



2025 Ascension Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Planning Committee Meeting

August 20, 2024

Introductions

- **Ascension Parish OHSEP Director & Planning Section Chief**
 - Rachael Wilkinson – Director
 - Michele Rayborn – Planning & Intelligence Section Chief
- **Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at LSU**
 - Chris Rippetoe – Hazard Mitigation Program Manager
 - Jason Martin – Emergency Management Analyst
 - Brian Stevens – Special Projects Manager
- **Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**
 - Jeffrey Giering – State Hazard Mitigation Officer
 - Marion Pearson – Hazard Mitigation Planner



Who is SDMI?

- Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at Louisiana State University
- Non-Academic, Applied Research Unit on campus
- Specialize in providing programmatic support and decision making tools for state and local emergency managers
 - Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Emergency Operations Plans
 - Geographic Information Systems
 - Application Development
 - Data Visualization
 - Aerial Imagery Collection/Processing





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!***



Federal HM Plan Requirements

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

44

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 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

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**



HM Plan Update Guidelines

- The plan must be updated every 5 years
- 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 additional local planning efforts;
- Report mitigation strategy (projects) progress and discuss adjustments;
- Must have a robust planning committee
 - Include academia, private business/industry, and non-profit groups as stakeholders





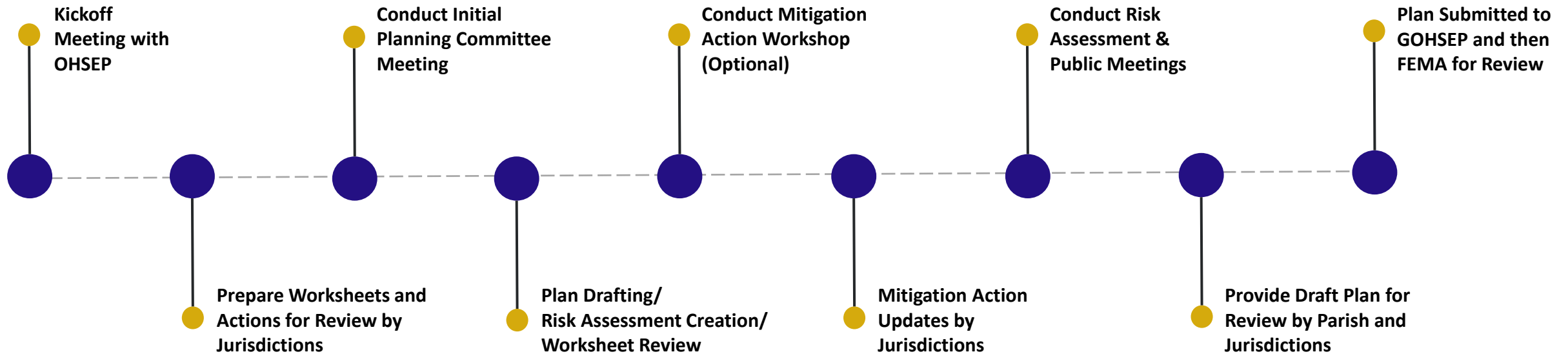
Hazard Mitigation Planning is a process that identifies natural hazard risks and develops strategies to reduce these risks.



