



# 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).

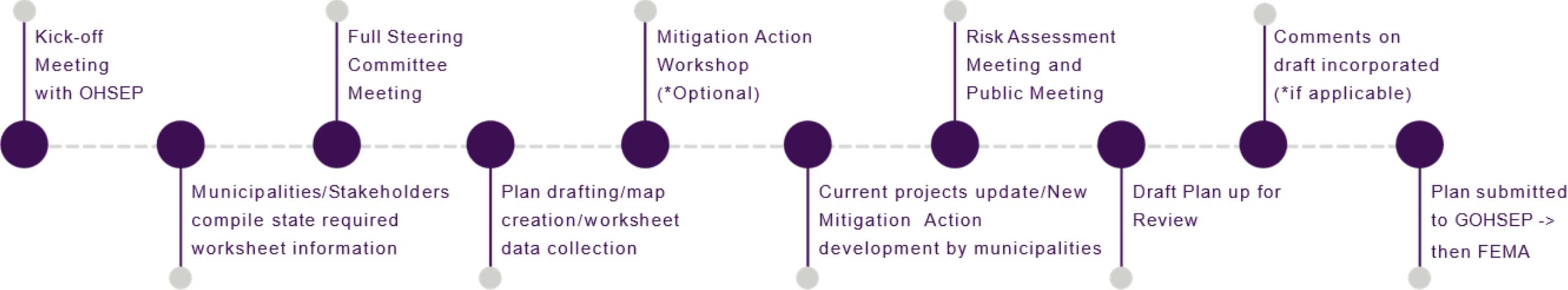
# Federal Requirements

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

