	32.721831	-92.039029	424,500	1960	3
Garage & supplies.	Public Works	1400-1401 Wood St	Monroe	32.506739	-92.103613	205,100	1960	6
Ruffin Drive Storage Tank	Public Works	2100 Ruffin Dr Extension	Monroe	32.486179	-92.079177	505,000	1960	3
Ruffin Drive Pump Station	Public Works	2100 Ruffin Dr Extension	Monroe	32.486179	-92.079177	362,800	1965	5
Waste Water Treatment Office Building	Public Works	770 Richwood Road #2	Monroe	32.437424	-92.103050	78,000	1970	4

Hawes St. Pump Station ., brick	Public Works	2708 Hawes St	Monroe	32.477329	-92.115446	1,135,000	1977	2
Flood Control Pump Station Pope/Westminister	Public Works	2505 Oliver Rd	Monroe	32.539591	-92.107807	1,705,988	1975	2
Chenault Park, Pumping Station	Public Works	8475 Milhaven Rd	Monroe	32.493956	-92.028888	75,000	1960	1
City Shop & mtnc Warehouse complex	Public Works	209 N 11th St	Monroe	32.504747	-92.106481	2,600,000	1960	3
Calypso Street, Pumping Station	Public Works	500 South Grand	Monroe	32.497373	-92.116486	295,000	1960	2
Marquette Street Pumping Station	Public Works	2151 Island Drive	Monroe	32.544865	-92.124432	300,000	1960	6
Pepsi-Cola/Royal Crown water pump station	Public Works	1700 Blk S Grand	Monroe	32.487814	-92.111547	95,000	1960	2
Stubbs Ave Pumping Station	Public Works	901 Stubbs Ave	Monroe	32.515346	-92.117022	340,000	1970	4
Water Treatment Plant, office bldg.	Public Works	2401 North 10th	Monroe	32.527917	-92.126597	200,384	1970	1
Maintenance & Facility Storage Bldg in Chennault Park	Public Works	8475 Millhave Road	Monroe	32.493956	-92.028888	100,000	2004	1
Water Distribution	Public Works	1350 Grammont St	Monroe	32.505964	-92.105908	200,134		3
Water Distribution Rec Room	Public Works	1350 1/2 Grammont St	Monroe	32.505964	-92.105908	45,000		1
AARF Station	Public Works	5706 Operations Road	Monroe	32.516246	-92.046360	2,051,559	2015	1
MLU Gasoline Street Building	Public Works	5000 Gasoline Alley	Monroe	32.504994	-92.048143	108,250	2016	3
Adm. Bldg. La Purchase Garden & Zoo	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	65,000	1965	1
Bismark Trading Post Concession	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	75,000	1960	1
Small animal & primate bldg.	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	1,655,600	1970	2
Reptile Building located	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	63,000	1970	1
Restrooms located @ LA Purchase Gardens & Zoo	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	31,000	1970	1
LA Purchase-Office/Kitchen BV	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	74,000	1970	2
One Story, BV, Building known as Kangaroo Building	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	40,000	1970	2
Giraffe Building & Animal Hospital	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	216,000	1970	1
Small Primate Building	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	75,000	1970	1
Education Building & Office	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	138,000	1970	1
CPA Building Kitchen/RR	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Dr	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	111,000	2000	2
Powell Ave. Community Center	Recreation	1401 Powell Avenue	Monroe	32.511888	-92.074494	1,000,700	1970	3
Chenault Park Golf Club	Recreation	8475 Millhaven Road	Monroe	32.498034	-92.020579	246,000	1970	2
Saul Adler Community Center	Recreation	3900 Westminister Ave	Monroe	32.536049	-92.086172	1,181,041	1970	3
Saul Adler Community Center (Batting Cages)	Recreation	3900 Westminister Ave	Monroe	32.536049	-92.086172	200,000	2015	3
Saul Adler Community Center (restrooms)	Recreation	3900 Westminister Ave	Monroe	32.536049	-92.086172	71,420	2016	4

