



# 2022 Union 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

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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Revised as of October 1, 2018

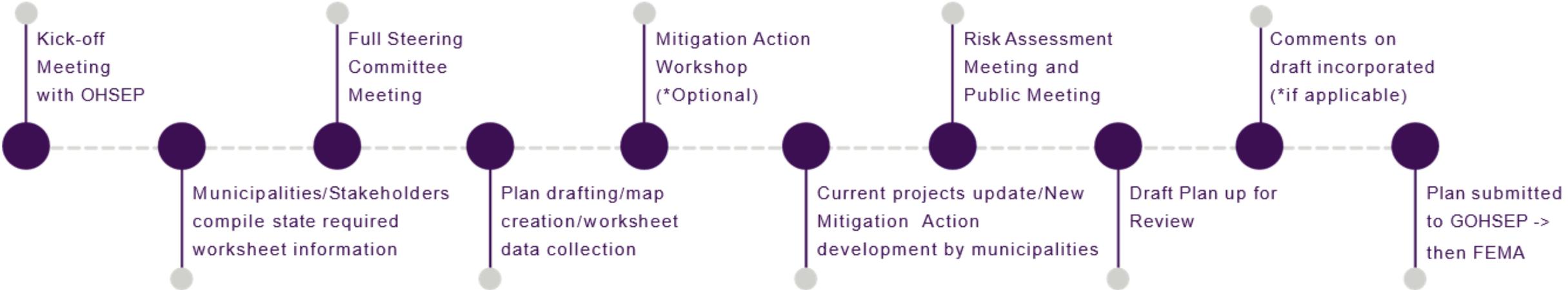
Emergency Management  
and  
Assistance

- 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



# Adopt The Plan

- Each jurisdiction **MUST** adopt the final plan once it is 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05

**WHEREAS,** UNION PARISH is a grant recipient of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purpose of reviewing and updating the Union Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**WHEREAS,** the Plan will enable the Parish to better prepare for and reduce the effects of disasters and;

**WHEREAS,** UNION PARISH formed a Steering Committee consisting of state and local governments and agencies, local organizations, businesses and private citizens and;

**WHEREAS,** this Steering Committee has prepared and reviewed the Union Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan and updated it accordingly, now titled (the Union Parish – Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018, HMGP # 4080-0005) that will guide the Parish and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF UNION PARISH, LOUISIANA,** in Special Session convened on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018, that it does hereby formally adopt the Union Parish – Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, Update 2018, HMGP # 4080-0005.

This resolution was declared adopted on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at its special meeting where a Quorum was present. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sawyer, Parker, Taylor, Hutto, Kennedy, Futch, Smith, Jones, Watley  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

  
Paula Strickland  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Union Parish Police Jury

  
Jerry W. Taylor  
President  
Union Parish Police Jury

\*\*\*\*\*CERTIFICATION\*\*\*\*\*

I, **Paula Strickland**, Secretary Treasurer, Union Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Special Session on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

  
  
PAULA STRICKLAND

# 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
  - Ouachita Parish was used in previous plan
- Initial Planning Committee Meeting Date
- Parish/OHSEP Logo

