



2026 Tangipahoa Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

June 4th, 2025

Introductions

- **Tangipahoa Parish**
 - Tracie Schillace – Tangipahoa Parish Planning Director
 - Dawson Primes – Tangipahoa OHSEP Director
 - Planning Committee Members
- **Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI)**
 - Chris Rippetoe – Hazard Mitigation Program Manager
 - Jason Martin – Emergency Management Analyst
- **Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)**
 - Jeffrey Giering – State Hazard Mitigation Officer
 - Marion Pearson – Hazard Mitigation Planner
 - Lennie LaFleur – Preparedness Program Specialist



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?

What Is Hazard Mitigation?

Actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from natural hazards to people and property

Common Mitigation Activities

Ongoing process that occurs before, during and after events

Enhances community resilience and guides future development

Infrastructure Improvements

Regulatory & Policy Implementation

Education & Outreach Programs

Benefits of Hazard Mitigation



Saves Lives

Protects
residents and
first
responders



Reduces Property Damage

Increases
building,
infrastructure
and
community
resiliency



Minimizes Economic Disruptions

Reduces
disaster
recovery costs

Why Have A Hazard Mitigation Plan

Planning efforts help communities become more resilient and sustainable

- Provides platform for input from diverse group of stakeholders
- Identifies most prevalent hazards in the community
- Outlines a strategy to protect community from hazards

Maintains community eligibility for federal post-disaster mitigation funding

- Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 Section 322
- Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §201.6
- **No Plan = No Mitigation Money = No Projects!**

HMP Update Requirements



Must be updated and receive FEMA approval every five years

- Reassess risks, vulnerabilities & mitigation strategy
- Must reflect changes in conditions & development



Must include a robust planning committee/ stakeholder group

- Incorporated jurisdictions
- Local/parish agencies
- Local business/ industry
- Underserved populations



Must identify and evaluate the risks from natural hazards

- Types/sources of hazards
- Location/extent
- Impacts on community
- Previous occurrences
- Potential for future events



Must outline strategy for reducing impacts for identified risks

- Set clear goals/ objectives
- Identify actions or projects
- Establish timelines, responsible parties & funding sources



Must be formally adopted by all participating jurisdictions

- All HM plans in LA are multi-jurisdictional
- Administered at parish level
- Incorporated communities within parish must also adopt

Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

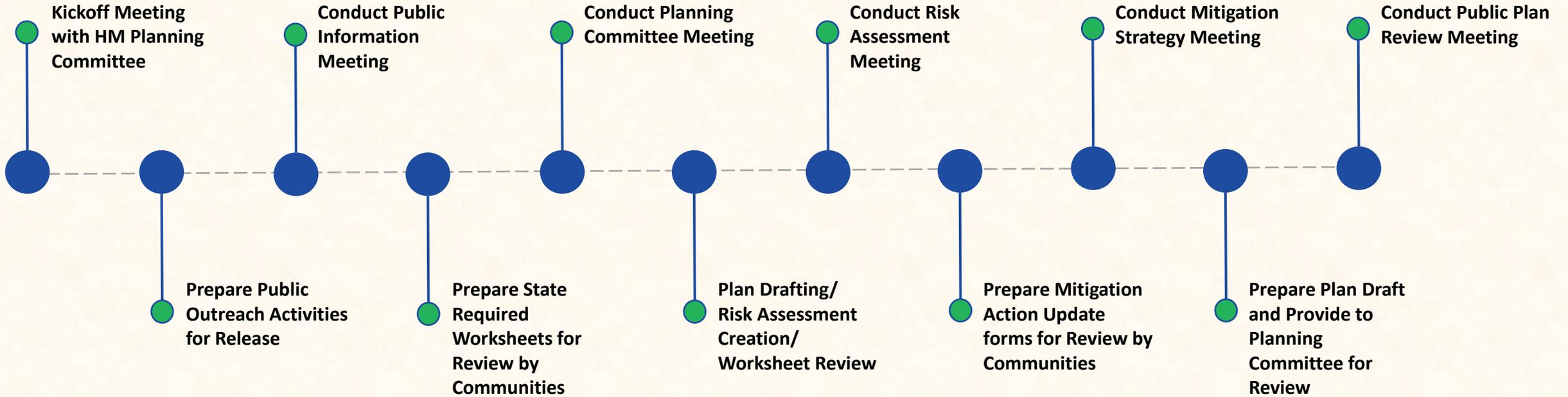
Previously Profiled Hazards

- Coastal Land Loss
- Flooding
- Subsidence
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Storms
- Bioterrorism*
- Cyber Security*
- Pandemic*