Harvey H. Benoit Community Center	Recreation	1700 Oaklawn	Monroe	32.493848	-92.088055	1,565,076	1970	4
Pavilion, ICM situated Benoit Rec. Family Pav.	Recreation	1700 Oaklawn	Monroe	32.493848	-92.088055	90,000	2004	2
Pavilion, ICM situated Benoit Recreation 1 of 3	Recreation	1700 Oaklawn	Monroe	32.493848	-92.088055	66,500	2004	2
Pavilion, ICM situated Benoit Recreation 2 of 3	Recreation	1700 Oaklawn	Monroe	32.493848	-92.088055	66,500	1977	2
Pavilion, ICM situated Benoit Recreation 3 of 3	Recreation	1700 Oaklawn	Monroe	32.493848	-92.088055	66,500	1990	2
Harvey H. Benoit Community Center (Restrooms)	Recreation	1700 Oaklawn	Monroe	32.493848	-92.088055	71,420	2016	4
Miller Maddox Marbles Community Center	Recreation	2950 Renwick St	Monroe	32.514150	-92.084490	1,181,040	1970	3
Henrietta Windom Johnson Community Center	Recreation	2800 Burg Jones Lane	Monroe	32.474114	-92.088940	1,181,040	1970	3
Henrietta W. Johnson Community Center (restrooms)	Recreation	2800 Burg Jones Lane	Monroe	32.474114	-92.088940	71,420	2016	4
B. J. Washington Community Center	Recreation	1300 Richwood Rd	Monroe	32.448159	-92.095941	328,860	1970	2
Selman Field Golf Storage	Recreation	1051 Kansas Ln	Monroe	32.502442	-92.056337	72,820	1955	3
Selman Golf Pro Shop	Recreation	1051 Kansas Ln	Monroe	32.502442	-92.056337	358,000	1960	1
Selman Golf Cart Storage	Recreation	1051 Kansas Ln	Monroe	32.502442	-92.056337	53,000	1960	2
Forsythe Golf & Cart Storage	Recreation	2500 Sycamore Street	Monroe	32.523334	-92.130319	110,000	1960	2
Forsythe Park Restrooms	Recreation	Sycamore Street	Monroe	32.523334	-92.130319	40,000	1975	2
Emily P Robinson Community Center	Recreation	3504 Jackson St.	Monroe	32.465823	-92.107814	1,390,000	1960	3
Veterinary Office, Zoo	Recreation	1405 Bernstein Park Drive	Monroe	32.468229	-92.096809	35,000		2
Liller Maddox Marbles Community Center	Recreation	2950 Renwick St	Monroe	32.514150	-92.084490	71,420	2016	4
Mt. Nebo Neighborhood Park	Recreation	3013 Jackson St	Monroe	32.470877	-92.107986	71,420	2016	4
Lida Benton Neighborhood Park	Recreation	3317 Lee Ave	Monroe	32.466976	-92.111109	71,420	2016	4
Town of Richwood								
Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed Value	Date Built	Construction Type
Richwood Town Hall	Town Hall, Mayors, Office, Police Department	2710 MLK Dr.	Richwood			\$550,000	2005	Metal
Richwood Public Works	Public Works department	5214 Brown Rd.	Richwood			\$350,000	2000	Metal
Former Town Hall	former town hall, old Richwood High School	5130 Brown Rd.	Richwood	32.447196	-92.077097			
Ollie Burns Lift Station	Lift Station	5601 U.S. 165 SOUTH	RICHWOOD			\$2,500,000	2010	Reinforced Masonry

Town of Sterlington								
Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed Value	Date Built	Construction Type
Sterlington Town hall	Town Hall	105 High Ave	Sterlington	32.693872	-92.07498	\$1,100,000	1965	Reinforced Masonry
Sterlington Police Department	Sterlington PD offices	103 High Ave	Sterlington	32.694361	-92.074644	\$85,000	1985	Metal
Sterlington Recreation Center	Recreation Center/Emergency Shelter	709 FRANCIS AVENUE	STERLINGTON	32.698799	-92.07311	\$1,200,000	1996	Reinforced Masonry
City of West Monroe								
Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed Value	Date Built	Construction Type
Restoration Park Admin	Admin Office for Restoration Park	651 Downing Pines Rd	West Monroe	32.508147	-92.172064	190,333	2000	Wood
Elevated Water Tank	Elevated Water Storage Tank	706 Slack St	West Monroe	32.510825	-92.143909			
WM Community Cntr Admin	Emergency Evacuation Shelter / Community Center	400 S 5th St	West Monroe	32.494372	-92.124533	561,580	1994	Reinforced Masonry
