



2025 Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

March 14, 2025





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**



Federal 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

Plan Update Requirements

- The plan must be updated every five years
- Must identify & involve a comprehensive group of stakeholders
 - Includes local business, academia and those representing underserved populations (nonprofits, community-based organizations etc.)
- Re-assess vulnerability to natural hazards faced by the parish
 - Consider any changes and address events that have occurred since the completion of the previous plan
- Incorporate local planning efforts
- Report mitigation strategy (projects) progress and discuss adjustments



The Planning Committee

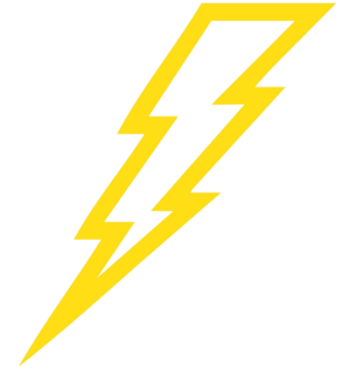
- Planning committee should consist of people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
 - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities
- Responsibilities of representatives include:
 - Verifying and/or updating **Capability Assessment, NFIP, Parish-owned Building Inventory, and Vulnerable Population data** for the plan
 - Providing status updates for **existing mitigation actions** and proposing **new actions** if necessary.



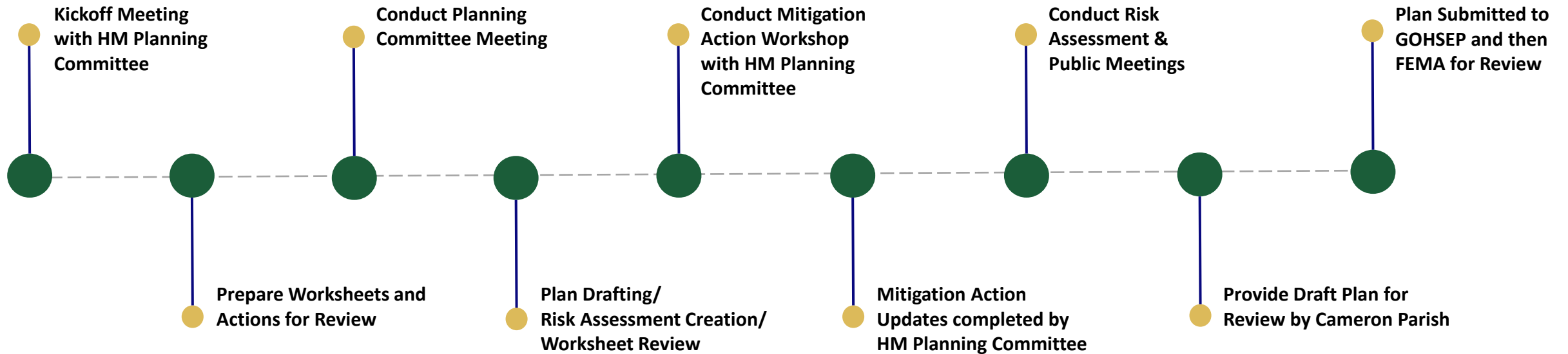
Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

