



2025 Vermilion Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

March 21, 2025



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!***



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

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
- Re-assess vulnerability to natural hazards faced by each jurisdiction
 - 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

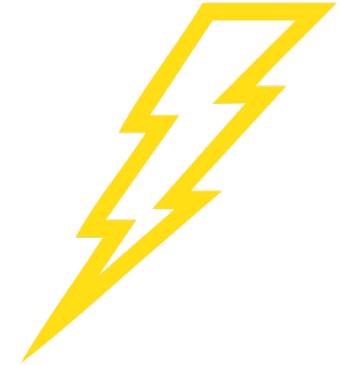
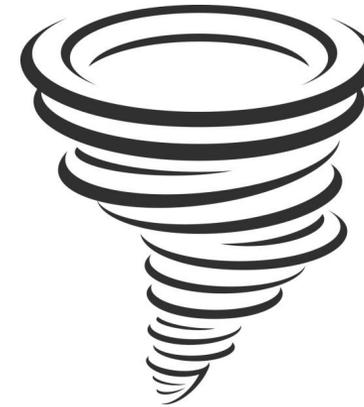
- Planning committee should consist of representatives from each participating jurisdiction, as well as people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
 - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities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



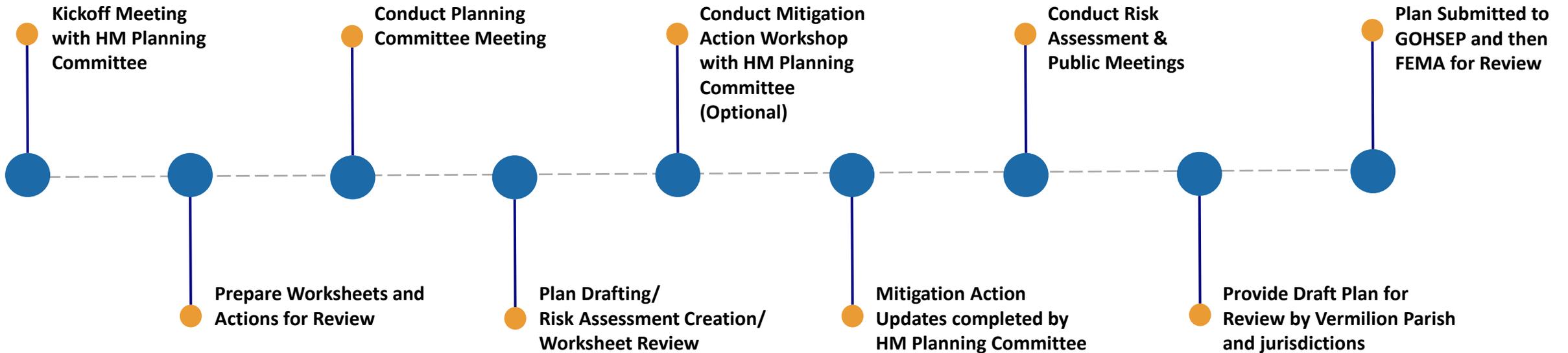
Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

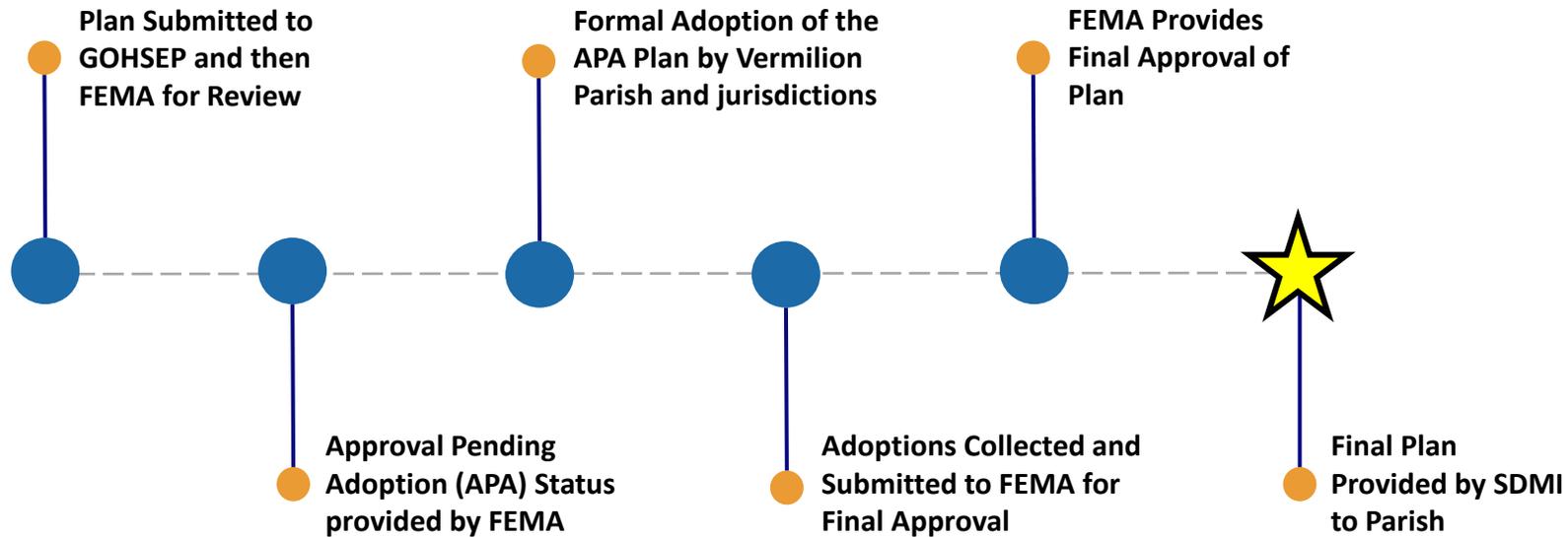
- Coastal Hazards
- Flooding
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones



Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Adoption

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

Vermilion Parish
Louisiana

**Resolution
2021-R-04**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE VERMILION PARISH
2021 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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

WHEREAS the Vermilion Parish has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2021 Vermilion Parish Hazard Mitigation Program in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS 2021 Vermilion Parish Hazard Mitigation Program identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Vermilion Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2021 Vermilion Parish Hazard Mitigation Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA,
THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with GOHSEP AND THE VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY adopts the 2021 VERMILION PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Police Jury Member Mr. Errol Domingues seconded by Police Jury Member Mr. Chad Vallo, and the following vote was recorded.

YEAS: Mr. Dane Hebert, Mr. Jason Picard, Mr. Brent Landry, Mr. Ronald Darby, Mr. Wayne Touchet, Mr. Mark Poche', Mr. Paul Bourgeois, Mr. Errol J. Domingues, Mr. Ronald Menard, Mr. Scott Broussard, Mr. Dexter Callahan, Mr. Sandrus Stelly, Mr. Chad Vallo

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Mr. Chad Lege

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:
By: 
Keith Roy, Parish Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By: 
Dane Hebert, Parish President



The Final Product

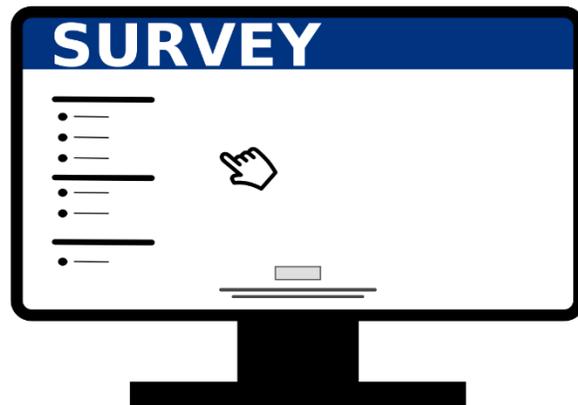
- FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Meets requirements of Title 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.
 - A hazard mitigation project strategy for Vermilion Parish and its jurisdictions
 - A comprehensive list of parish and jurisdiction 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_8r0jmBTBBjbvroy



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot displays the website interface for Vermilion Parish. 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 'Vermilion Parish' section shows a 'PLAN DUE DATE: MARCH 30 2026'. A 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' progress bar indicates the current stage: 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' (yellow), 'PLAN REVIEW' (purple), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (purple), and 'COMPLETED' (purple). Below the progress bar, a timeline shows 'COORDINATION MAR 2025' and 'TBD' for subsequent stages. The 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' section lists: City of Abbeville, City of Kaplan, Town of Delcambre, Village of Maurice, Town of Erath, and Vermilion, Unincorporated Areas. A calendar entry for 'MAR 21' highlights the '2025 VERMILION PARISH KICKOFF MEETING' as a teleconference on 03/21/2025 from 01:00 PM to 03:30 PM. The 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section is organized by year: 2020 and 2015. Each year has a grid of cards for various meetings and plans, each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Survey' section with an 'Access Survey' button. The LSU logo is at the very bottom.



Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - Iberia Parish was selected for 2020 Plan
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - *Plan due 3/30/2026*
 - Initial Planning Committee Meeting
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
 - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
 - Public Meeting