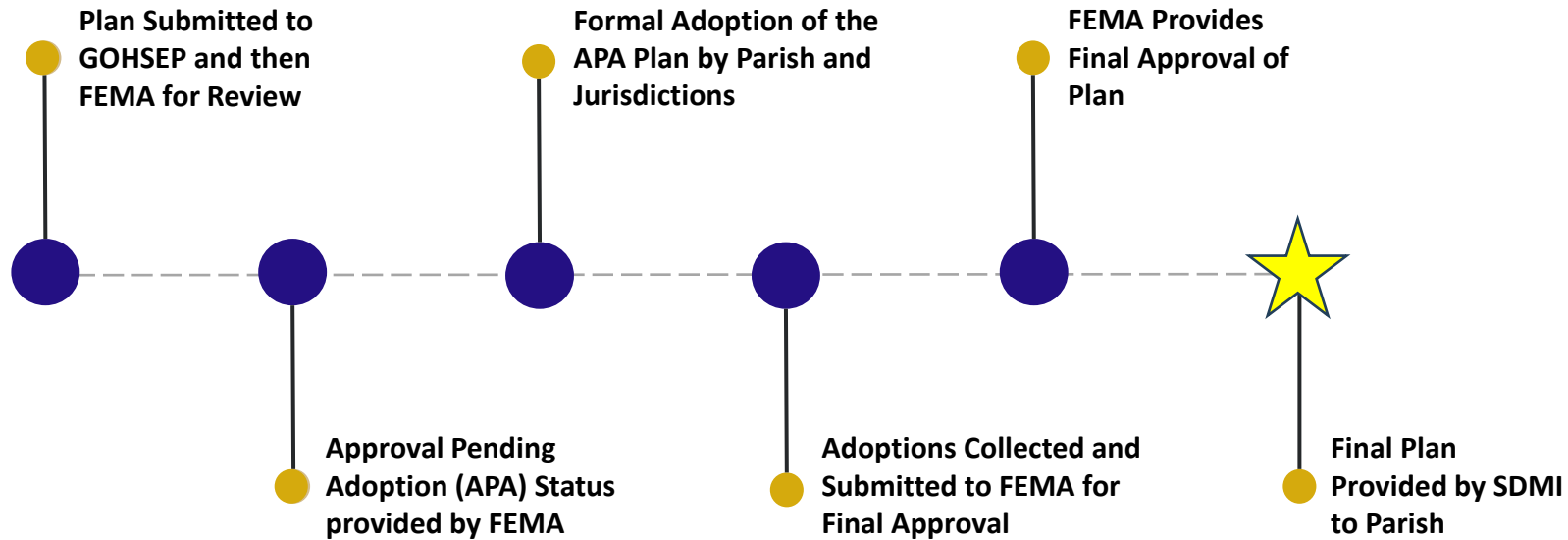
Plan Update Process



Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



Planning Committee Expectations

- Parish will serve as the main liaison/POC throughout the planning process
- Parish and jurisdictions **MUST** show active participation in the planning process by the following:
 - Completing state required worksheets;
 - Identifying and updating specific mitigation actions (projects);
 - Have representation at meetings;
 - Report to community and gather feedback from appropriate agencies;
 - Adopt the final plan.



2025 ASCENSION PARISH MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN



prepared for:

**Unincorporated Ascension
Parish, Donaldsonville,
Gonzales, Sorrento**



Plan Development



Plan Layout

- **Section 1: Introduction**
 - Parish Description
 - Updated Census & Economic Data
- **Section 2: Hazard Identification and Parish-wide Risk Assessment**
- **Section 3: Capability Assessment**
- **Section 4: Mitigation Strategies**
 - Action updates
 - New actions



