



# 2026 Beaugard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

5/20/2025







# 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

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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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

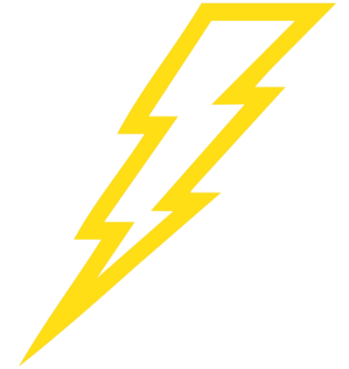
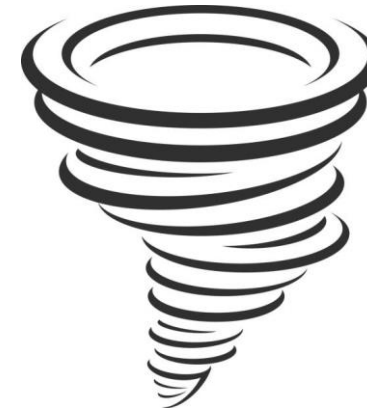
- Planning committee should consist of people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
  - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities
- Responsibilities of representatives include:
  - Verifying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

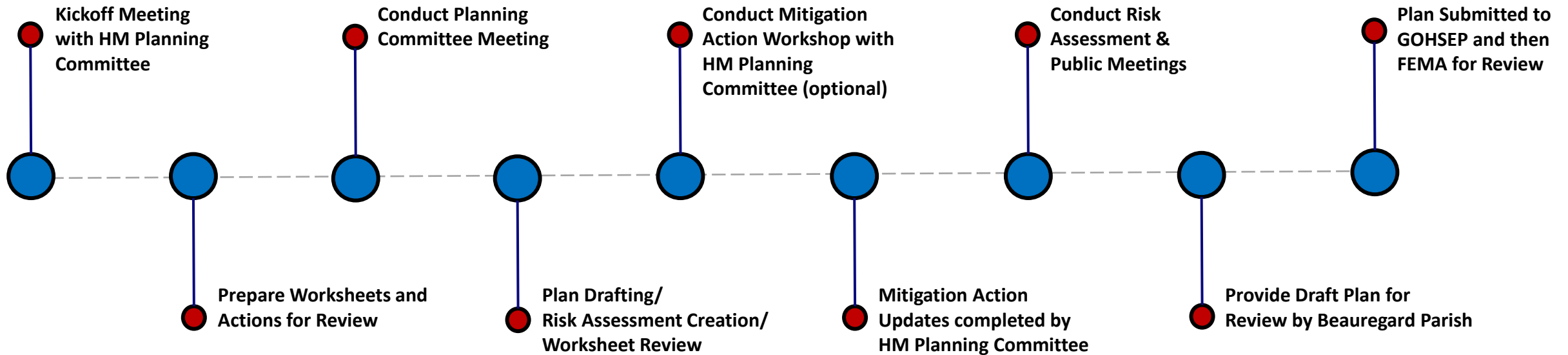
## Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

- Drought
- Excessive Heat
- Flooding
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Weather

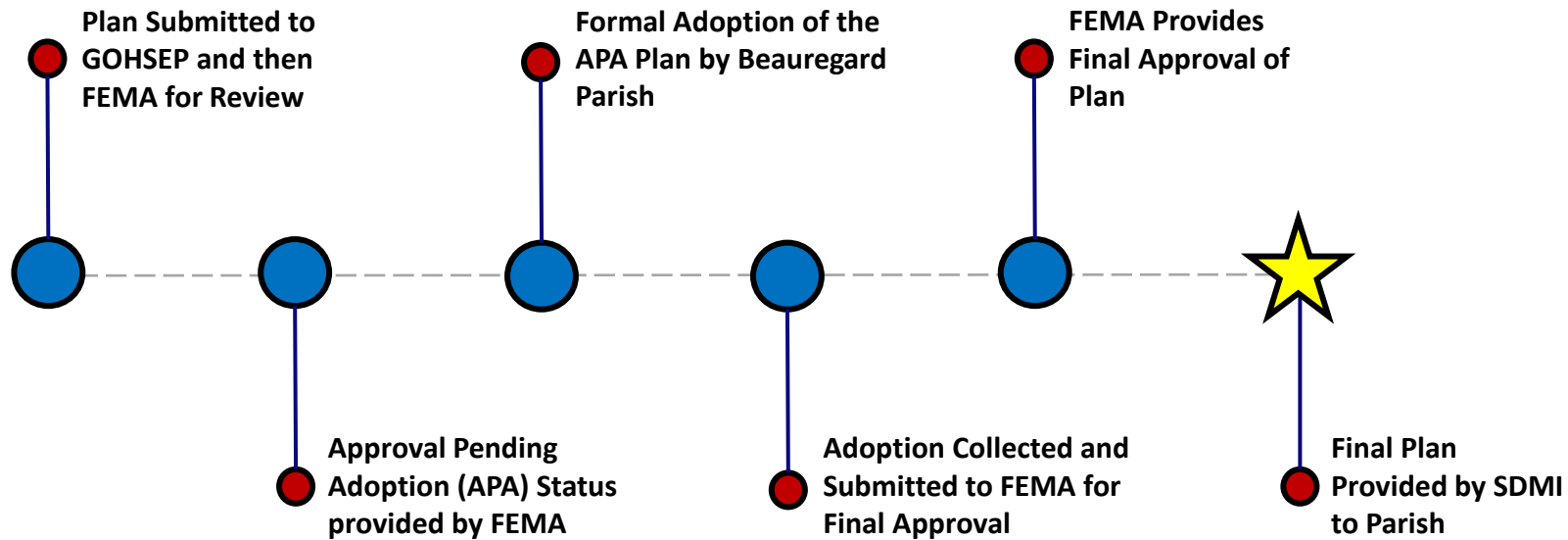




# Plan Update Process Timeline



# Plan Approval Timeline



# 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 Beauregard Parish and the incorporated jurisdictions
  - 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

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# SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot displays the SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website for Beauregard 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 shows the "Beauregard Parish" page with a "PLAN DUE DATE: MAY 3 2026". A "DEVELOPMENT STATUS" section features a progress bar with stages: "PLAN DEVELOPMENT", "PLAN REVIEW", "PLAN ADOPTION", and "COMPLETED". Below this, "PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS" lists "Beauregard Parish, Unincorporated areas", "City of DeRidder", and "Town of Merryville". A "PREVIOUS PLANS" section lists events for 2021 and 2016, each with a "DOWNLOAD" button. The footer features the LSU logo.

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HAZARD MITIGATION

Intro Events FEMA Resources Parish Plans Settings

Beauregard Parish

PLAN DUE DATE: MAY 3 2026

DEVELOPMENT STATUS

PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW PLAN ADOPTION COMPLETED

COORDINATION TBD TBD TBD TBD

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

- Beauregard Parish, Unincorporated areas
- City of DeRidder
- Town of Merryville

MAY 20 BEAUREGARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING

Phone Conference 09:30 AM - 10:00 AM 5/20/2025

PREVIOUS PLANS

2021

- BEAUREGARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING DOWNLOAD
- BEAUREGARD PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING DOWNLOAD
- BEAUREGARD PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DOWNLOAD

2016

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# Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
  - Calcasieu was used previously
- Parish Seal/Logo
- Dates for Next Meetings
  - *Plan due 5/3/2026*
  - Initial Planning Committee Meeting
  - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
  - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
  - Public Meeting



