



2023-24 Tensas Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Executive Overview

October 12, 2023



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 Have a Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Planning efforts help our communities become more sustainable and disaster-resilient
 - Focuses efforts on the hazards, disaster-prone areas and identifying appropriate mitigation actions for future projects
- Must have a FEMA approved plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance
- **No Plan = No Mitigation Money = No Project Funding**

Plan Update Requirements

- The plan must be updated every 5 years
- Must be multi-jurisdictional
 - Include community representatives as well as academia, private business/industry, and non-profit groups as stakeholders
- Re-assess hazard identification and risk assessment
 - Consider any changes since the last plan update, and address events that have occurred since the last plan;
- Incorporate local planning efforts;
- Report mitigation strategy (projects) progress and discuss adjustments;

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 mitigation 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

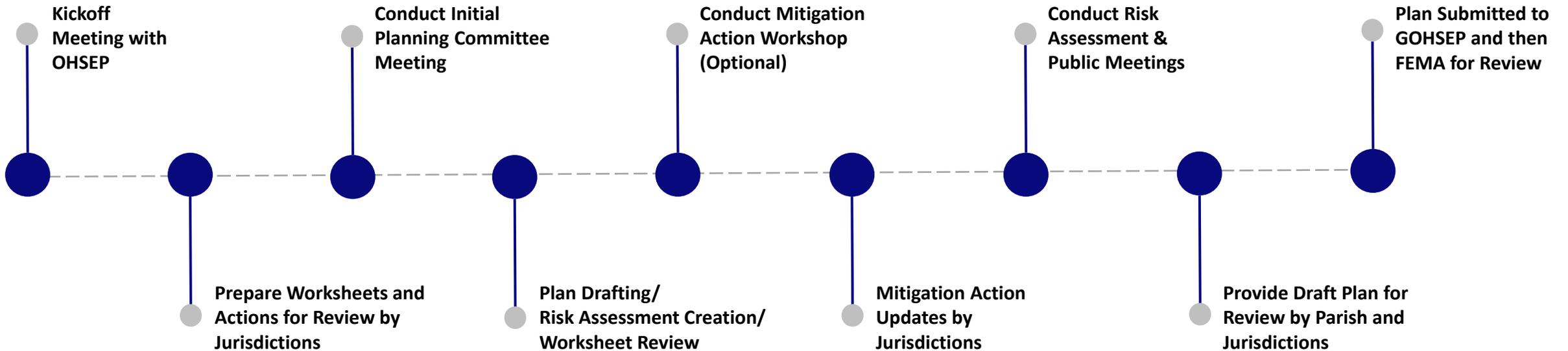
- Each jurisdiction will have at least one representative on the planning team
 - This representative will need to gather data requested by the planning team, collect feedback and input into the plan.
- Each jurisdiction is responsible for verifying and/or updating **Capability Assessment, NFIP, Jurisdiction-owned 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 Identification and Risk Assessment

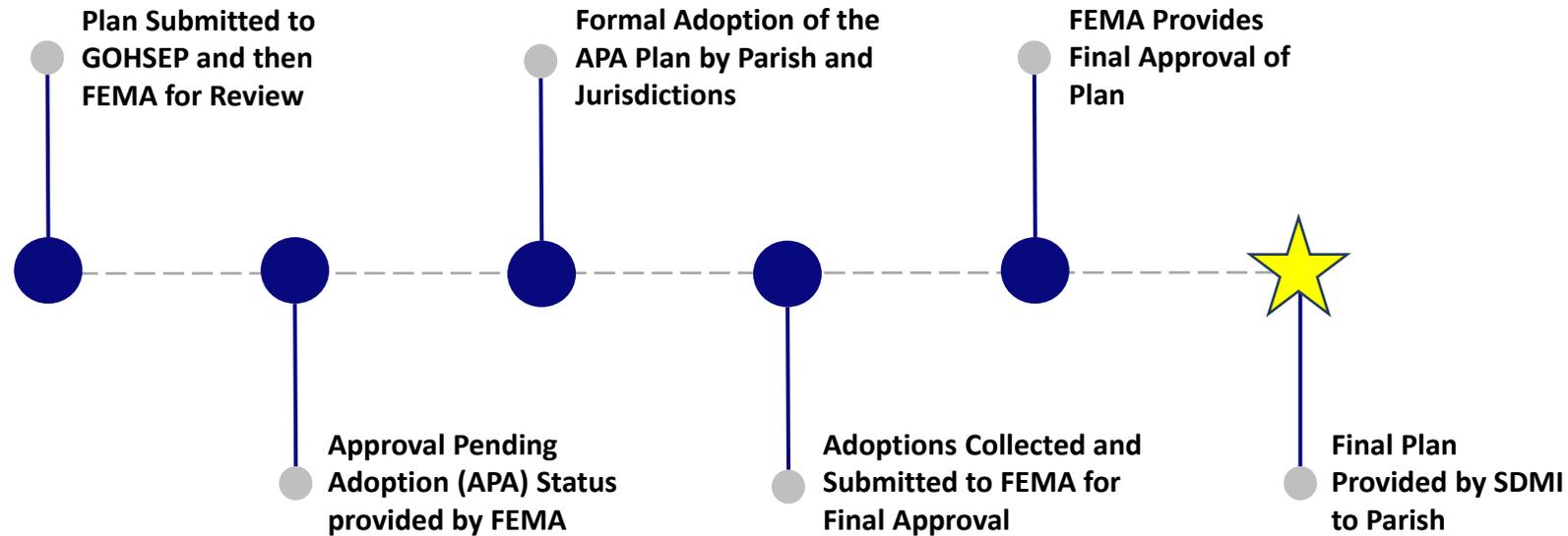
- Drought
- Earthquakes*
- Excessive Heat
- Flooding
- Levee Failure
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Weather



Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Adoption

- Each jurisdiction **MUST** adopt the final plan once it is approved by FEMA
- Parish council and city council resolutions must be adopted, signed, and placed into the final planning document.

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PARISH OF TENSAS

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF TENSAS ADOPTING THE TENSAS PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - UPDATE 2016

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

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tensas has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as THE TENSAS PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2016, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, THE PARISH OF TENSAS HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - UPDATE 2016, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Tensas Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Tensas Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in THE TENSAS PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - 2016 UPDATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY THAT:

Section 1. The Tensas Parish Police Jury adopts THE TENSAS PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN- UPDATE 2016.

I hereby certify that I am the duly acting and qualified Secretary/Treasurer of the Tensas 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 April 10, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted in favor of said Resolution.


Cathy Darden, Secretary/Treasurer

SECRETARY
SANDRA SMITH
Regular Meetings on Second Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. of Each Month

TREASURER
CATHY DARDEN

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

- Identify Planning Committee Members
 - At least one representative from each community
 - Representatives of underserved communities
- Identify Neighboring Community
 - Concordia Parish was used in previous plan
- Parish Seal/Logo
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - Initial Planning Committee Meeting
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
 - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
 - Public Meeting