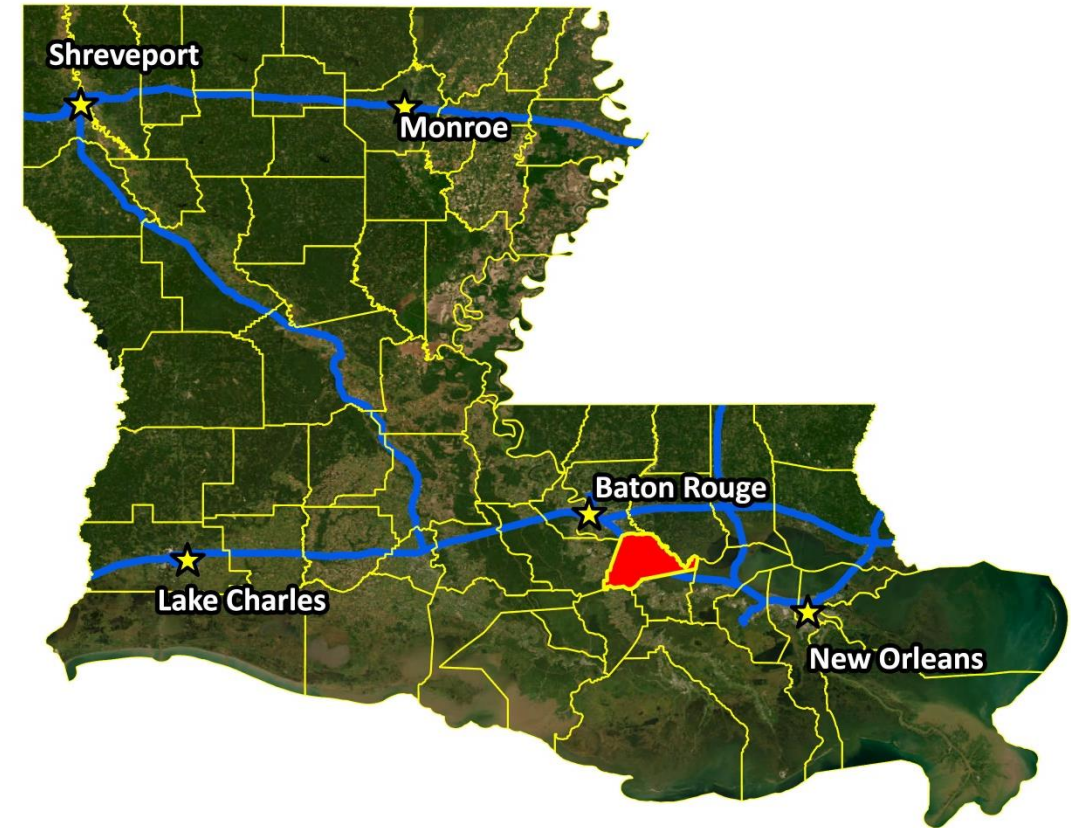
Plan Layout

- **Appendix A: Planning Process**
- **Appendix B: Plan Maintenance**
- **Appendix C: Parish Critical Facilities**
- **Appendix D: Plan Adoption**
- **Appendix E: State Required Worksheets**



Section 1: Introduction

- Parish Description & Geography
- Updated Census Information
 - Total Population
 - Population Density
 - Percent Change Over Time
- Economic update
 - Detail major economic sectors
 - New companies that are having a positive economic impact on the parish



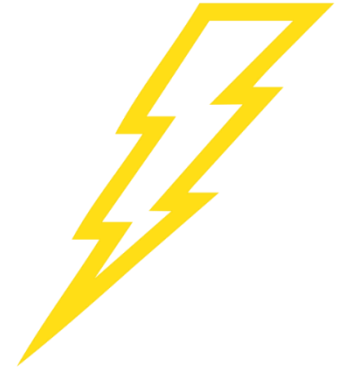
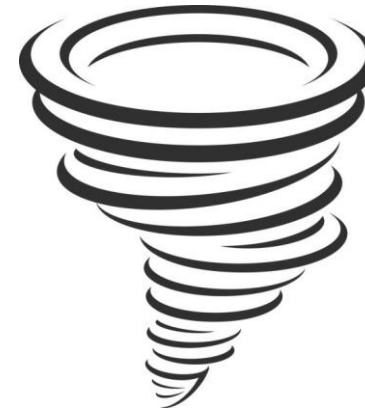
Section 2: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Previously Profiled Hazards
- Newly Identified Hazards
- Previous Occurrences
- Probability of Future Events
- Potential Losses due to an Event
- Zoning and Land Use
- Impacts on Critical Facilities
- Impacts from Future Development
- Future Impacts due to Climate Change



Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

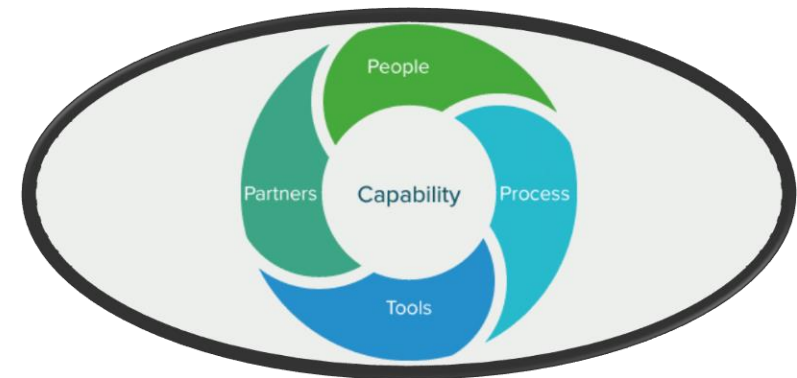
- Flooding
- Levee Failure
- Sinkholes
- Subsidence
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Weather



Section 3: Capability Assessment

Primary types of capabilities for reducing long-term vulnerability through mitigation planning are:

- Planning and Regulatory
- Administrative and Technical
- Financial
- Educational and Outreach



Section 4: Mitigation Strategies

Goals

1. Identify and pursue preventative structural and non-structural measures that will reduce further damages from hazards
2. Enhance public awareness and understanding of disaster preparedness
3. Reduce repetitive flood losses in Ascension Parish and its municipalities
4. Facilitate sound building practices in the parish and municipalities so as to reduce or eliminate the potential impact of hazards
5. Improve the ability of the parish and municipalities to rapidly recover and restore facilities and services to the public



Section 4: Mitigation Strategies

- Mitigation Action status update for previous actions/projects
- New Mitigation Actions identified for 2024-25 Update



