



2022 Ouachita 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.
- 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).

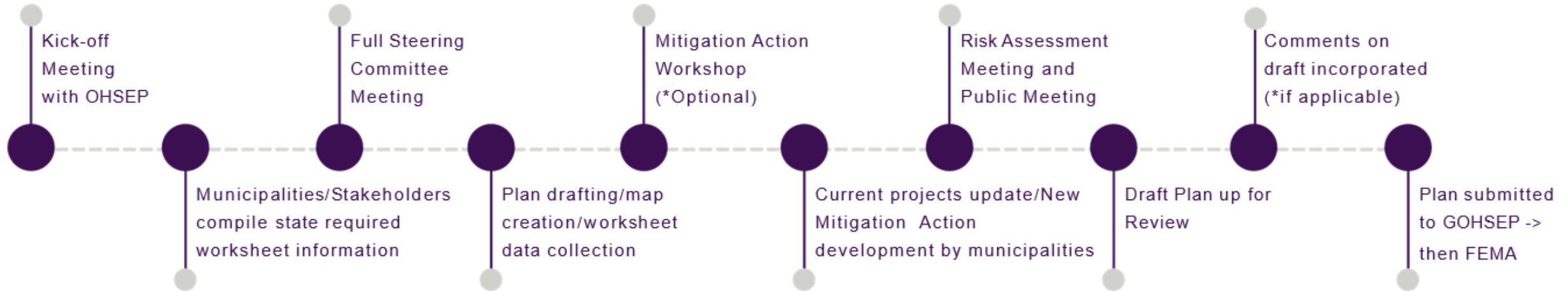
Federal Requirements

- 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 gather data requested by the planning team, collect 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.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Timeline



Plan Adoption

- Each jurisdiction **MUST** adopt the final plan once it has been approved 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

Plan Adoption

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

Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley offered the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-65

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INCLUDING THE TOWN OF RICHWOOD; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, representatives of our community have participated in the process to prepare a Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) compliant multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, appropriate opportunity for input by public and community officials has been provided through press releases, open meetings and availability of draft documents; and,

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been recommended for adoption by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan is required for consideration of FEMA funding under the following programs:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in legal and regular session convened on this 2nd day of October, 2017, that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury hereby accepts and adopts The Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.


The above resolution was adopted on the 2nd day of October, 2017.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 17-65 adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury held on the 2nd day of October, 2017, in which a quorum was present and voting and that the resolution adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at Monroe, Louisiana on the 3rd day of October, 2017.


Karen Cupit, Recording Secretary

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

Next Steps

- Planning Committee Selection
 - At least one representative from each jurisdiction
- Neighboring Community Selection
 - FEMA requirement
- Initial Planning Committee Meeting Date
- Parish/OHSEP Logo

