



2026 Livingston Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

CRS Pre-Planning Discussion

May 13, 2025



Agenda



Introductions



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Introductions

- **Livingston Parish & CRS Community Representatives**
 - Chad Berry – Livingston Parish OHSEP
 - Heather Crain – Livingston Parish Grants Office
 - Cindy O’Neal & Kimberly Hymel – Livingston Parish Floodplain Management
 - Lynette Richardson & Nancy Kimble – City of Walker Floodplain Management
 - Rick Foster – City of Denham Springs Floodplain Management
- **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)**
 - Lennie LaFleur– Preparedness Program Specialist
 - Marion Pearson – Hazard Mitigation Planner



Hazard Mitigation Plan Requirements



Must include a robust planning committee/ stakeholder group

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



Must identify and evaluate the risk 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

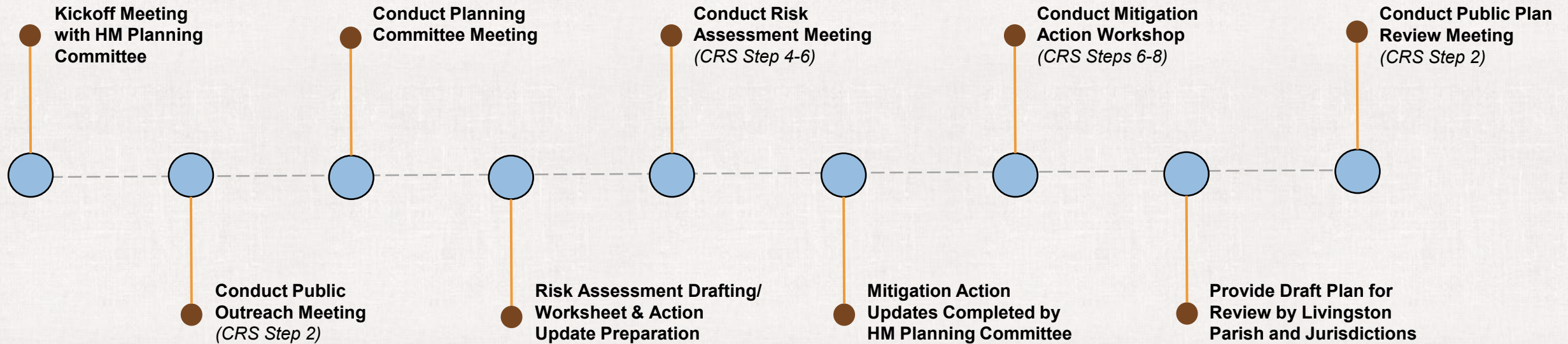
- All HM plans in LA are multi-jurisdictional
- Administered at parish level
- Incorporated communities within parish must also adopt



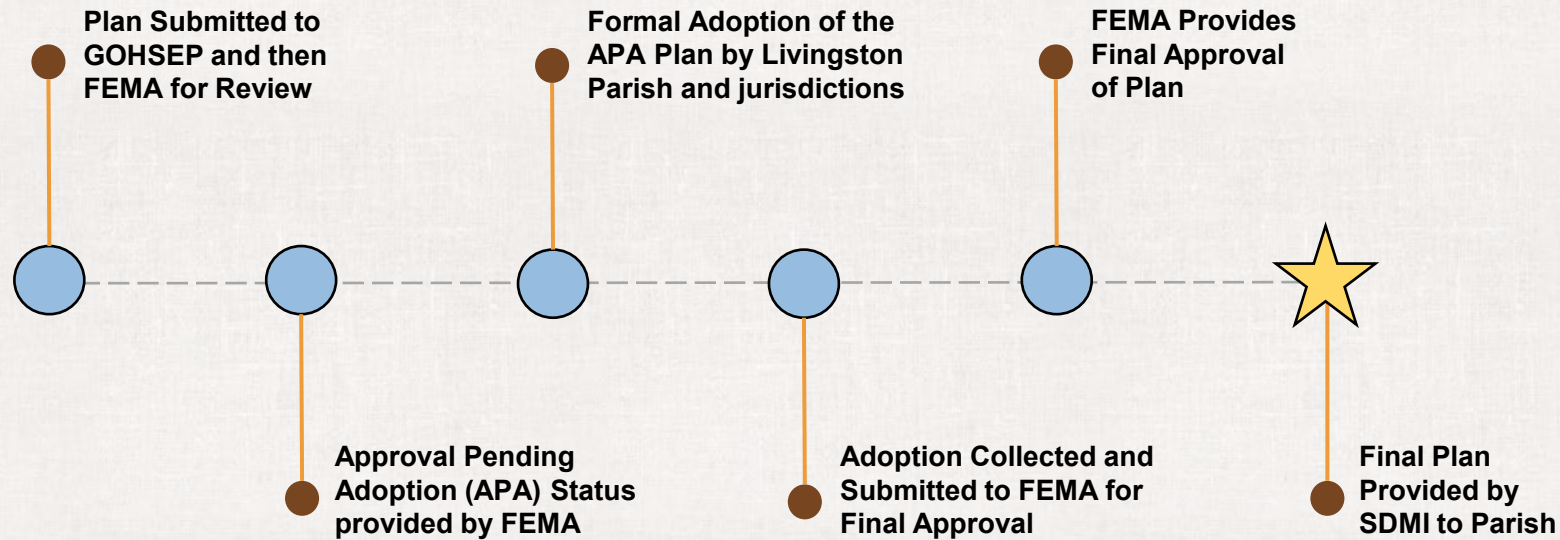
Must be updated and receive FEMA approval every five years