Unincorporated Ascension Parish Updated Mitigation Actions						
Jurisdiction-Specific Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Time	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Status
Floodplain Management Partnerships	Effectively communicate and coordinate all flood mitigation issues.	HMPG; PDM; FMA; local budgets	1-5 years	Ascension OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclone	Carried Over
Inter-Jurisdictional Flood Risk Assessments	Effectively assess the risk from backwater, headwater, and storm surge flooding through the use of surge and inundation models.	HMGP	1-5 years	Administration, Grants, Drainage, Planning & Development	Flooding, Tropical Cyclone	Carried Over
Storm Surge and Inundation Modeling	Determine changes in storm surge threats due to surge inundation through Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas, as well as into the McElroy Swamp.	HMGP; local budgets	1 year	Administration, Grants, Drainage, Planning & Development	Tropical Cyclone	Carried Over
Improve NFIP Compliance	Maintain Parish NFIP compliance by conducting to ensure protocols are followed and actions are taken to improve NFIP ratings in all jurisdictions.	HMGP	1 year	Planning & Development Dept.	Flooding, Dam/Levee Failure	Carried Over
Continue parish and municipal participation and compliance (Parish of Ascension, Donaldsonville, Gonzales, and Sorrento) in NFIP	ongoing lines of communication and participation between Parish and municipalities, continuing education regarding updates related to NFIP requirements.	Local, regional, and federal	n/a	Ascension Parish Planning & Development, City of Donaldsonville Mayor's Office, City of Gonzales Mayor's Office, and Town of Sorrento Mayor's Office	Flooding	Carried Over



Appendix A: Planning Process

- Overview of planning process
- Planning committee members identified
- Meeting documentation and summaries
- Discussion of neighboring community participation
- Discussion of integration of other parish plans into the HM Plan

Appendix B: Plan Maintenance

- Review of HM plan **annual** maintenance by the Ascension Parish OHSEP Director.
- Assign responsible parties for review and edits of the plan



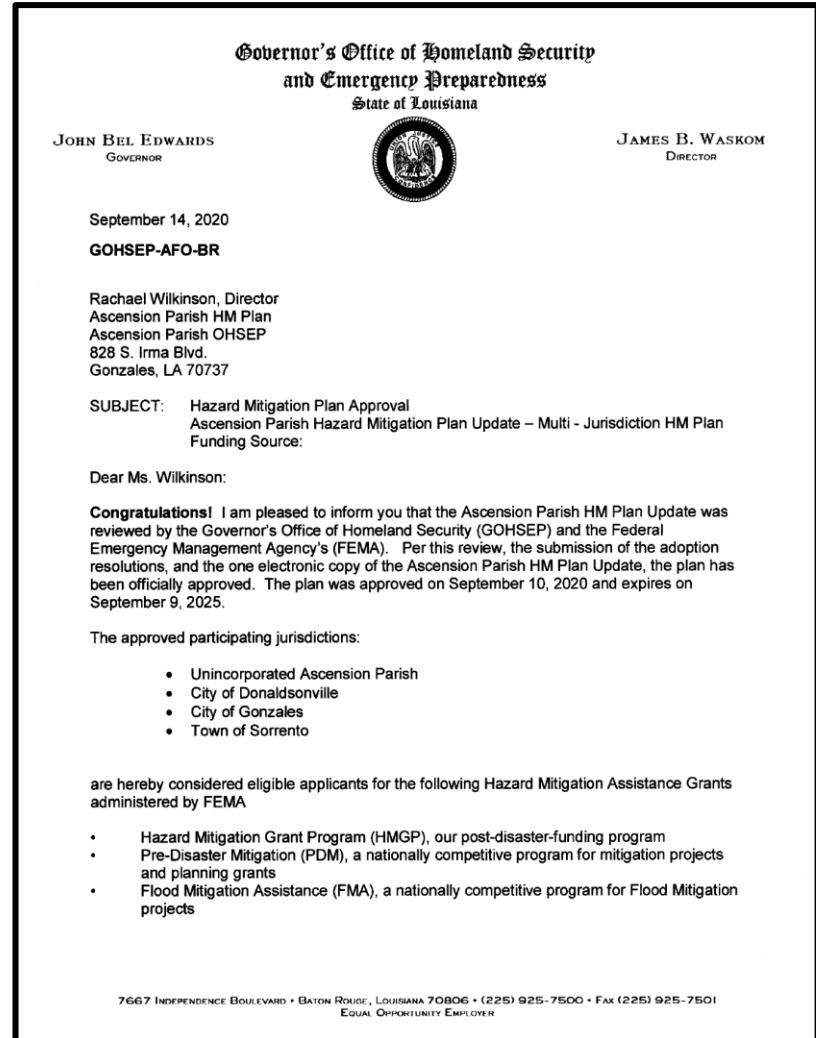
Appendix C: Critical Facilities

- Updated list of critical facilities by jurisdiction
- Will identify which hazards within the risk assessment pose a threat to each facility
- Facilities must be parish or jurisdiction owned