WM Community Cntr Gym	Emergency Evacuation Shelter / Community Center	400 S 5th St	West Monroe	32.494372	-92.124533	878,460	1995	Steel
WM Community Cntr Educatin Bld	Emergency Evacuation Shelter / Community Center	400 S 5th St	West Monroe	32.494372	-92.124533	1,195,150	2011	Steel
Recreation Center	Emergency Evacuation Shelter / Recreation Center	1801 N 7th St	West Monroe	32.511413	-92.145924	1,178,865	1973	Steel
Convention Center	Emergency Evacuation Shelter/ Convention Center	901 Ridge Ave	West Monroe	32.520848	-92.149563	8,491,780	1979	Reinforced Masonry
West Ouachita Senior Center	Emergency Evacuation Shelter/ Senior Center	1717 N 7th St	West Monroe	32.511244	-92.145057	3,042,490	1989	Reinforced Masonry
Fire Administration Building	Emergency Response Admin / Fire Admin	4341 Cypress St	West Monroe	32.515907	-92.171688	415,179	1990	Wood
Convention Cntr Storage Build	Equipment Storage	901 Ridge Ave	West Monroe	32.520274	-92.149522	29,282	1979	Metal
KIROLI Lodge	Event Building	820 Kiroli Rd	West Monroe	32.548598	-92.165446	695,448	1987	Wood
Farmer's Market	Farmer's Market	1700 N 7th St	West Monroe	32.510854	-92.144653	113,102	1973	Wood
Cypress St Fire Station	Fire Station	4343 Cypress St	West Monroe	32.515745	-92.172332	805,255	2001	Steel
5th Street Fire Station	Fire Station	306 N 5th St	West Monroe	32.499313	-92.129384	930,250	1956	Wood
Otis St Fire Station	Fire Station	404 Otis St	West Monroe	32.523806	-92.144376	577,500	2012	Steel
Trenton St Pro Shop	Leased to YMCA after school	2410 Trenton St	West Monroe	32.525623	-92.137833	256,218	2003	Reinforced Masonry
City Hall	Main City Administration Building	2305 N 7th St	West Monroe	32.520912	-92.148531	6,006,440	1978	Reinforced Masonry
West Monroe DMV	Office of Motor Vehicles	501 Natchitoches St	West Monroe	32.500279	-92.125917	497,794	1995	Reinforced Masonry
KIROLI Office Building	Park Office Building	820 Kiroli Rd	West Monroe	32.545244	-92.163828	131,769	1987	Wood
Park Ranger Residence	Park Security Residence	820 Kiroli Rd	West Monroe	32.544791	-92.164192	117,128	1987	Wood
Lazarre House	Park Security Residence	60 S Riverfront St	West Monroe	32.489486	-92.116409	73,205	2000	Wood

Police/Court Building	Police Dpt, Jail, and City Court Building	2301-2303 N 7th St	West Monroe	32.520243	-92.14856	115,169,074	1978	Reinforced Masonry
Police Maint Shop	Police Vehicle Maint	474 Lincoln St	West Monroe	32.519766	-92.149442	256,218	1978	Steel
Public Works Complex	Public Works Admin, Vehicle Maint, Staging	301 W Pavillion Dr	West Monroe	32.500057	-92.177305	2,342,560	2001	Steel
IKE Hamilton Exp Center	Sandbag staging area, Large animal evac, RV evac / Exposition Center	501 Mane St	West Monroe	32.505544	-92.181103	19,033,300	2001	Steel
Constitution Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	700 Downing Pines	West Monroe	32.508233	-92.171945		2000	Unreinforced Masonry
Black Bayou Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	1500 Old Natchitoches	West Monroe	32.495122	-92.145241		2020	
Montgomery St Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Jonesboro & Montgomery	West Monroe	32.491403	-92.142816		1956	Unreinforced Masonry
Austin Street Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	End of Austin @ levee	West Monroe	32.490154	-92.127710		1956	Unreinforced Masonry
S 5th St Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	S 5th St & Coleman	West Monroe	32.497138	-92.127015		1969	
Plum St Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Plum & Natchitoches	West Monroe	32.495326	-92.134526		1945	Unreinforced Masonry
N 9th St Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	End of 9th by Stella	West Monroe	32.500137	-92.136182		2018	Unreinforced Masonry
