



# St. John the Baptist Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Meeting

October 6, 2021



# Introductions

- **St. John the Baptist Parish OHSEP Director/Parish Staff**
- **Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at LSU**
  - Lauren Morgan – Associate Director, Disaster Management Programs
  - Chris Rippetoe – Hazard Mitigation Program Manager
- **Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**
  - Jeffrey Giering – State Hazard Mitigation Officer
  - Marion Pearson – Hazard Mitigation Planner



# Agenda



**Introductions**



**Hazard Mitigation  
Overview**



**Planning Process**



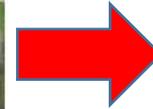
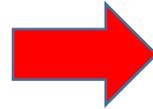
**Risk Assessment  
Maps**



**Public Outreach  
Activities**



# Why Are We Here?



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE - 2015



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# Hazard Mitigation Is....

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Any action taken to reduce long term risk to life and property;

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On-going process that occurs before, during, and after disasters;

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Mitigation actions help prevent damage to a *community's infrastructure, economic, cultural and environmental assets*;

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Implementation of mitigation actions leads to building stronger, safer and smarter!



# Why Are We Required To Have A Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000)

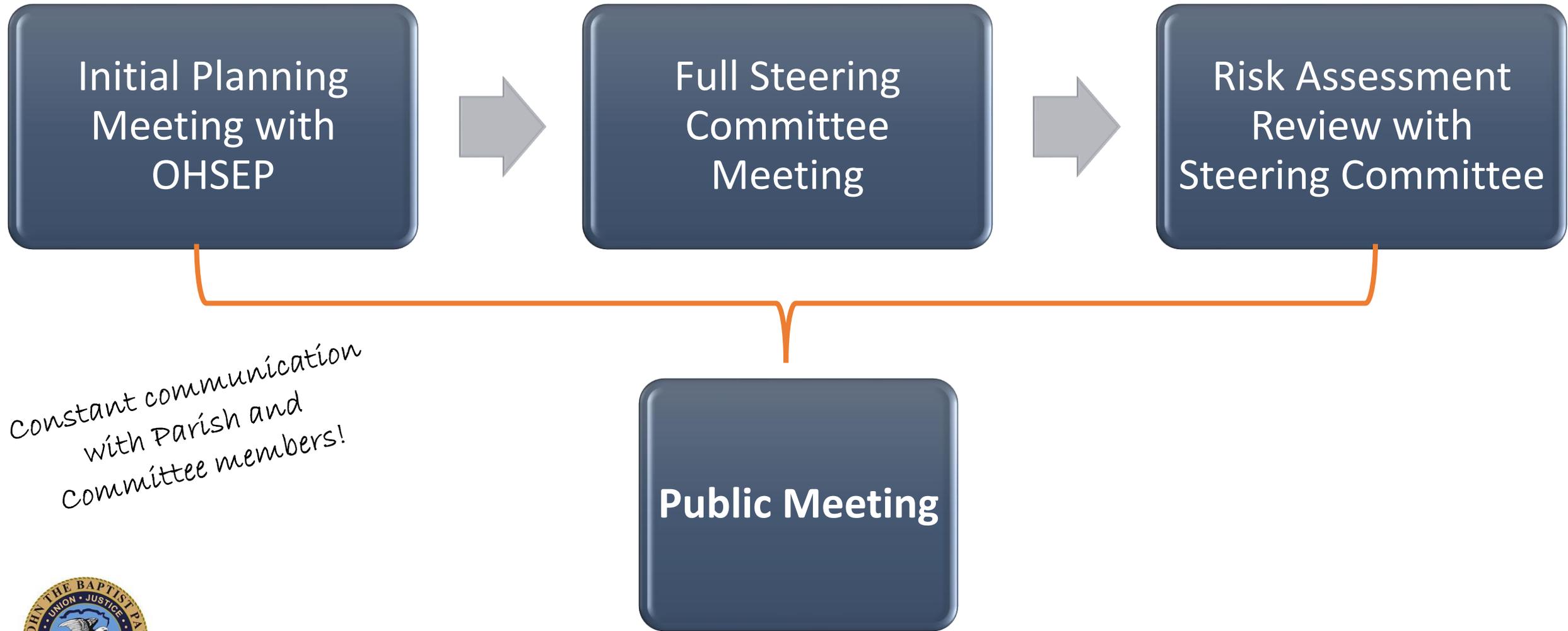
*Section 322 of the Act specifically addresses mitigation planning and requires state and local governments to prepare multi-hazard migration plans as a precondition for receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.*

- Meet federal requirements of Title 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.