Appendix D: Plan Adoption

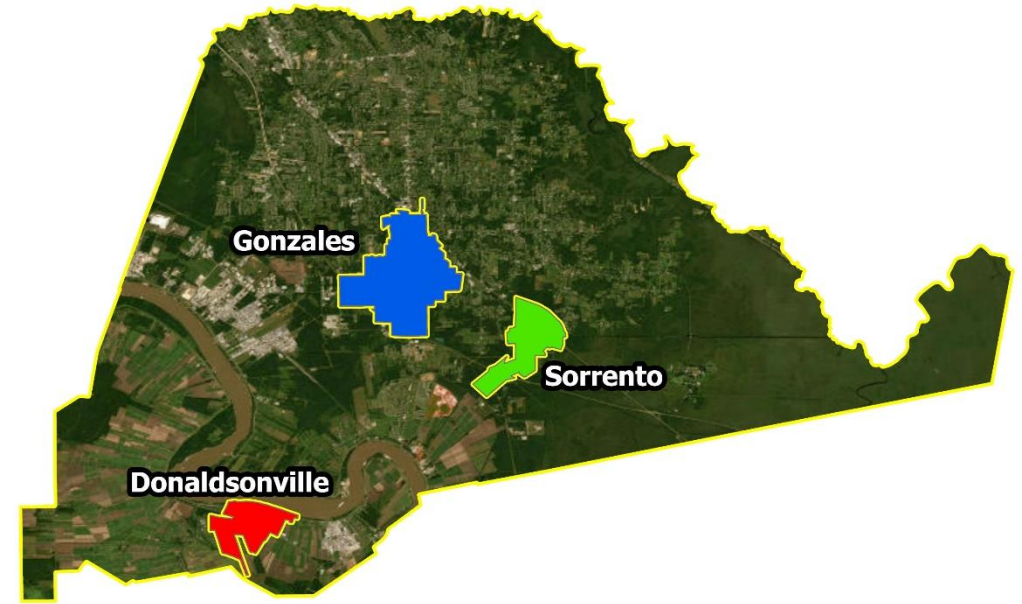
- Parish council resolution must be adopted, signed, and placed into the final planning document
- The formal adoption must take place **AFTER the plan is issued**
APA status



Appendix E: State Required Worksheets

Each jurisdiction **MUST** fill these out:

- Capability Assessment
- NFIP Worksheet
- Critical Facilities/Building Inventory
- Vulnerable Population



Capability Assessment

Capability Assessment Worksheet - Ascension Parish		
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, polices and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.		
Planning and Regulatory		
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.		
Plans	Yes / No	Comments
Comprehensive / Master Plan	Yes	
Capital Improvements Plan	Yes	
Economic Development Plan	Yes	
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	
Transportation Plan	No	
Stormwater Management Plan	No	
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	No	
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)	No	
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes / No	Comments
Building Code	Yes	
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score	Yes	
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	Yes	
Site plan review requirements	Yes	
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes / No	Comments
Zoning Ordinance	Yes	
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes	
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	No	
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	Yes	
Other		

Place answers in Yes/No column, add comments if necessary (i.e. what year the plan was updated last)



National Flood Insurance Program

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)		
Ascension Parish		
Insurance Summary		Comments
How many NFIP policies are in the community? What is the total premium and coverage?		
How many claims have been paid in the community? What is the total amount of paid claims? How many of the claims were for substantial damage?		
How many structures are exposed to flood risk with in the community?		
Describe any areas of flood risk with limited NFIP policy coverage.		
Staff Resources		Comments
Is the Community FPA or NFIP Coordinator certified?		
Is flood plain management an auxiliary function?		
Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services (e.g., permit review, GIS, education or outreach, inspections, engineering capability)		
What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?		
Compliance History		Comments
Is the community in good standing with the NFIP?		
Are there any outstanding compliance issues(i.e., current violations)?		
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact(CAC)?		
Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed? If so when?		
Regulation		Comments
When did the community enter the NFIP?		
Are the FIRMs digital or paper?		
Do floodplain development regulations meet or exceed FEMA or State minimum requirements? If so, in what ways?		
Community Rating System (CRS)		Comments
Does the community participate in CRS?		
What is the community's CRS Class Ranking?		
Does the plan include CRS planning requirements?		