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

Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



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)



- Livingston Parish – Class 10*
- Denham Springs – Class 7
- Walker – Class 7

Activity 512.a:

Floodplain Management Plan (FMP)

- The maximum points an FMP can receive is 382
- The FMP is divided into 10 steps
 - Each step has a different set of tasks/activities to complete in order to receive credit.
- Some steps included in the FMP will be satisfied through the standard planning process
 - Others are specific to the CRS process and require special attention



Step 1: Organize to Prepare the Plan

- **Max 15 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - Participating CRS communities must have at least two representatives on the planning committee and at least half must attend all meetings.
 - Representative from the community's land use and comprehensive planning office is actively involved in the planning process **(4 pts)**
 - Planning committee is formally recognized via resolution by the community's governing body **(2 pts)**
 - Committee includes representatives of departments that have expertise or responsibilities related to Step 7 activities **(9 pts)**
 - Preventive Measures, Property Protection, Natural Resource Protection, Emergency Services, Structural/Flood Control Projects, & Public Information.



Step 2: Involve the Public

- **Max 120 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - If the committee includes government staff, then half of the representatives of the committee must be made up of stakeholders/members of the public **(Up to 60 pts)**
 - All meetings must be open to the public
 - Additional meeting held in affected area within first two months of the planning process **(15 pts)**
 - One or more public meetings held at least two weeks prior to the submission of the plan **(15 pts)**
 - Additional outreach & public info initiatives **(Up to 30 pts)**
 - Website hosting planning materials, survey questionnaires, brochures, public webcast etc.



Step 3: Coordinate

- **Max 35 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - Include review of existing studies, reports and technical information **(5 pts, REQUIRED)**
 - Review community needs and goals, past flood studies, disaster damage reports, natural area plans, etc.
 - Coordinate with agencies outside of government structure **(Up to 30 pts)**
 - One point is awarded for each agency contacted
 - Two points are awarded for having a meeting or phone conversation with the organization
 - Must keep record of coordination!



Step 4: Assess the Hazard

- **Max 35 points possible**

- *Some portions of this step will be satisfied by SDMI's Risk Assessment*

- **Credit Requirements/Opportunities:**

- Include an assessment of the flood hazard area **(15 pts, REQUIRED)**

- Maps, descriptions of flood hazards particular to the community, source of water inundation, flood depths, velocities, warning times, and discussion of previous events

- **Assessment of less frequent flood hazards (10 pts)**

- Inventory of levees or dams, special flood hazards (uncertain flow paths, closed basin lakes, ice jams, subsidence, mudflows, coastal erosion)

- **Assessment of areas likely to flood or get worse over time due to changes in floodplain development/development in watershed, demographics, climate change, sea level rise. (Up to 5 pts)**

- **Assessment of magnitude, severity, history, and probability of future events for other natural hazards (5 pts)**



Step 5: Assess the Problem

- **Max 52 points possible**

- *Some portions of this step will be satisfied by SDMI's Risk Assessment*

- **Credit Requirements/Opportunities:**

- Description of community's vulnerability to hazards identified in Risk Assessment **(2 pts, REQUIRED)**
 - Plan includes description of how hazards can impact the following items:
 - Life & safety and the need for warning & evacuating the public **(5 pts)**
 - Public health, health hazards from flood waters and mold **(5 pts)**
 - Critical facilities and infrastructure **(5 pts)**
 - Community's economy and major employers **(5 pts)**
 - Number/types of buildings affected & how many are insured **(5 pts)**
 - Review of historical damage to buildings, including repetitive loss properties, properties that have received flood insurance claim payments and/or estimated damage and dollar losses **(5 pts)**
 - Description of areas providing natural functions such as wetlands & riparian areas **(5 pts)**
 - Description of development, redevelopment, and population trends impacting the watershed **(7 pts)**
 - Describe impact of future flooding conditions on people, property, and natural floodplain functions **(8 pts)**