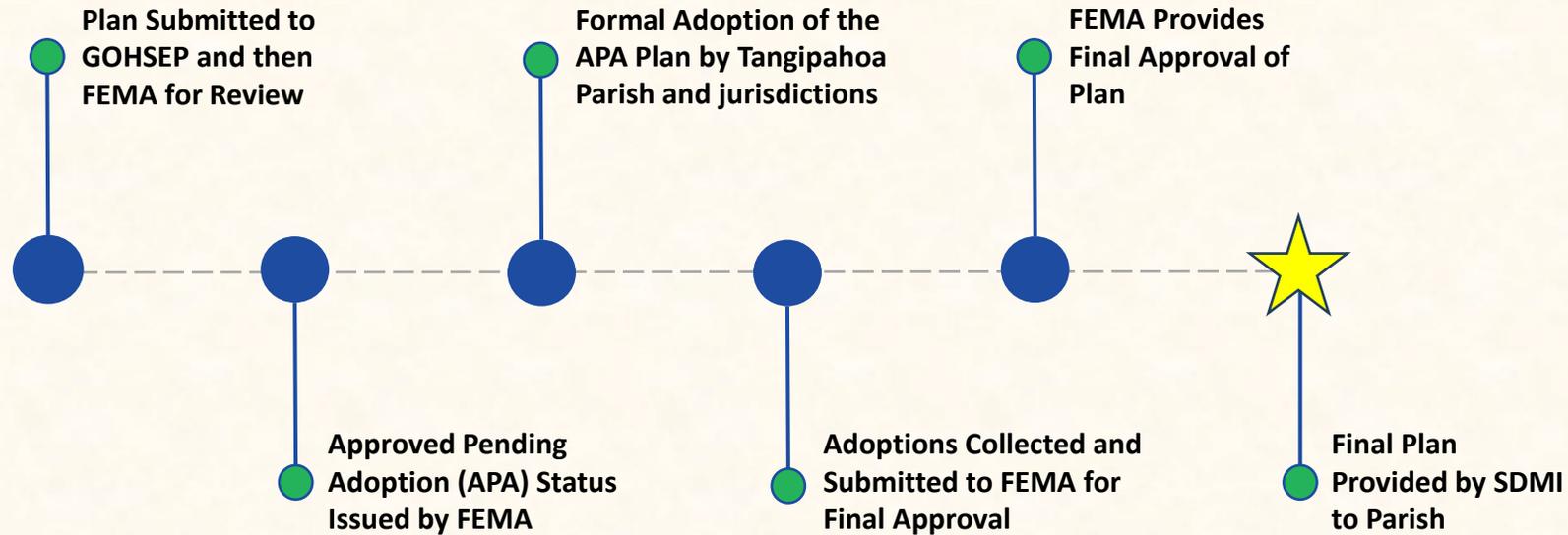
National Risk Index

- Heat Wave
- Ice Storm
- Lightning
- Riverine Flooding
- Strong Wind
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Winter Weather

Plan Update Process Timeline

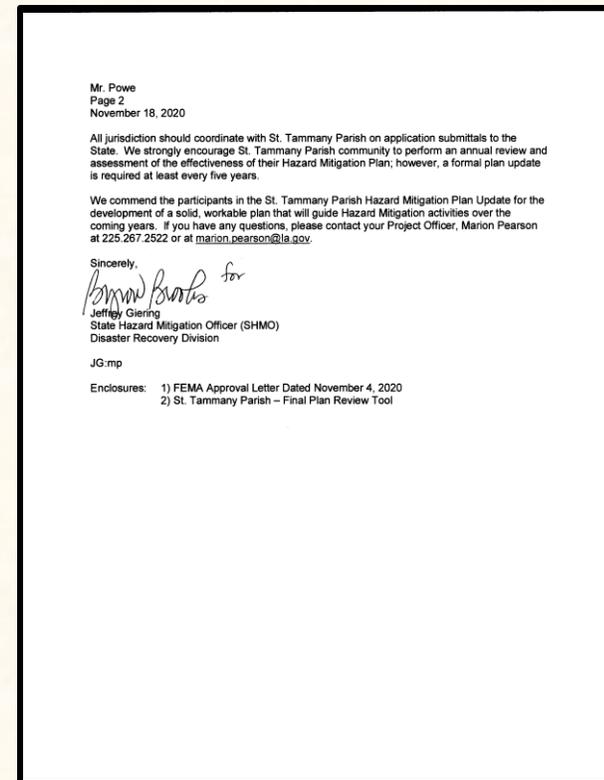
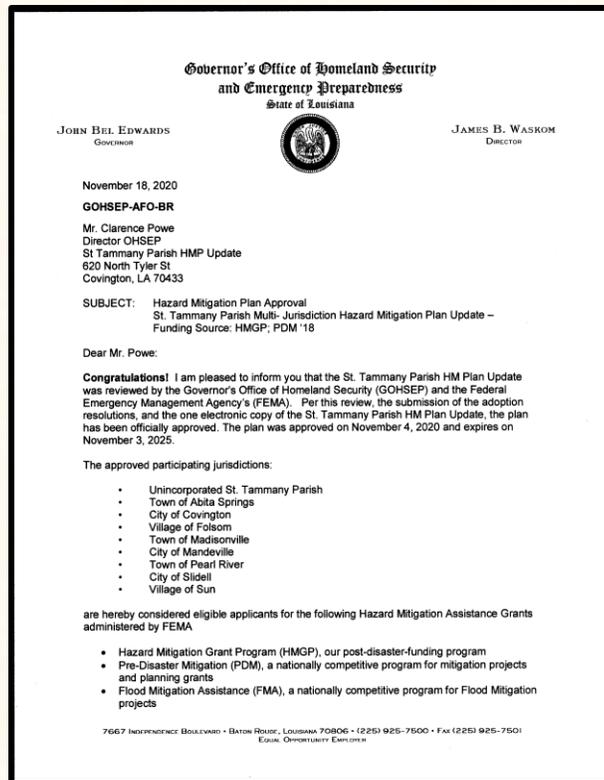


Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Adoption

- Tangipahoa Parish and all jurisdictions **MUST** adopt the final plan once it is approved by FEMA
- Parish and jurisdiction resolutions must be formally adopted, signed, and included in the final planning document



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.
 - Assessment of natural disaster-related risks and vulnerabilities
 - A comprehensive list of parish owned properties
 - A hazard mitigation project strategy for Tangipahoa Parish

Community Rating System (CRS)



The CRS program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that encourages communities to participate in enhanced floodplain management practices



Participating communities can receive flood insurance premium discounts for all NFIP policies, including those outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)



Tangipahoa Parish currently carries a Class 8 rating, resulting in a 10% premium reduction for policyholders

Activity 512.a: Floodplain Management Plan (FMP)

- The FMP is divided into 10 steps
 - Each step has a different set of tasks/activities to complete in order to receive credit
- Some of the steps that are included in the FMP will be satisfied through the completion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- The maximum points an FMP can receive is 382.

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_9M0IPLM7nkr2xzo



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot displays the website interface for the Tangipahoa Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan. At the top, the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo is visible, along with a 'SDMI HOME' button and social media icons. The main navigation bar includes 'HAZARD MITIGATION' and sub-menu items: 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', 'Parish Plans', and 'Settings'. The page title is 'Tangipahoa Parish' with a 'PLAN DUE DATE: JUNE 15 2026' indicator.

The 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' section features a progress bar with four stages: 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' (yellow), 'PLAN REVIEW' (purple), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (purple), and 'COMPLETED' (purple). Below this, a timeline shows 'KICKOFF MEETING JUN 2025' (TBD), 'PLAN REVIEW' (TBD), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (TBD), and 'COMPLETED' (TBD).

The 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' section lists the following entities:

- City of Amite
- City of Hammond
- Town of Independence
- Town of Kentwood
- City of Ponchatoula
- Town of Roseland
- Village of Tangipahoa
- Village of Tickfaw
- Tangipahoa, Unincorporated Areas

The 'MEETINGS' section lists two events:

- MAR 13** MEETING #0: PRE-PLANNING COORDINATION
Zoom
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 3/13/2025
- JUN 4** MEETING #1: TANGIPAHOA HMP KICKOFF MEETING
15485 W. Club Deluxe Rd., Hammond, LA
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM 6/4/2025

The 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section shows two categories:

- 2020**: 2020 TANGIPAHOA PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (DOWNLOAD)
- 2015**: 2015 TANGIPAHOA PARISH KICKOFF MEETING (DOWNLOAD), 2015 TANGIPAHOA PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC MEETING (DOWNLOAD), 2015 TANGIPAHOA PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (DOWNLOAD)

The 'Survey' section includes an 'Access Survey' button.

The footer features the LSU logo.



Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - St. Tammany was used previously
- Timeframes for Next Meetings
 - Public Information Meeting
 - Must be held in affected area within 60 days of Kickoff Meeting
 - Planning Committee Meeting
 - Risk Assessment Meeting
 - Mitigation Strategy Meeting
 - Public Plan Review Meeting



