



# Concordia 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.
- Must have a plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance.
- **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 as well as members of academia, private business/industry, and non-profit organization.
- Approved plan must be on file with FEMA to receive any federal hazard mitigation funds for current and future projects.
- Must follow the FEMA update process (facilitated by GOHSEP and LSU).

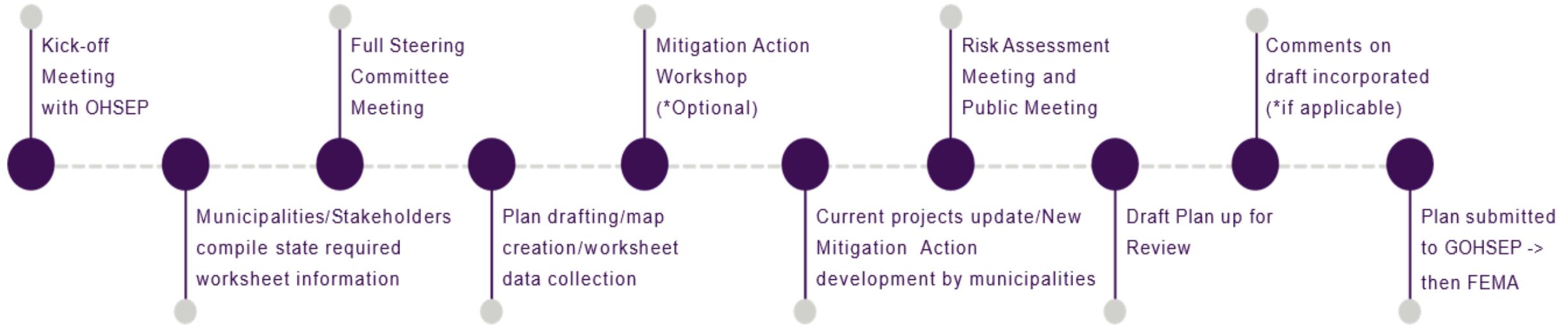
# Federal Requirements

- 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 gather data requested by the planning team, collect feedback and input into the plan.
- Each jurisdiction is responsible for gathering **NFIP, Capability Assessment, Building Inventory and Vulnerable Population data** for the plan.
- Each jurisdiction is responsible for **updating mitigation actions** and **proposing new actions** for the update.

# Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Timeline



# Plan Adoption

- Each jurisdiction **MUST** adopt the final plan once it has been grants Approved Pending Adoption (APA) status by FEMA
- 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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF CONCORDIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA ADOPTING  
THE CONCORDIA PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2017

WHEREAS the Parish of Concordia recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Concordia Parish; and

WHEREAS the Parish of Concordia has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as THE CONCORDIA PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2017 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS THE CONCORDIA PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2017 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Concordia Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Concordia Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in THE CONCORDIA PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2017.

NO THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY THAT:  
The Concordia Parish Police Jury adopts THE CONCORDIA PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2017.

I hereby certify that I am the duly acting and qualified Secretary of the Concordia Parish Police Jury and that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Jury held on September 25, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted in favor of said Resolution, and Resolution never having been modified or rescinded and is still in full force and effect.

Secretary, Concordia Parish Police Jury *Barbara Buckley*  
Date: 9/25/17

# 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.
  - Assessment of natural disaster-related risks and vulnerabilities
  - A hazard mitigation project strategy for each jurisdiction
  - A comprehensive list of jurisdiction owned properties

# SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

- Repository for materials used during update process
- <https://hmplans.sdmi.lsu.edu/Home/Parish/concordia>

The screenshot displays the website interface for Concordia Parish. At the top, the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo is visible, along with navigation links for 'SDMI HOME', 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', 'Parish Plans', and 'Settings'. The main heading is 'HAZARD MITIGATION'. Below this, the page is titled 'Concordia Parish' with a 'PLAN DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 5 2023' indicator. A 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' progress bar shows four stages: 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' (yellow), 'PLAN REVIEW' (purple), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (purple), and 'COMPLETED' (purple). The 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' stage is currently active, with a 'KICKOFF MEETING JUN 2023' event listed below it. The 'PLAN REVIEW' and 'PLAN ADOPTION' stages are marked as 'TBD'. Below the progress bar, 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' are listed: Concordia Parish, unincorporated areas; Town of Clayton; City of Vidalia; Town of Ferriday; and Town of Ridgcrest. A calendar event for 'JUN 21 2023 CONCORDIA PARISH HM KICKOFF MEETING' is shown, with details: Zoom, 09:30 AM - 10:00 AM 6/21/2023, and a download icon. The 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section for 2016 includes three items: 'CONCORDIA HM PLAN', 'CONCORDIA PARISH KICK OFF MEETING', and 'CONCORDIA PARISH PUBLIC MEETING', each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. The LSU logo is at the bottom.

# Next Steps

- Planning Committee Selection
  - At least one representative from each jurisdiction
  - Members of academia, private business/industry, and non-profit organizations
- Neighboring Community Selection
  - FEMA requirement
  - **Tensas** used in previous plan
- Initial Planning Committee Meeting Date
- Parish/OHSEP Logo

