



# 2020 Ascension Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Executive Overview



# The Hazard Mitigation Plan: What is in it for us?

# Hazard Mitigation Is.....

- Any action taken to reduce long term risk to life and property;
- On-going process that occurs before, during, and after disasters;
- Mitigation actions help prevent damage to a community's infrastructure, economic, cultural and environmental assets;
- Minimize operational downtime and accelerate recovery of government and the private sector after an event;
- ***Implementation of mitigation actions leads to building stronger, safer and smarter!***

# Why do we have a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- To meet federal requirements.
- Planning efforts help our communities become more sustainable and disaster-resistant by focusing efforts on the hazards, disaster-prone areas and identifying appropriate mitigation actions for future projects.
- **No Plan = No Mitigation Money = No Project funding.**

# Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Requirements

- The plan must be updated every five (5) years;
- Must have representation from each incorporated jurisdiction in the parish.
- Approved plan must be on file with FEMA to receive any federal hazard mitigation funds in the future.
- Approved plan must be on file with FEMA to utilize already allocated federal hazard mitigation funds on current projects.
- Must follow the FEMA update process (facilitated by GOHSEP and LSU).

# Federal Requirements

- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000)
  - Section 322 of the Act specifically addresses mitigation planning and requires state and local governments to prepare multi-hazard migration plans as a precondition for receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.
- Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for FEMA approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance

# The Planning Team: A Multi-jurisdictional Approach

- Each jurisdiction will have at least one representative on the planning team.
- This representative will need to report back to their community on a regular basis, as well as gather feedback and input into the plan.
- Each jurisdiction is responsible for gathering **NFIP, Capability Assessment, Critical Facilities and vulnerable population data** for the plan.
- Each jurisdiction is responsible for **updating mitigation actions and proposing new actions** for the update.

# Adopt the Plan

Each jurisdiction **MUST** adopt the final plan once it is approved by FEMA.

- Templates will be provided.
- As a planning team member be aware of the policies for your jurisdiction
  - Know the process for putting this plan on the docket for adoption

# Plan Adoption

- Parish council and city council resolutions must be adopted, signed, and placed into the final planning document.



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The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Lauga, Lewis, Montelongo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gorbaty, McInnis, Cavignac

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnicutt, cast his vote as YEA.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

### CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

ROXANNE ADAMS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

# The Final Product

- FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - Meets requirements of Title 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.
  - A hazard mitigation project strategy for each jurisdiction
  - A comprehensive list of jurisdiction owned properties
  - Assessment of natural disaster-related risks and vulnerabilities