Drago Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	End of Drago by Canal	West Monroe	32.505735	-92.142858		1956	Unreinforced Masonry
Pine Terrace Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Behind Sonic on 1910 N 7th	West Monroe	32.512635	-92.147203		1960	
McMillian Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	401 McMillian & Polk	West Monroe	32.514129	-92.153423		1965	
Old K-Mart Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	3426 Cypress S - 3400 Cypress	West Monroe	32.517532	-92.158904		1965	Unreinforced Masonry
Greenwood Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Greenwood & N 7th	West Monroe	32.535515	-92.147906		1960	Reinforced Masonry
Olympic Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	On Olympic	West Monroe	32.533503	-92.143184		1960	Unreinforced Masonry
Golf Course Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	On Arkansas by Golf Course	West Monroe	32.527037	-92.143189		1962	
City Hall Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	N 7th & Ridge	West Monroe	32.521350	-92.147873		1965	
Laurel St Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Laurel & Pelican	West Monroe	32.521583	-92.139100		1963	Unreinforced Masonry
Jackson St Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Jackson & Cypress	West Monroe	32.517952	-92.141741		1964	Unreinforced Masonry
Boley Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Boley School	West Monroe	32.517772	-92.145127		1965	
Plum Creek Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	Behind Texas Rd House	West Monroe	32.495317	-92.134895		1993	
Slack St Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	704 Slack by Lady Rebel Field	West Monroe	32.512085	-92.141962		1975	

Dopson Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	End of Dobson Place	West Monroe	32.523196	-92.170994		1966	
Hicks Street Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	On Arkansas by Canal	West Monroe	32.532746	-92.164790			
12th Street Lift Station	Sewer Lift Station	1201 Arkansas	West Monroe	32.528605	-92.154094			Unreinforced Masonry
SPARTA Reuse Facility	Sewer Treatment Facility / Water Reclamation	101 E Martin St	West Monroe	32.462495	-92.151019	21,670,000	2012	Steel
Tony Bayou Pumping Station	Stormwater pumping station	Bancroft Blvd.	West Monroe	32.481639	-92.139926		1992	
Tony Bayou Pumping Station	Stormwater pumping station	Bancroft Blvd.	West Monroe	32.482327	-92.140302		1955	Brick
Tony Bayou Pumping Station	Stormwater pumping station	Bancroft Blvd.	West Monroe	32.482508	-92.140194		1936	Metal
Water Well #2	Water Treatment and Admin Office	4339 Cypress St	West Monroe	32.515617	-92.171233			
Water Well #5	Water Well	118 N Hilton St	West Monroe	32.518987	-92.170439			
Water Well #6	Water Well	203 Thomas Rd	West Monroe	32.512314	-92.155942			
Water Well #7 & #9	Water Well	145 Fairlane Dr	West Monroe	32.529406	-92.170455			
Water Well #8	Water Well	121 Wassan St	West Monroe	32.498863	-92.170226			
Water Well #11	Water Well	604 Mane Street	West Monroe	32.510411	-92.183159			
Water Well #10	Water Well and Elevated Storage Tank	400 Exchange St	West Monroe	32.502263	-92.182840			

Vulnerable Populations

Vulnerable Populations Worksheet					
Ouachita Parish					
All Hospitals (Private or Public)	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
University Health	4864 Jackson St.	Monroe	71202	32.450261	-92.106643
St. Francis Medical Center	309 Jackson St.	Monroe	71201	32.499181	-92.11407
St. Francis Community Health	920 Oliver Rd	Monroe	71201	32.521822	-92.103175
St. Francis Community Health Center	2600 Tower Dr.	Monroe	71201	32.52899	-92.096933
North Monroe Medical Center	3510 Medical Park Dr. #1	Monroe	71203	32.579075	-92.070626