- The approved St. John the Baptist Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow for distribution of HM funding following future disasters.

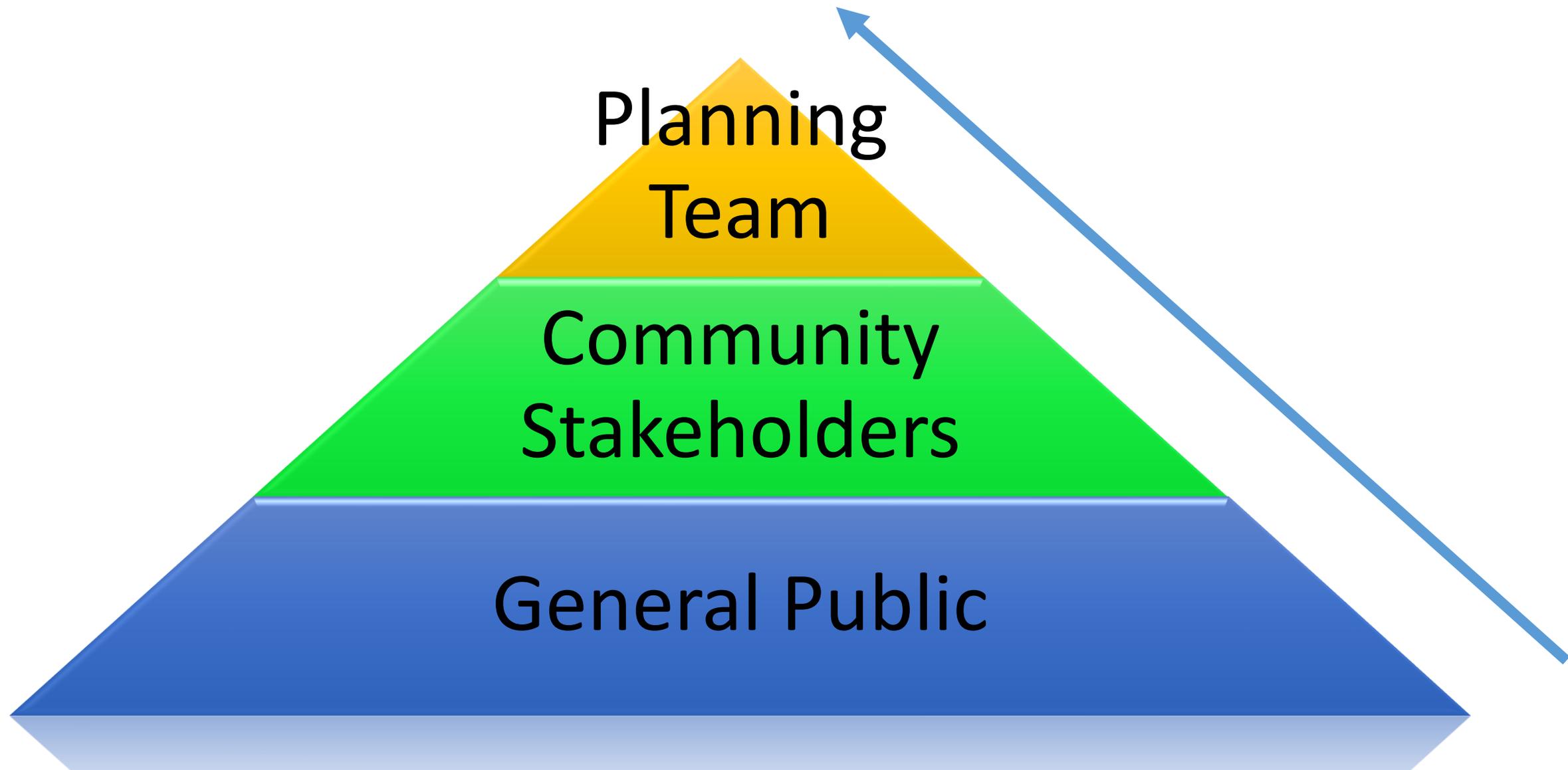
# Planning Process to Date



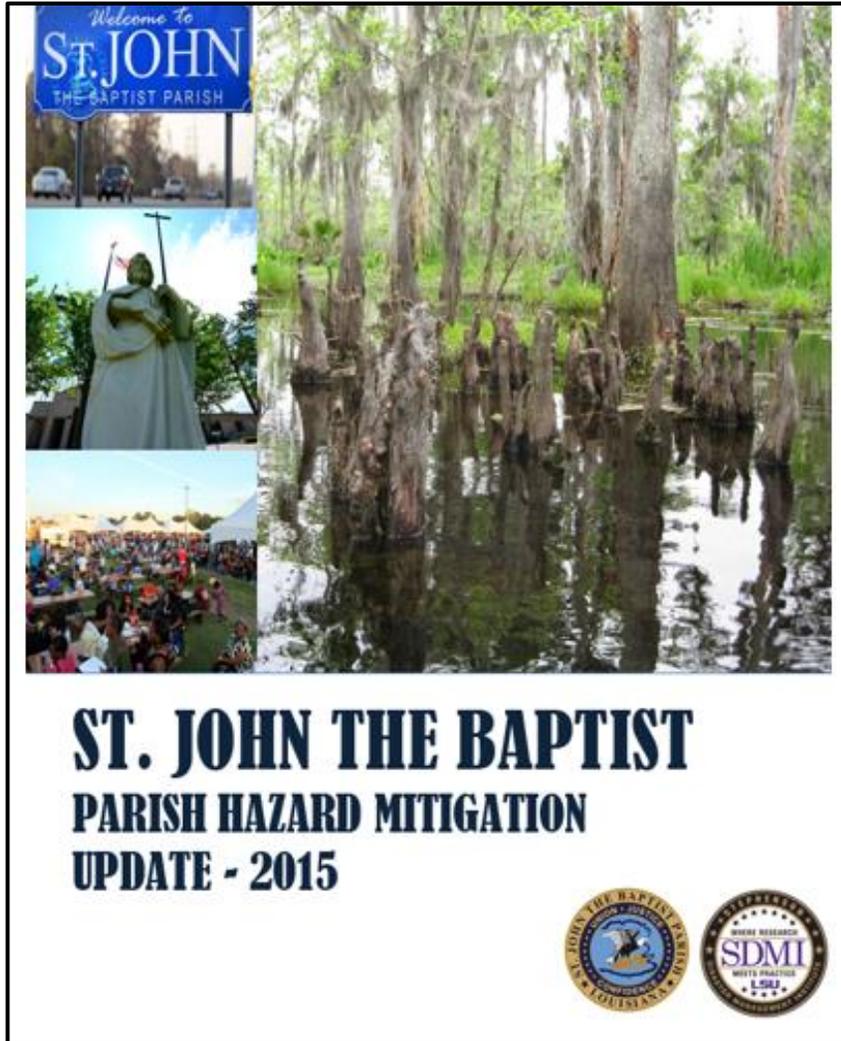
*Constant communication with Parish and Committee members!*



# Collaborative Planning Approach



# Planning Development



# Plan Layout

- **Section 1: Introduction**
  - Updated parish description
  - Updated demographics
  - Economics
- **Section 2: Hazard Identification and Parish-wide Risk Assessment**
- **Section 3: Capability Assessment**
- **Section 4: Mitigation Strategies**
  - New actions
  - Action updates
  - Survey results



# Plan Layout

- **Appendix A:** Planning Process
- **Appendix B:** Plan Maintenance
- **Appendix C:** Parish Essential Facilities
- **Appendix D:** Plan Adoption
- **Appendix E:** State Required Worksheets



# Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- The plan includes descriptions of the natural hazards that affect the jurisdictions in the planning area.
- The hazards identification includes the following:
  - *locations affected*
  - *extent or strength*
  - *previous occurrences*
  - *probability of future events*



# Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Based on Currently Profiled Risks
- Any Newly Identified Risks
- Prevalent Hazards
- Previous Occurrences
- Probability of Future Events
- Assets Inventory
- Essential Facilities
- Hazard Impact
- Future Development
- Future Hazard Impacts
- Zoning and Land Use
- Hazard Profiles



# Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Drought
- Expansive Soils
- Flooding
- Thunderstorms



- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Winter Weather

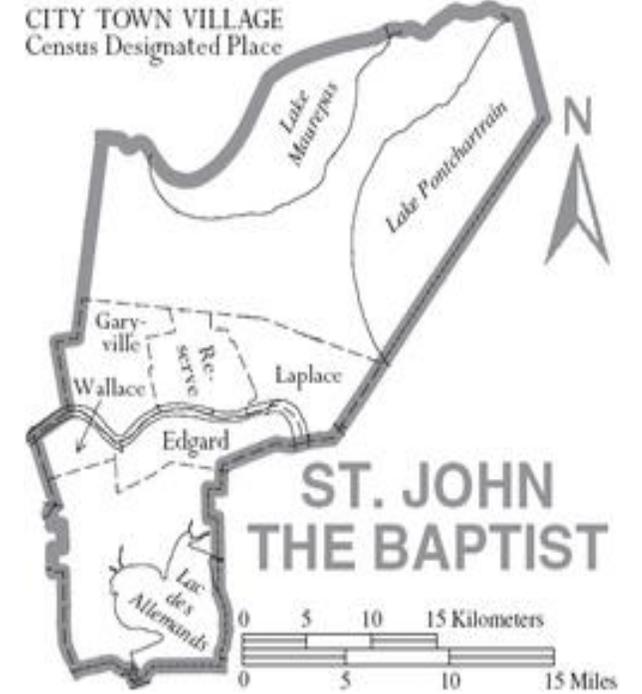


# Parish Risk Matrix

Hazard	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	Overall Risk
Drought	2	2	4	2	3	2.55
Expansive Soils	4	2	1	1	4	2.45
Flooding	3	4	3	4	3	3.4
Thunderstorms - Hail	3	2	3	3	1	2.45
Thunderstorms - Lightning	2	2	2	3	1	2
Thunderstorms - Wind	2	2	3	3	1	2.2
Tornadoes	3	3	2	4	3	2.95
Tropical Cyclones	4	4	4	1	4	3.55
Winter Storms	2	3	3	1	2	2.3

