



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

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

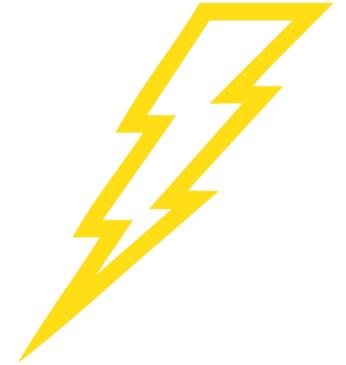
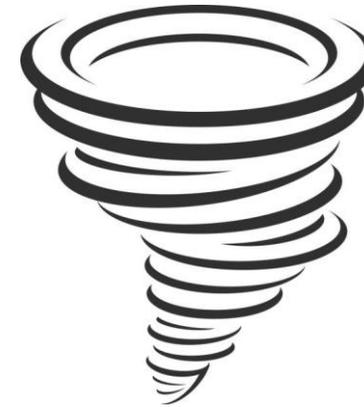
- Planning committee should consist of people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
 - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities
- Responsibilities of representatives include:
 - Verifying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



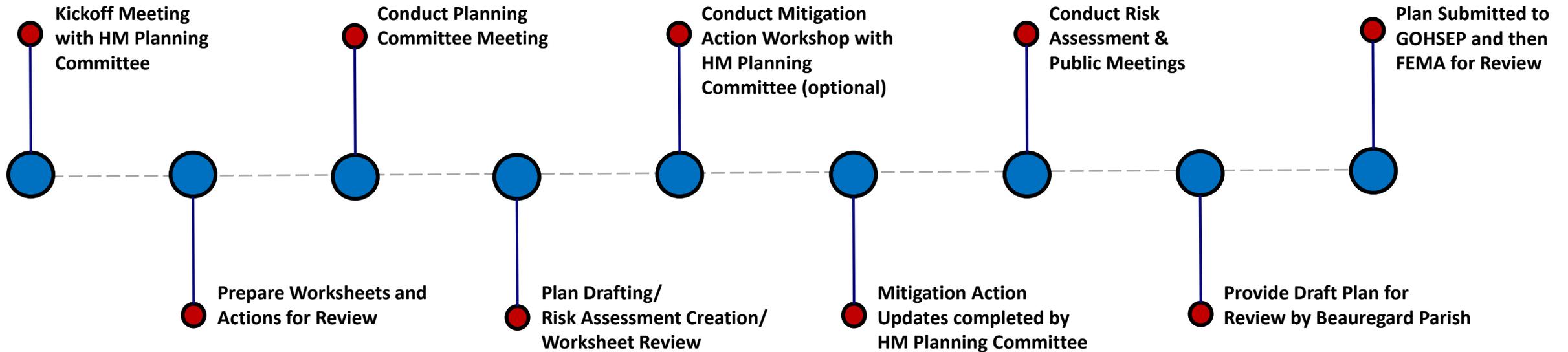
Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