Glenwood Regional Medical Center	503 McMillan Rd	West Monroe	71291	35.512932	-92.156153
Nursing Homes (Private or Public)	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
Christus St. Josephs Home	2301 Sterlington Rd	Monroe	71203	32.541643	-92.079473
Azalea Estates of Monroe	4380 Old Sterlington Rd	Monroe	71203	32.575931	-92.066743
Avalon Place	4385 Old Sterlington Rd	Monroe	71203	32.576154	-92.068482
Landmark Nursing & Rehab	1611 Wellerman Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.523507	-92.163080
Ridgecrest Nursing Home	1616 Wellerman Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.525762	-92.165177
Savannah Grand of West Monroe	3702 Cypress St	West Monroe	71291	32.518274	-92.166294
Stoneybrook Alzheimer's Assisted	308 Norris Lane	West Monroe	71291	32.517558	-92.173921
Northeast Louisiana Veterans Home	6700 US-165	Monroe	71203	32.586814	-92.068934
Ouachita Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center	7950 Millhaven Rd.	Monroe	71203	32.496444	-92.027325
Bastrop Rehabilitation Hospital	4310 South Grand St.	Monroe	71202	32.457191	-92.115858
The Oaks	1000 Mckeen Pl.	Monroe	71201	32.522276	92.118788
Mary Goss Nursing Home	3300 White St.	Monroe	71203	32.517356	-92.078183
Savannah Grand of WM	3702 Cypress St	West Monroe	71291	32.517825	-92.166162
Rosemont Assisted Living	110 Regency Pl	West Monroe	71291	32.513980	-92.144457
Ridgecrest Nursing Home	1616 Wellerman Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.525790	-92.165403
Landmark Nursing & Rehab Center	1611 Wellerman Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.523344	-92.163110
West Monroe Guest House	109 McClendon Church Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.503355	-92.163071
Mobile Home Parks	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
Millstead's Mobile Home Park	191 US-80	Calhoun	71225	32.515056	-92.356421
Deer Run Mobile Home Park	161 Cowboy Rd	Calhoun	71225	32.519684	-92.325291

Pine Hill Mobile Home Park	191 US-80	Calhoun	71225	32.527066	-92.275508
Drew Mobile Home Park	755 Ole Hwy 15	West Monroe	71291	32.534020	-92.236236
Country Village Mobile Home Park	3100 Arkansas Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.537903	-92.203105
Canaan Land Mobile Home Park	2809 Arkansas Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.535750	-92.200258
Caldwell Estates	113 Caldwell Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.545812	-92.193406
Belair Mobile Home Park	182 Betty Lane	West Monroe	71291	32.518292	-92.179071
River City Mobile Home Park	4700 Cypress St	West Monroe	71291	32.514531	-92.179830
Pavilion RV Park	309 Well Rd	West Monroe	71292	32.506594	-92.191499
Northwood Mobile Home Park	103 Briarwood Dr	West Monroe	71291	32.538294	-92.164071
Sterling Oaks Mobile Home Estates	1315 New Natchitoches Rd	West Monroe	71292	32.493762	-92.179721
Caddo Ridge Mobile Home park	616 Washington St	West Monroe	71292	32.474635	-92.176751
Oak Alley Mobile Home Park	268 Sandal St	West Monroe	71292	32.474583	-92.159236
Morning Meadow Manufactured Home Community	307 New Natchitoches	West Monroe	71292	32.489592	-92.161332
Circle Drive Mobile Home Park	5415 Whites Ferry Rd	West Monroe	71291	32.563622	-92.161836
Pecanland Mobile Home & RV Park	2300 Garrett Rd	Monroe	71202	32.479704	-92.057517
Azalea Garden Community	400 Dolly Drive	Monroe	71203	32.565085	-91.978591
Double K Estates	2216 US-80	Monroe	71203	32.51697	-91.970374
Regan Mobile Home Park	4414 Winnsboro Rd	Monroe	71202	32.421085	-92.034404
University Estates	5310 Desiard St.	Monroe	71203	32.525811	-92.061404
Blanks St. MHP	5103 Blanks St.	Monroe	71203	32.523707	-92.060651
Aurora Mobile Home Park	5602 Desiard St. #79	Monroe	71203	32.524889	-92.056286
