



2025 St. Bernard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

1/14/2025





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 HM Plan Requirements

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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 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

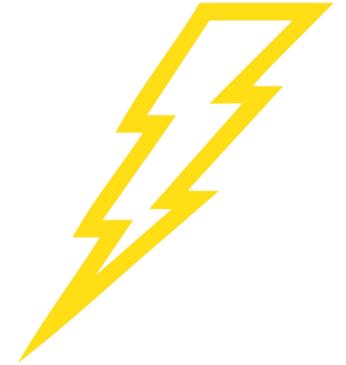
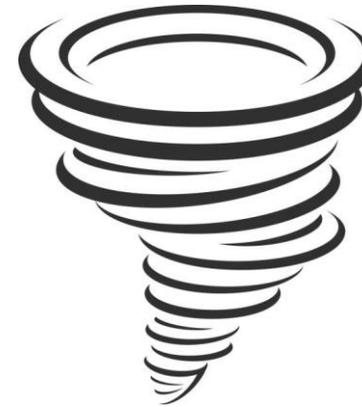
- Planning committee should consist of people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
 - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities
- Responsibilities of representatives include:
 - Verifying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



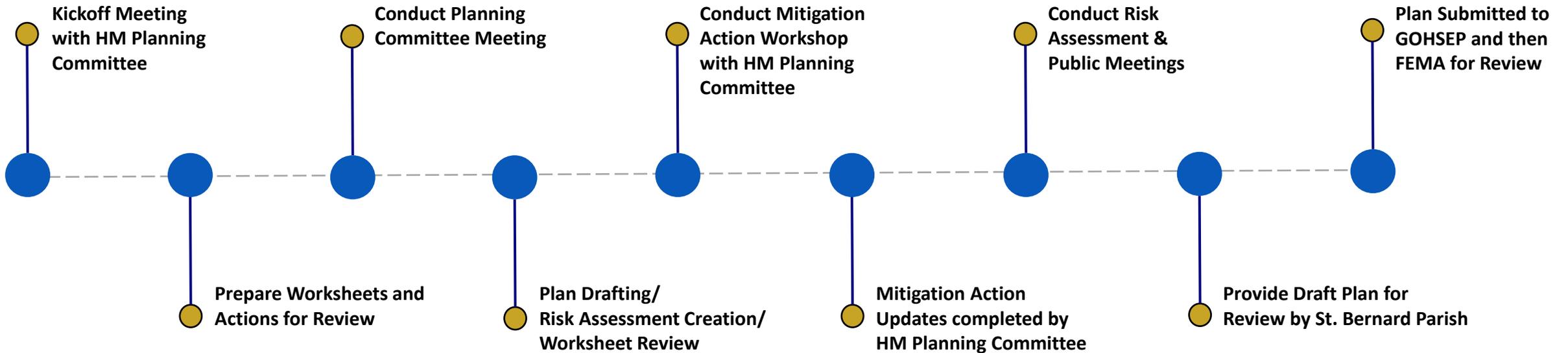
Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

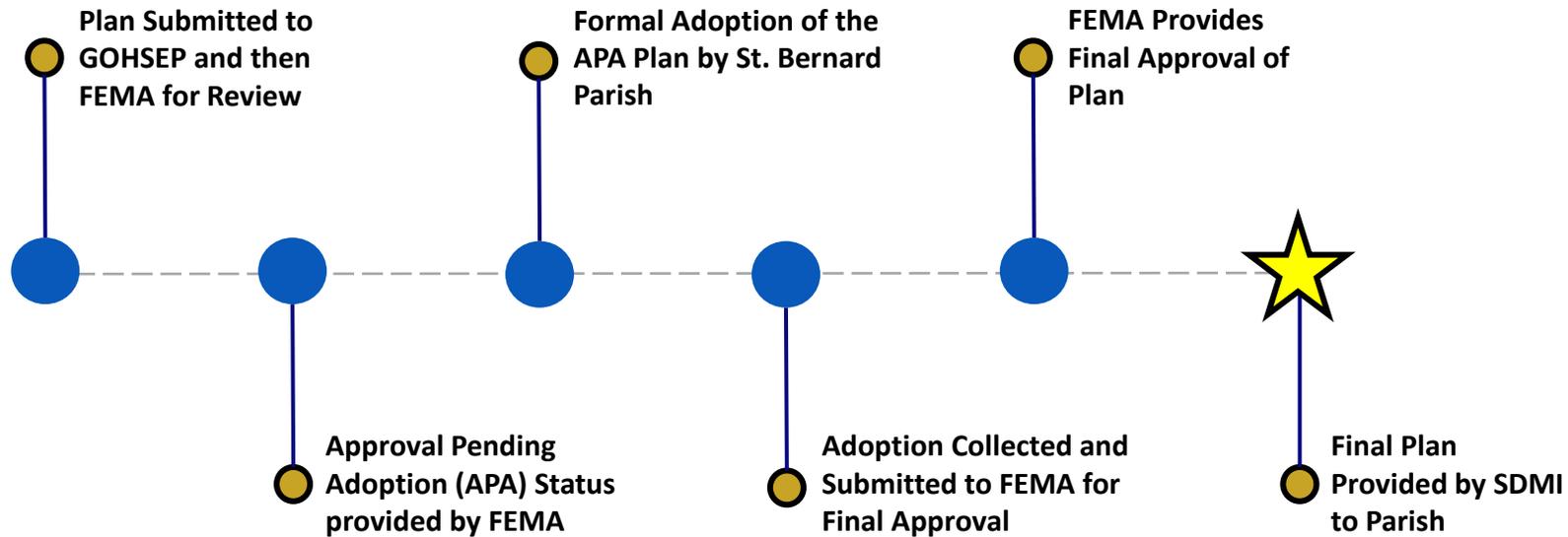
- Coastal Hazards
 - Coastal Land Loss
 - Sea Level Rise
 - Subsidence
- Flooding
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones



Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Adoption

- St. Bernard Parish **MUST** adopt the draft plan before it is submitted to GOHSEP and FEMA
- Resolutions must be formally adopted, signed, and placed into the planning document.



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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2087-12-20

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PARISH-WIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish Government has received grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, for the preparation of a hazard mitigation plan; and,

WHEREAS, our community has participated in the process to prepare a DMA compliant Hazard Mitigation Plan based on the FEMA guidance available in the How to Guides; and,

WHEREAS, our community wishes to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by the St. Bernard Parish government under the oversight of a Steering Committee comprised of Parish-wide representatives; and,

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish has participated in the mitigation planning process; and,

WHEREAS, appropriate opportunity for input by public and community officials has been provided through press releases, open meetings and availability of draft documents; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been recommended for adoption by the Steering Committee; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan is required prior to further consideration for FEMA funding under the following programs:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

Council Members:

Kerri Callais
Councilmember at Large

Richard "Richie" Lewis
Councilmember at Large

Gillis McCloskey
Councilmember District A

Joshua "Josh" Moran
Councilmember District B

Howard Luna
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Wanda Alcorn
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Councilmember District E

Roxanne Adams
Clerk of Council



The Final Product

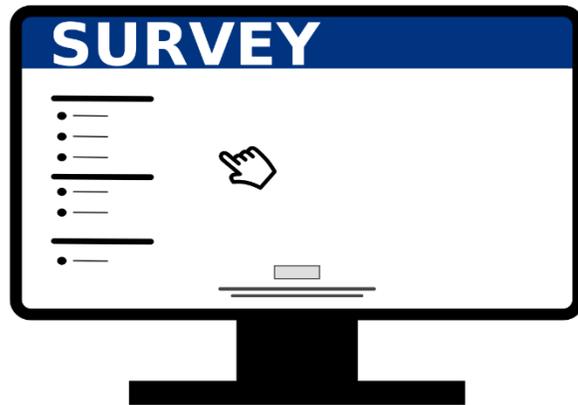
- FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Meets requirements of Title 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.
 - A hazard mitigation project strategy for St. Bernard Parish
 - A comprehensive list of parish owned 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_9QCyzhJGx7X02CG



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot displays the SDMI Hazard Mitigation website interface for St. Bernard Parish. At the top, the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo is visible, along with a navigation bar containing 'SDMI HOME', 'f', and 't' icons. Below this, a yellow banner reads 'HAZARD MITIGATION', followed by a sub-navigation bar with 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', 'Parish Plans', and 'Settings'. The main content area is titled 'St. Bernard Parish' and includes a 'PLAN DUE DATE: DECEMBER 21 2025' badge. A 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' section features a progress bar with four stages: 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' (yellow), 'PLAN REVIEW' (purple), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (purple), and 'COMPLETED' (purple). Below the progress bar, the text 'COORDINATION TBD', 'TBD', 'TBD', and 'TBD' is displayed. A 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' section lists 'St. Bernard Parish, unincorporated areas'. A calendar event for 'JAN 14' is shown, titled '2025 ST. BERNARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING' with details: 'Phone Conference 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM 1/14/2025'. The 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section lists two years: 2015 and 2020. For each year, three documents are listed with 'DOWNLOAD' buttons: '2015 ST. BERNARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING', '2015 ST. BERNARD PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC MEETING', and '2015 ST. BERNARD PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN' for 2015; and '2020 ST. BERNARD PARISH INITIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING', '2020 ST. BERNARD PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC MEETING', and '2020 ST. BERNARD PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN' for 2020. The LSU logo is at the bottom.



Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - Plaquemines was used previously
- Parish Seal/Logo
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - *Plan due 12/21/2025*
 - Initial Planning Committee Meeting
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
 - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
 - Public Meeting



