



2025 Plaquemines Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

September 19th, 2024





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

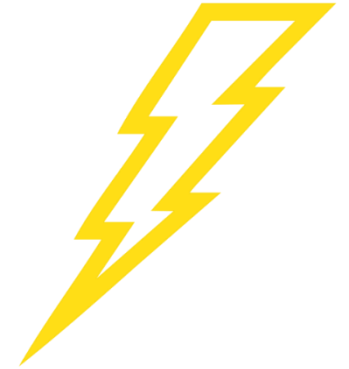
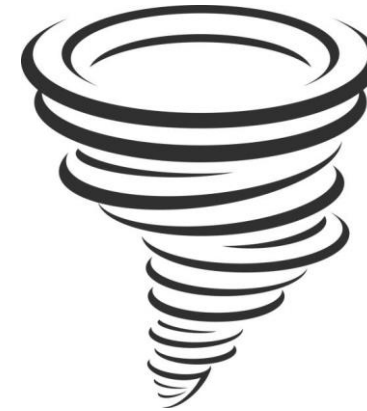
- Planning committee should consist of people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
 - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities
- Responsibilities of representatives include:
 - Verifying 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.



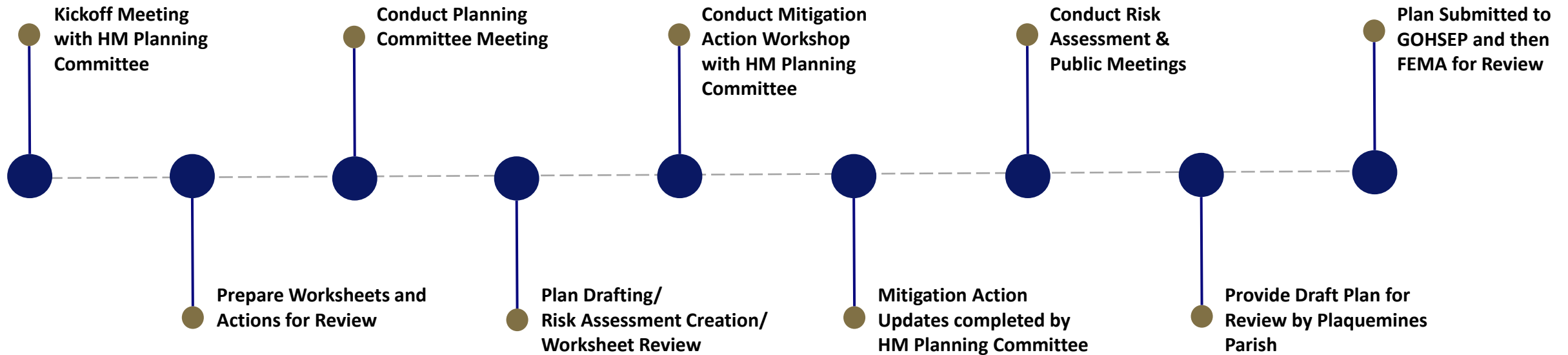
Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

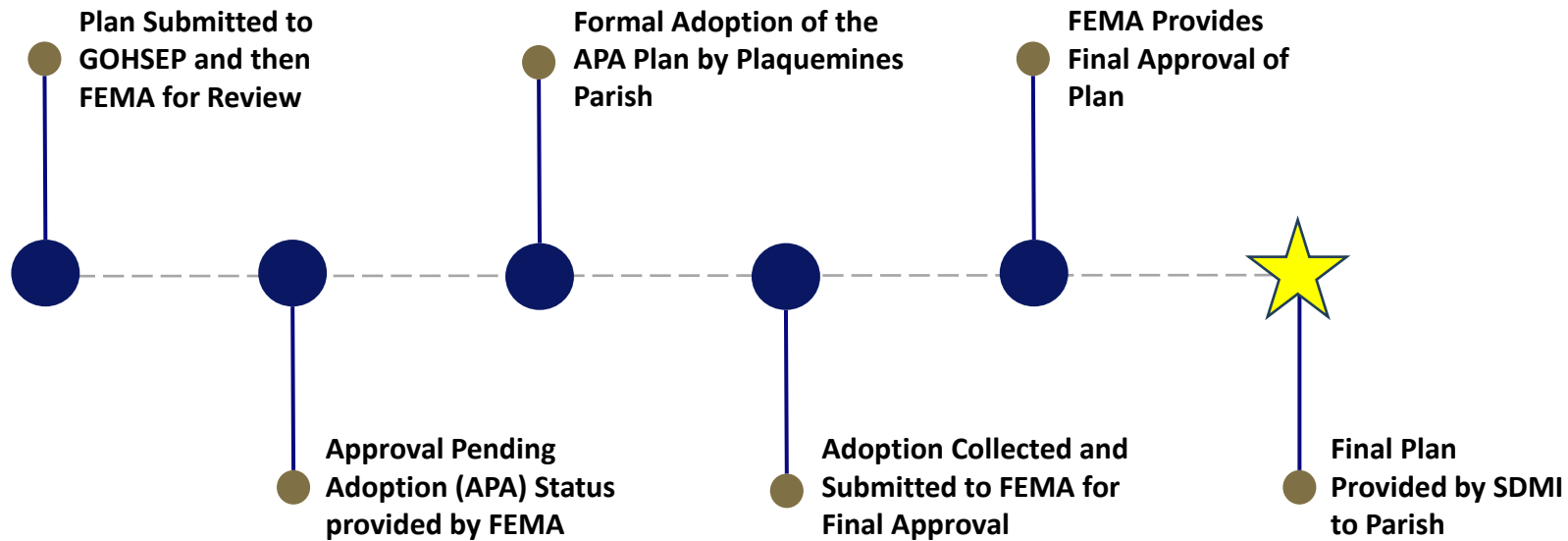
- Coastal Hazards
- Flooding
- Levee Failure
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones



Plan Update Process Timeline

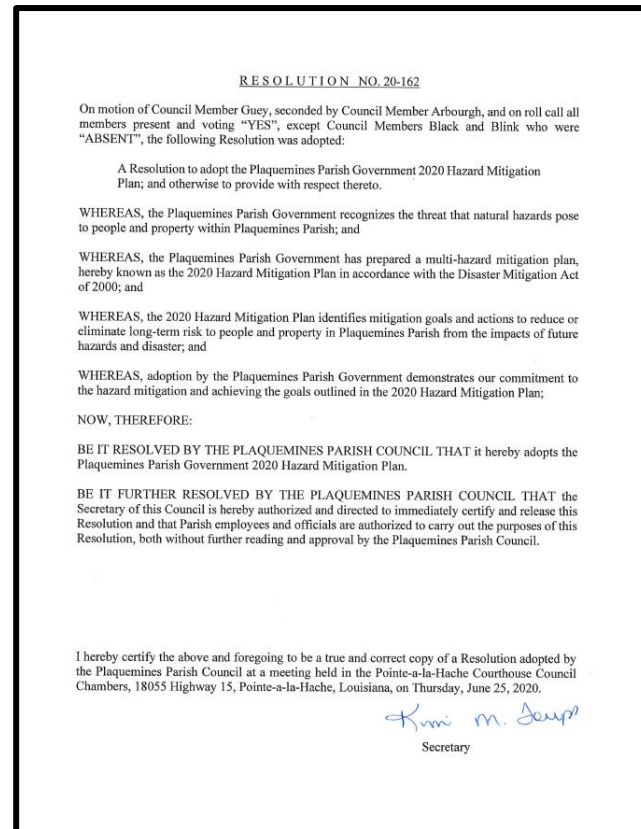


Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Adoption

- Plaquemines 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.



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 Plaquemines 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_7WWHP1p7wYV6reS



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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



The screenshot displays the SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website for Plaquemines Parish. The header includes the LSU logo, the text "Stephenson Disaster Management Institute", and a "SDMI HOME" button. Below the header, a navigation bar shows "HAZARD MITIGATION" with sub-links for "Intro", "Events", "FEMA Resources", "Parish Plans", and "Settings". The main content area is titled "Plaquemines Parish" and features a "PLAN DUE DATE: AUGUST 30 2025". A "DEVELOPMENT STATUS" section shows a progress bar with four stages: "PLAN DEVELOPMENT" (yellow), "PLAN REVIEW" (purple), "PLAN ADOPTION" (purple), and "COMPLETED" (purple). Below this, a timeline shows "KICKOFF MEETING SEP 2024", "TBD", "TBD", and "TBD". A "PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS" section is also present. A calendar widget for "SEP 19" highlights the "2025 PLAQUEMINES PARISH HMP KICKOFF MEETING" on Zoom from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM on 9/19/2024. The "PREVIOUS PLANS" section lists three 2020 plans: "PLAQUEMINES PARISH INITIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING", "PLAQUEMINES PARISH PUBLIC MEETING", and "2020 PLAQUEMINES PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN", each with a "DOWNLOAD" button. A "Survey" section at the bottom has an "Access Survey" button. The LSU logo is visible in the footer.

Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - St. Bernard was used previously
- Parish Seal/Logo
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - *Plan due 8/30/2025*
 - Initial Planning Committee Meeting
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
 - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
 - Public Meeting



