



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

- 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

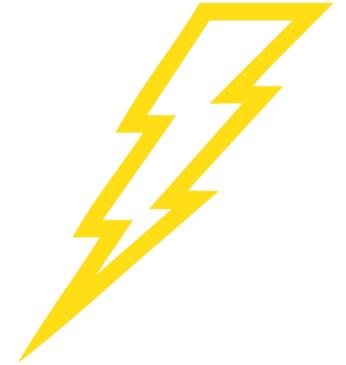
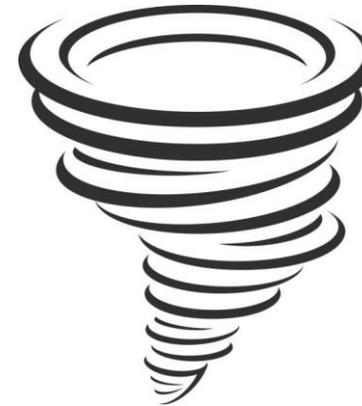
- Planning committee should consist of people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
 - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities
- Responsibilities of representatives include:
 - Verifying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



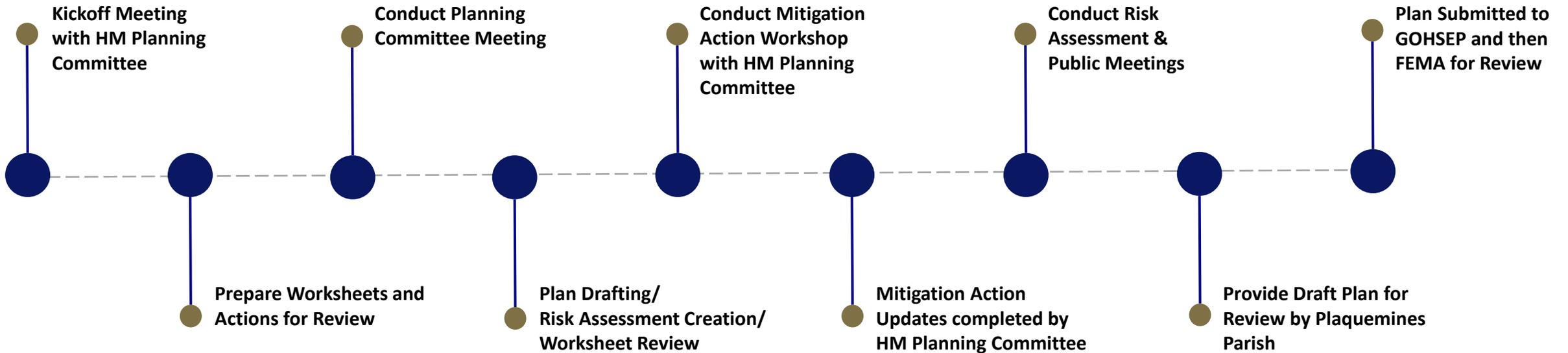
Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

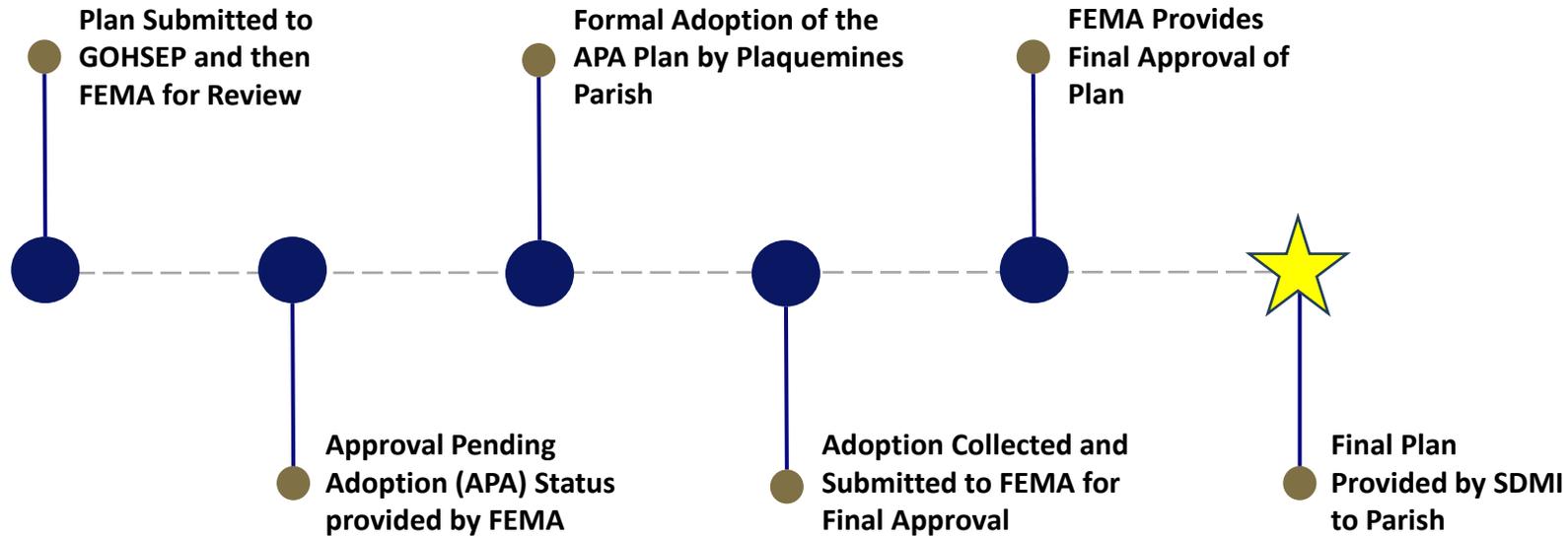
- Coastal Hazards
- Flooding
- Levee Failure
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones



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.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-162

On motion of Council Member Guey, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Members Black and Blink who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution to adopt the Plaquemines Parish Government 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Government has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

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

WHEREAS, adoption by the Plaquemines Parish Government demonstrates our commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby adopts the Plaquemines Parish Government 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Plaquemines Parish Council at a meeting held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Kimi M. Scarp
Secretary



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 website interface for the Plaquemines Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan. At the top, the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo is visible, along with navigation links for 'SDMI HOME', 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', 'Parish Plans', and 'Settings'. The main heading is 'HAZARD MITIGATION'. Below this, the page is titled 'Plaquemines Parish' with 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). The 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' stage is currently active, with a 'KICKOFF MEETING SEP 2024' event listed below it. The 'PLAN REVIEW' and 'PLAN ADOPTION' stages are marked as 'TBD'. Below the progress bar, there is a section for 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS'. A calendar event for '2025 PLAQUEMINES PARISH HMP KICKOFF MEETING' is shown for September 19, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Zoom. The 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section lists three items from 2020: '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 features an 'Access Survey' button. The LSU logo is at the bottom right of the page.



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