- FEMA can provide this information, or local/parish floodplain managers



Building Inventory

Building Inventory - Ascension Parish								
Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed	Date Built	Construction Type
Lamar Dixon Expo Center	Emergency Response	9039 St. Landry Rd.	Gonzales	30.196032	-90.958111	\$17,972,357	2003	Reinforced Masonry
Ascension Sheriff's Training Center	Law Enforcement	9094 S St Landry Ave	Burnside	30.197513	-90.952259	\$3,200,000	2014	Reinforced Masonry
Ascension Parish Fire District 1 Public	Fire & SAR	13192 Airline Hwy	Prairieville	30.25943388	-90.9317315	\$821,449	1965	Metal
Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department	Fire & SAR	39110 Louisiana 22	Darrow	30.151987	-90.922542	\$444,073	1998	Metal
Geismar Volunteer Fire Department	Fire & SAR	12171 Louisiana 73	Geismar	30.244961	-90.989306	\$207,234	1980	Metal
Prairieville Volunteer Fire Department Station 31	Fire & SAR	17183 Louisiana 929	Prairieville	30.318426	-90.939516	\$519,896	1993	Metal
Prairieville Volunteer Fire Department	Fire & SAR	17899 Old Jefferson Hwy	Prairieville	30.332197	-90.981463	\$594,168	2001	Metal
Prairieville Volunteer Fire Department	Fire & SAR	18345 Bluff Rd.	Prairieville	30.32077564	-91.00839837			
Fire District 3 Prairieville Fire Department	Fire & SAR	14517 Highway 73	Prairieville	30.285405	-90.981195	\$2,660,819	2008	Metal
Galvez-Lake Volunteer Fire Department Station 50	Fire & SAR	16288 Joe Sevario Road	Prairieville	30.30682	-90.904543	\$444,073	1978	Metal
Galvez-Lake Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station 33	Fire & SAR	16573 LA 931	Prairieville	30.31018508	-90.85558615			
St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department -	Fire & SAR	38484 Duplessis Road	Prairieville	30.284279	-90.958987	\$1,200,000	2014	Metal
St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department -	Fire & SAR	44483 Stringer Bridge Rd	St. Amant	30.240383	-90.855462	\$444,073	1990	Metal
St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department -	Fire & SAR	46107 Hwy 22	St. Amant	30.21937973	-90.83150727			
St. Amant Volunteer Fire Department -	Fire & SAR	14343 Hwy 431	St. Amant	30.27909805	-90.87102076			
Fire District 2 Fire Department	Fire & SAR	2359 Lemanville Cutoff Rd	Donaldsonville	30.09832068	-90.93858001			Metal
Modeste Fire Station 140	Fire & SAR	7139 Hwy 405	Donaldsonville	30.16788015	-91.01291201			Metal
Seventh District Fire Department Station	Fire & SAR	13337 LA 44	Gonzales	30.26395029	-90.92147213			
Seventh District Fire Department Station	Fire & SAR	13398 Roddy Rd.	Gonzales	30.26533737	-90.90403489			
Health Unit	Public Health	1024 East Ascension Complex Blvd.	Gonzales	30.132974	-90.544585			Reinforced Masonry
Mental Health East		1112 S. East Ascension Complex Blvd.	Gonzales	30.132821	-90.544582			Reinforced Masonry
District Attorney East	Civil Government	120 E. Railroad	Gonzales	30.142126	-90.551209			Reinforced Masonry
District Attorney East - WhiteHouse	Civil Government	208 E. Railroad	Gonzales	30.142181	-90.551043			Reinforced Masonry
Clerk of Court East	Civil Government	815 E. Worthey St.	Gonzales	30.133158	-90.544984			Reinforced Masonry
Courthouse East	Civil Government	828 S. Irma Blvd.	Gonzales	30.13356	-90.544641			Reinforced Masonry
ARC		1122 E. Ascension Complex Blvd.	Gonzales	30.132667	-90.544571			Reinforced Masonry
Public Works East	Civil Government	42077 Churchpoint Rd.	Gonzales	30.142344	-90.540484			Reinforced Masonry
Henderson Bayou Pump Station			Galvez	30.190623	-90.513436			Reinforced Masonry
Marvin Braud Pump Station			St. Amant	30.112403	-90.47104			Reinforced Masonry
Mosquito Control	Civil Government	14233 LA Hwy 431	St. Amant	30.1634	-90.521602			Reinforced Masonry
Mosquito Control Warehouse	Civil Government	14233 LA Hwy 431	St. Amant	30.163388	-90.521801			Reinforced Masonry
Animal Control	Civil Government	9894 Airline Hwy.	Sorrento	30.122853	-90.523257			Metal
Admin Building		615 E. Worthey Rd.	Gonzales	30.132875	-90.545404		2016	Reinforced Masonry
Admin Building Warehouse		615 E. Worthey Rd.	Gonzales	30.132631	-90.545343			Reinforced Masonry
Human Resources/Maintenance	Civil Government	9606 Airline Hwy.	Sorrento	30.115164	-90.514457			Reinforced Masonry