Step 6: Set Goals

- **Max 2 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - Establish goals of the floodplain management or hazard mitigation program
 - Must address problems identified in Step 5
 - 2021 Livingston Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals:
 1. Identify and pursue preventative measures that will reduce future damages from hazards.
 2. Enhance public awareness and understanding of disaster preparedness
 3. Reduce repetitive flood losses
 4. Facilitate sound development in the parish and municipalities to reduce or eliminate the potential impacts of hazards.



Step 7: Review Possible Activities

- **Max 35 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - Review of proposed activities. The review must...
 - Discuss the community's capability to fund and implement said activity
 - If the activity is currently in progress, the plan should state if it is achieving expectations, and if not, does it need to be modified
 - If the plan is an update, each activity recommended from the previous plan must be discussed and provide status updates.
 - The following action types must be reviewed **(5 pts each)**:
 - Preventive Measures *(REQUIRED)*
 - Floodplain Management Regulatory Standards
 - Property Protection
 - Natural Resource Protection
 - Emergency Services
 - Structural Projects
 - Public Information/Outreach Activities



Step 8: Draft an Action Plan

- **Max 60 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - Draft an action plan with the following requirements
 - Who is responsible for implementing the action plan
 - When will it be done (no specific date necessary)
 - How will it be funded
 - Action prioritization
 - A goal must be tied to each action and each goal needs to satisfy at least one action
 - For maximum credit, the action plan needs to...
 - Include flood-related recommendations for activities from five of the six categories listed on the previous slide.
 - Establish or revise post disaster redevelopment and mitigation policies and procedures
 - Include actions items for other hazards identified in the Risk Assessment



Step 9: Adopt the Plan

- **Max 2 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - The community must formally adopt the completed plan via resolution
 - Addendum or minutes sheet **WILL NOT** suffice



**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WALKER, LOUISIANA**

The following Resolution was offered by a motion from Gary Griffin, seconded by Richard Wales:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
LIVINGSTON PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR 2021**

WHEREAS the City of Walker recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Walker; and,

WHEREAS the City of Walker has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2021 Livingston Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and,

WHEREAS the 2021 Livingston Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Walker from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and,


WHEREAS adoption by the City of Walker demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2021 Livingston Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.


This Resolution shall take effect immediately. This Resolution having been submitted to a vote. The vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas:	Cook, Clark, Griffin, Major, Wales
Nays:	NONE
Absent:	NONE

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted on the 8th day of June 14, 2021, by the Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana, at the regular scheduled meeting at the City Hall, Walker, Louisiana, on said date, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted unanimously in favor thereof and this Resolution has not been revoked or rescinded.


Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk


Mr. Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Step 10: Implement, Evaluate & Revise

- **Max 26 points possible**
- Credit Requirements/Opportunities:
 - List procedures for monitoring implementation, reviewing progress, and recommending revisions to the plan during annual evaluation reports (**2 pts, REQUIRED**)
 - Evaluation reports must be submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public.
 - Meeting frequency of Monitoring & Implementation Evaluation committee determines point accrual
 - Annual meetings – **6 points**
 - Semiannual meetings – **12 points**
 - Quarterly meetings – **24 points**



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_eXwdcceeqbVWzgW



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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



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HAZARD MITIGATION

Intro Events FEMA Resources Parish Plans Settings

Livingston Parish

PLAN DUE DATE: JULY 14 2026

DEVELOPMENT STATUS

PLAN DEVELOPMENT	PLAN REVIEW	PLAN ADOPTION	COMPLETED
COORDINATION TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

● Unincorporated Livingston Parish	● Town of Albany	● City of Denham Springs	● Village of French Settlement
● Village of Killian	● Town of Livingston	● Village of Port Vincent	● Town of Springfield
● City of Walker			

PREVIOUS PLANS

2021

2021 LIVINGSTON PARISH INITIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING	2021 LIVINGSTON PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING	2021 LIVINGSTON PARISH MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
DOWNLOAD	DOWNLOAD	DOWNLOAD

Survey

Access Survey

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Next Steps

- Review all CRS material provided by SDMI
- Formation of Planning Committee
 - Must meet CRS Requirements!
 - Stakeholder Outreach Form
- Formal recognition of Planning Committee by governing body
- Dates for Upcoming Meetings?
 - Kick-Off Meeting
 - Public Outreach Meeting
 - Must be held within the first two months of the planning process



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