Francis Drive MHP	301-385 Francis Dr.	Monroe	71203	32.526346	-92.06262
Harvester Dr. MHP	3505-3669 Harvester Dr.	Monroe	71203	32.505459	-92.079275
P&R Properties of Ouachita LLC	5000 Hwy 165 South	Richwood	71202		
Warren Place Home Park	1103 Warren Drive	West Monroe	71291	32.527191	-92.163509
Northwood Mobile Home Park	107 Briarwood Drive	West Monroe	71291	32.538235	-92.163879
Shelby's Trailer Park	125 Splane Drive	West Monroe	71291	32.518912	-92.152036

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)					
	Ouachita Parish	Monroe	Richwood	Sterlington	West Monroe
Insurance Summary					
How many NFIP policies are in the community? What is the total premium and coverage?	# of Policies: 1,540; Total Premiums: \$687,706; Total Coverage: \$378,683,000	# of Policies: 2,228; Total Premiums: \$942,558; Total Coverage: \$568,251,000	# of Policies: 5; Total Premiums: \$1,917; Total Coverage: \$1,200,000	# of Policies: 7; Total Premiums: \$3,035; Total Coverage: \$1,924,000	# of Policies: 266; Total Premiums: \$154,105; Total Coverage: \$73,965,000
How many claims have been paid in the community? What is the total amount of paid claims? How many of the claims were for substantial damage?	# of paid claims: 2,022; Total amount of paid claims: \$58,560,340; Substantial Damage: 362	# of paid claims: 4,125; Total amount of paid claims: \$82,983,608; Substantial Damage: 523	# of paid claims: 3; Total amount of paid claims: \$89,817; Substantial Damage: 0	# of paid claims: 4; Total amount of paid claims: \$156,412; Substantial Damage: 1	# of paid claims: 735; Total amount of paid claims: \$18,968,590; Substantial Claims: 105
How many structures are exposed to flood risk with in the community?					
Describe any areas of flood risk with limited NFIP policy coverage.					
Staff Resources					
Is the Community FPA or NFIP Coordinator certified?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is flood plain management an auxiliary function?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services (e.g., permit review, GIS, education or outreach, inspections, engineering capability)	Permit review and Inspections	Permit review and Inspections	Permit review and Inspections	Permit review and Inspections	Permit review and Inspections
What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?					

Compliance History					
Is the community in good standing with the NFIP?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are there any outstanding compliance issues(i.e., current violations)?	No	No	No	No	No
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact(CAC)?	CAV: 07/26/2022; CAC: 05/09/2016	CAV: 06/25/2019; CAC: 07/29/2022	CAV: 10/05/2000; CAC: 02/23/2007	CAV: 02/27/2003; CAC: 11/10/2016	CAV:09/16/2014; CAC: 07/18/2022
Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed? If so when?	No	No	No	No	No
Regulation					
When did the community enter the NFIP?	E = 01/29/1974; R = 07/02/1980	E = 09/06/1974; R = 12/18/1979	E = 02/09/1978; R = 09/30/1987	R = 06/14/1994	E = 04/06/1973; R = 12/01/1978
Are the FIRMs digital or paper?	Digital	Digital	Digital	Digital	Digital
When did the communities adopt the FIRM's	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	1/20/2016	1/20/2016
Do floodplain development regulations meet or exceed FEMA or State minimum requirements? If so, in what ways?	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets
Community Rating System (CRS)					
Does the community participate in CRS?	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
What is the community's CRS Class Ranking?	9	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Does the plan include CRS planning requirements?					