Vulnerable Populations

Vulnerable Populations Worksheet - Ascension Parish						
All Hospitals (Private or Public)						
Name	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude	
Lake Urgent Care	1702 N Burnside Ave	Prairieville	70737	30.280834	-90.981657	
Premier Medical Center	17188 Airline Highway	Prairieville	70769	30.321894	-90.977911	
Ochsner Urgent Care Clinic	16250 Airline Highway	Prairieville	70769	30.303788	-90.971757	
St. James Behavioral Health Hospital	39066 Vindez Road	Burnside	70737	30.203451	-90.951933	
St. Michael Hospice	16260 Airline Highway	Prairieville	70769	30.304498	-90.971858	
Nursing Homes (Private or Public)						
Name	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude	
Mobile Home Parks						
Name	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude	
Oak Place Trailer Park	10037 Louisiana 22	St. Amant	70774	30.212489	-90.844043	
Jackson's Trailer Park	44283-10 Lousiana 42	St. Amant	70769	30.337806	-90.864457	
St. Amant Trailer Park	13039 Lamar Moran Rd	St. Amant	70774	30.256558	-90.852873	
Countryside Mobile Home Community	10534 Louisiana 22	St. Amant	70774	30.225574	-90.799972	
KTB Mobile Home Park	17140 Louisiana 44	Prairieville	70769	30.317503	-90.920929	
Lynch's Trailer Park	3 West Lynch Street	Prairieville	70769	30.297664	-90.962696	
Henry Road Trailer Park	38072 Henry Road	Prairieville	70769	30.306121	-90.969893	
Unkown	10291 Gonzales Road	St. Amant	70774	30.251645	-90.847002	
Planton Village	10474 Acy Road	St. Amant	70774	30.224743	-90.815019	
Colonial Oaks	12206 Colonial Oaks Rd	Prairieville	70737	30.246521	-90.895676	
Roddy Road Village	12229 Roddy Road	Prairieville	70769	30.245725	-90.904666	
Wayne's Mobile Home Park	16119 Gene's Trailer Park	Prairieville	70769	30.299431	-90.913207	
Mallard Point Mobile Home Park	17001 Muryl Lane	Prairieville	70769	30.315123	-90.895666	
Pine Park Village	42284 Bayou Narcisse Road	Prairieville	70737	30.248154	-90.89515	
Mobile Home Park	Cobb's Trailer Park Road	Prairieville	70737	30.260856	-90.903656	
Moody Dixon Place	172110 Beverly Lane	Prairieville	70769	30.320287	-90.896992	
Old Galvestown Mobile Home Estate	18288 Blanche Rd	Prairieville	70769	30.340275	-90.894346	
CMI Mobile RV Park	17867 Airline Highway	Prairieville	70769	30.337435	-90.990048	
Achoros Trailer Park	36000 Paille Drive	Prairieville	70769	30.301377	-90.999831	
Raybon's Mobile Home Park	17091 East Swamp Rd	Prairieville	70769	30.316908	-90.988804	
Country Living Mobile Home Park	40506 Nicholas Melancon Road	Prairieville	70769	30.319895	-90.923929	
Community Mobile Home Park	Jombri Dr	Prairieville	70769	30.32032	-90.903179	
Oak Place Trailer Park	Oak Place Rd	Dutchtown	70737	30.2685	-90.963631	
Twin Lakes	1237 Alex King Rd	Dutchtown	70734	30.25342	-90.979108	
Lakeside Oaks	13170 Dutchtown Point Avenue	Dutchtown	70737	30.257758	-90.977525	



Parish Mitigation Survey

- Collects information from citizens regarding their perceptions of local hazards and mitigation efforts
- Results will be included in the plan if there are enough responses

https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_78PLF31VMuOdSNU



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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