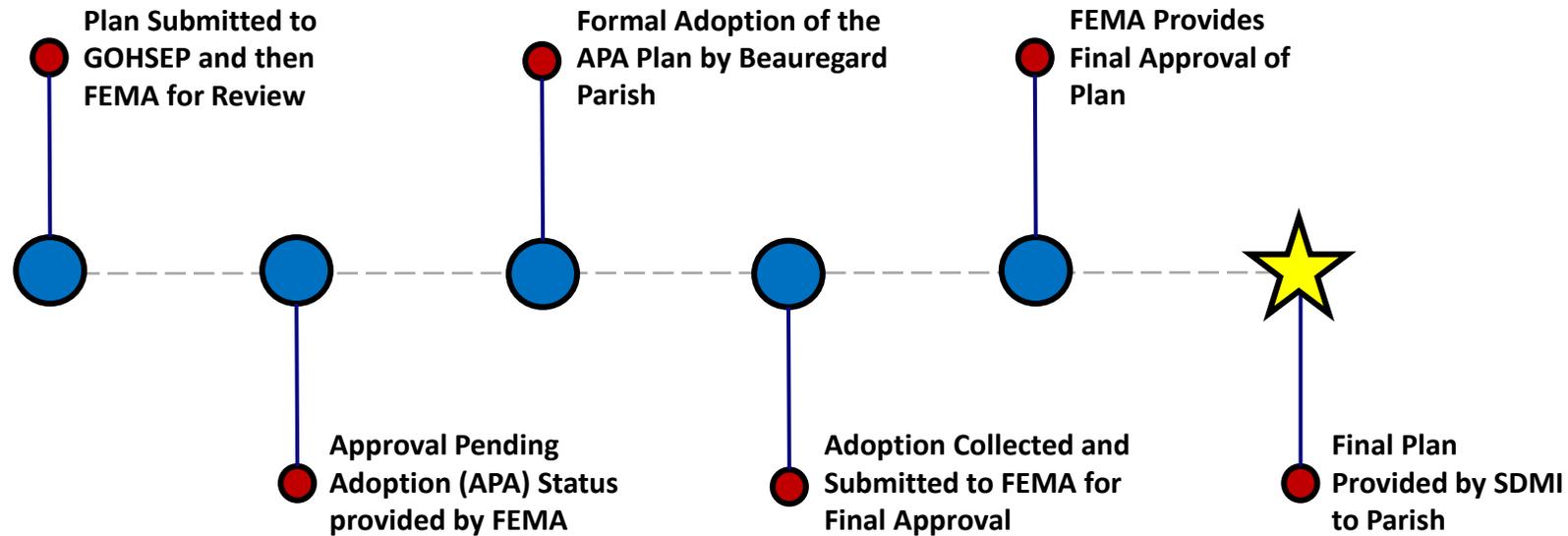
- Drought
- Excessive Heat
- Flooding
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Weather



Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



The Final Product

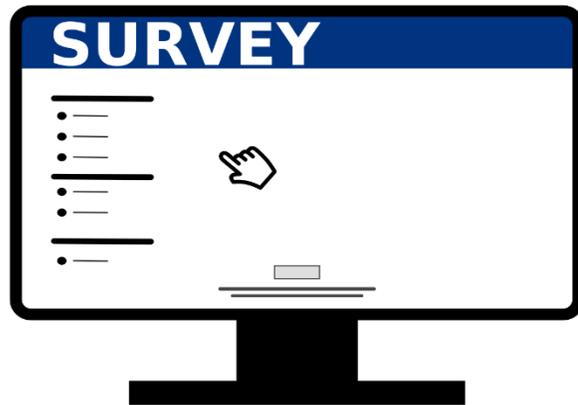
- FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Meets requirements of Title 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.
 - A hazard mitigation project strategy for Beauregard Parish and the incorporated jurisdictions
 - A comprehensive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

https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_71wTsRxOdewMWHQ



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot displays the website interface for the SDMI Hazard Mitigation website. 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'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', 'Parish Plans', and 'Settings'. The main content area is titled 'Beauregard Parish' and features a 'PLAN DUE DATE: MAY 3 2026' badge. A 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' section shows a progress bar with four stages: 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' (yellow), 'PLAN REVIEW' (purple), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (purple), and 'COMPLETED' (purple). Below the progress bar, a timeline indicates 'COORDINATION TBD', 'TBD', 'TBD', and 'TBD'. A 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' section lists 'Beauregard Parish, Unincorporated areas', 'City of DeRidder', and 'Town of Merryville'. A calendar event for 'MAY 20' is titled 'BEAUREGARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING' and is a 'Phone Conference' on '09:30 AM - 10:00 AM 5/20/2025'. The 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section is divided into '2021' and '2016' categories. Each category contains three items: 'BEAUREGARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING', 'BEAUREGARD PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING', and 'BEAUREGARD PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN', each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. The LSU logo is at the bottom right.



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