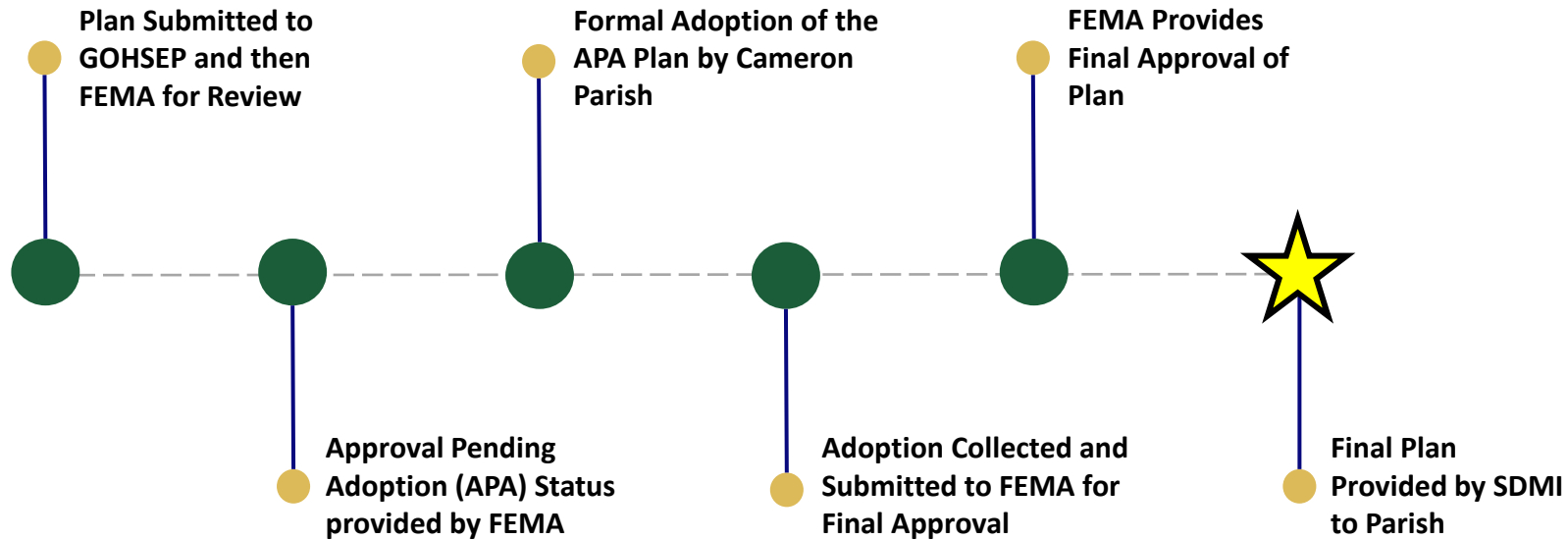
- Coastal Hazards
- Drought
- Excessive Heat
- Flooding
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires



Plan Update Process Timeline




Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Adoption

- Cameron Parish **MUST** adopt the final plan once it is approved by FEMA
- Resolutions must be formally adopted, signed, and placed into the final planning document.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 1129

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
CAMERON PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - 2020

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Cameron has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as CAMERON PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - 2020 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and


WHEREAS, Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan - 2020 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Cameron Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Cameron Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan - 2020


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury adopts the Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan - 2020

ADOPTED by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining, this 13th day of November, 2020.

APPROVED:


MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST:





The Final Product

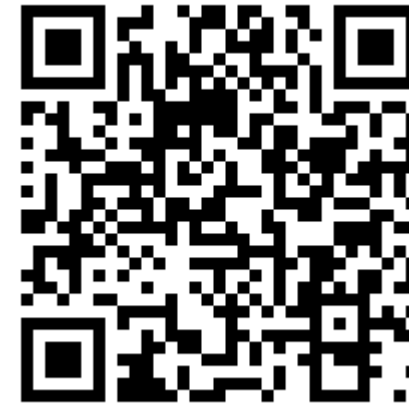
- FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Meets requirements of Title 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.
 - A hazard mitigation project strategy for Cameron Parish
 - A comprehensive list of parish owned properties
 - Assessment of natural disaster-related risks and vulnerabilities



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_88EBWgRGEg5umkC



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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



The screenshot displays the SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website for Cameron Parish. The header includes the LSU logo and the text 'Stephenson Disaster Management Institute'. A navigation bar contains links for 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', 'Parish Plans', and 'Settings'. The main content area is titled 'Cameron Parish' and shows the 'PLAN DUE DATE: JANUARY 4 2026'. A 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' section features a progress bar with stages: 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' (yellow), 'PLAN REVIEW' (purple), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (purple), and 'COMPLETED' (purple). Below this, a timeline shows 'KICKOFF MEETING MAR 2025' and 'TBD' for the subsequent stages. A 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' section lists 'Cameron Parish, Unincorporated Areas'. A calendar entry for 'MAR 14' indicates a '2025 CAMERON PARISH KICKOFF MEETING' at 10:00 AM on 3/14/2025. A 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section lists documents for 2020 and 2015, including '2020 CAMERON PARISH PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING', '2020 CAMERON PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT/PUBLIC MEETING', and '2020 CAMERON PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN', each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. A 'Survey' section at the bottom has an 'Access Survey' button. The footer features the LSU logo.

Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - Vermillion was used in 2020 Plan
- Parish Seal/Logo
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - *Plan due 1/4/2026*
 - Initial Planning Committee Meeting
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
 - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
 - Public Meeting