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HAZARD MITIGATION

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Ascension Parish

PLAN DUE DATE: **SEPTEMBER 9 2025**

DEVELOPMENT STATUS

PLAN DEVELOPMENT	PLAN REVIEW	PLAN ADOPTION	COMPLETED
KICKOFF MEETING JUN 2024	TBD	TBD	TBD

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

- City of Donaldsonville
- City of Gonzales
- Town of Sorrento
- Ascension Parish, Unincorporated Areas

AUG 20	2025 ASCENSION PARISH INITIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 615 E Worthey St 01:30 PM - 03:00 PM 8/20/2024	
JUN 12	2025 ASCENSION PARISH EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW 828 S Irma Blvd 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM 6/12/2024	

PREVIOUS PLANS

2020

2020 ASCENSION PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DOWNLOAD	2020 ASCENSION PARISH KICKOFF MEETING DOWNLOAD	2020 ASCENSION PARISH INITIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING DOWNLOAD	2020 ASCENSION PARISH PUBLIC MEETING DOWNLOAD
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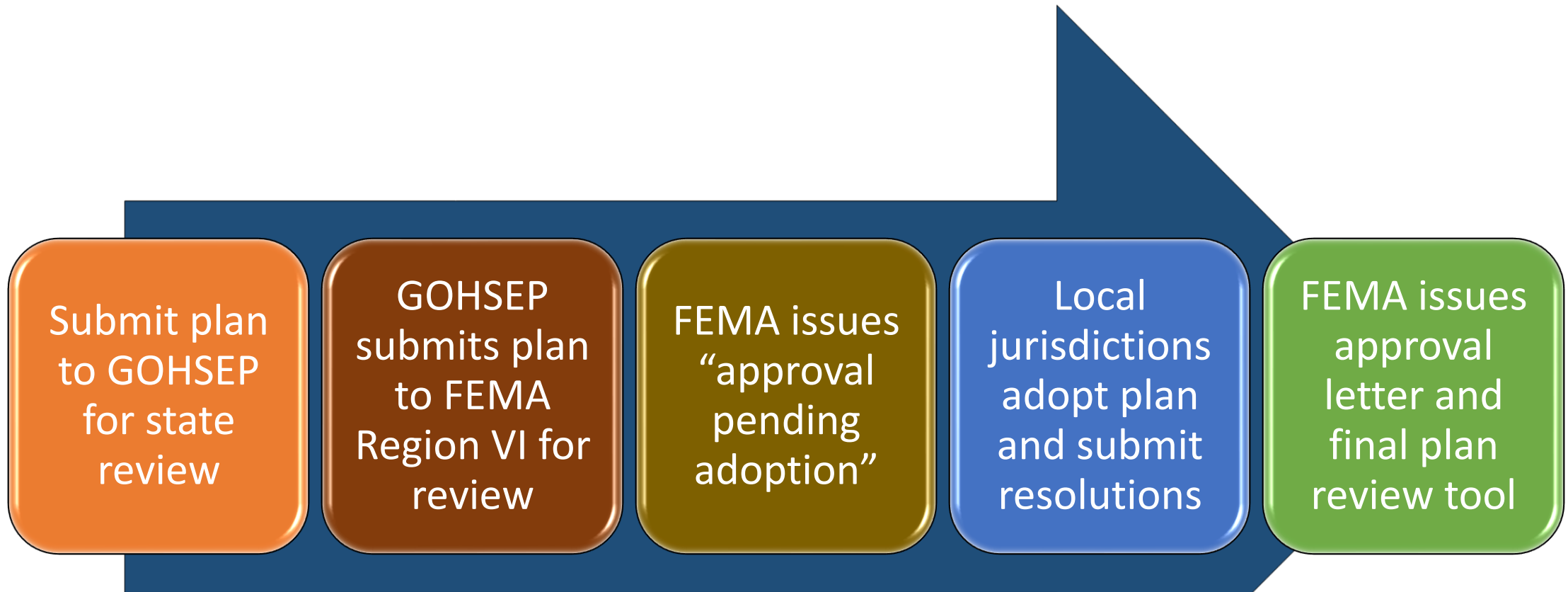
2015 ASCENSION PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DOWNLOAD

Survey

[Access Survey](#)

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Plan Approval Process



The plan will be subject to revisions as it moves through the review process.



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 Neighboring Community
 - EBR was used in 2020 Plan
- Worksheet and Mitigation Actions Due Dates
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
 - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
 - Public Meeting
- Draft Plan to FEMA
 - 2-3 weeks after the public meeting
- Adoptions
 - AFTER the FEMA Review



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