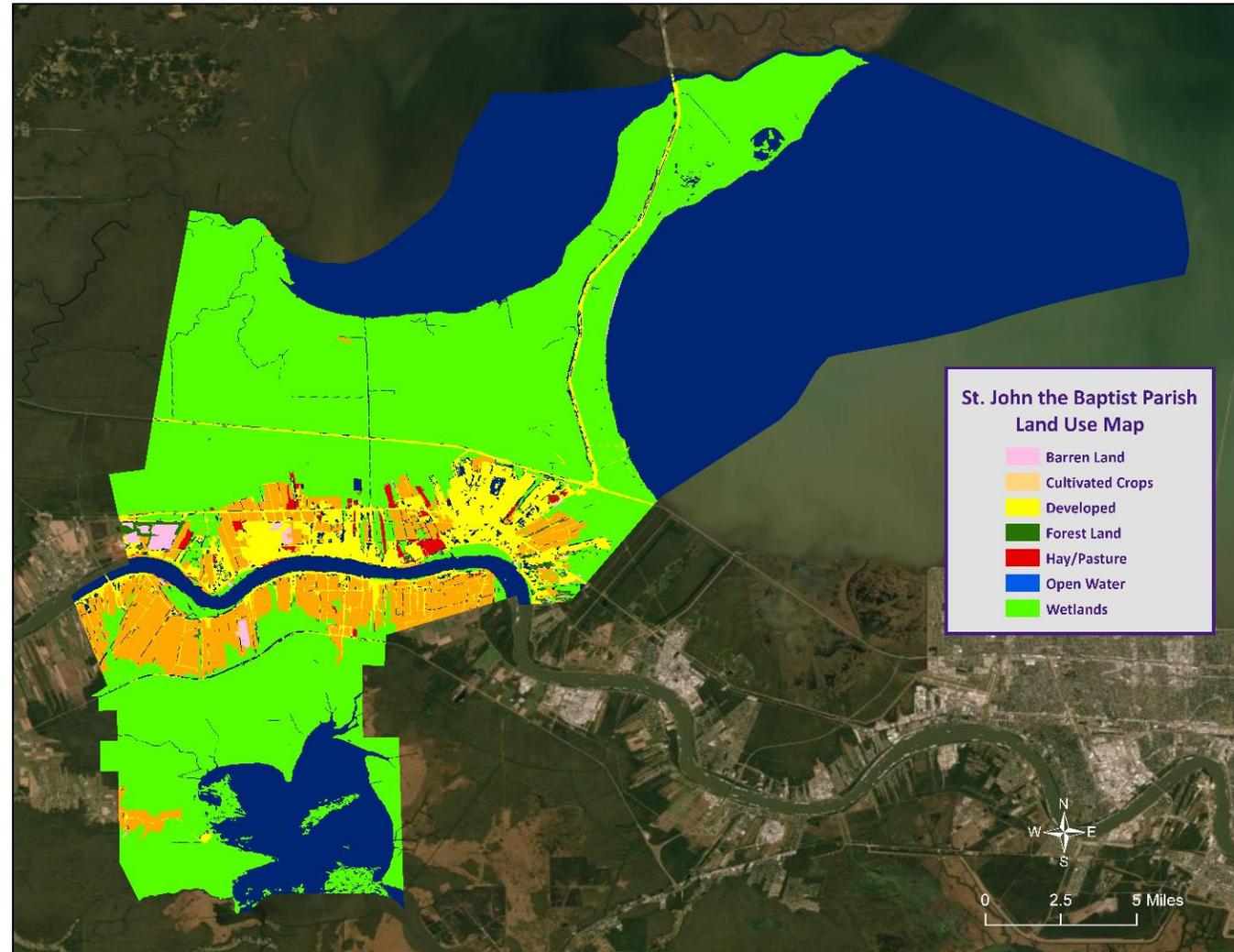
Risk Factor	PRI Range
High Risk	2.5 to 4.0
Moderate Risk	2.0 to 2.4
Low Risk	0 to 1.9



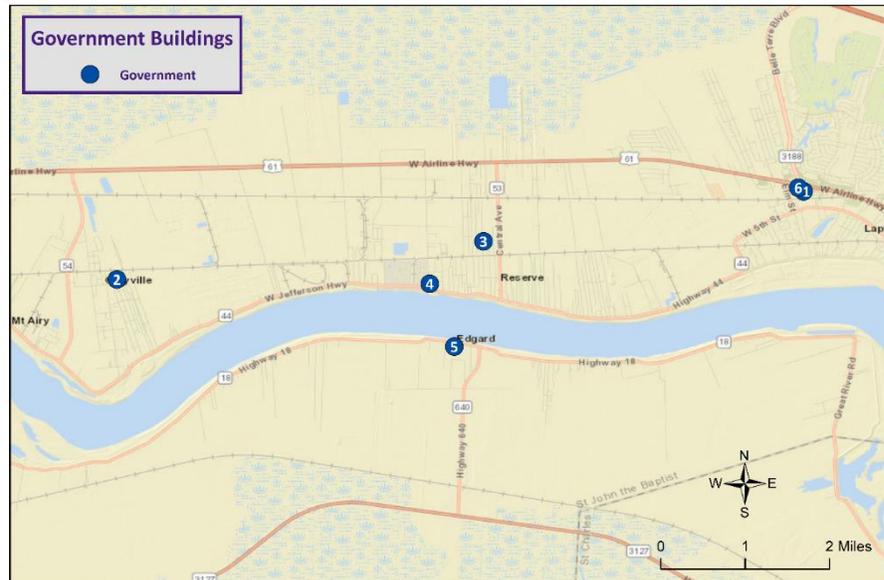
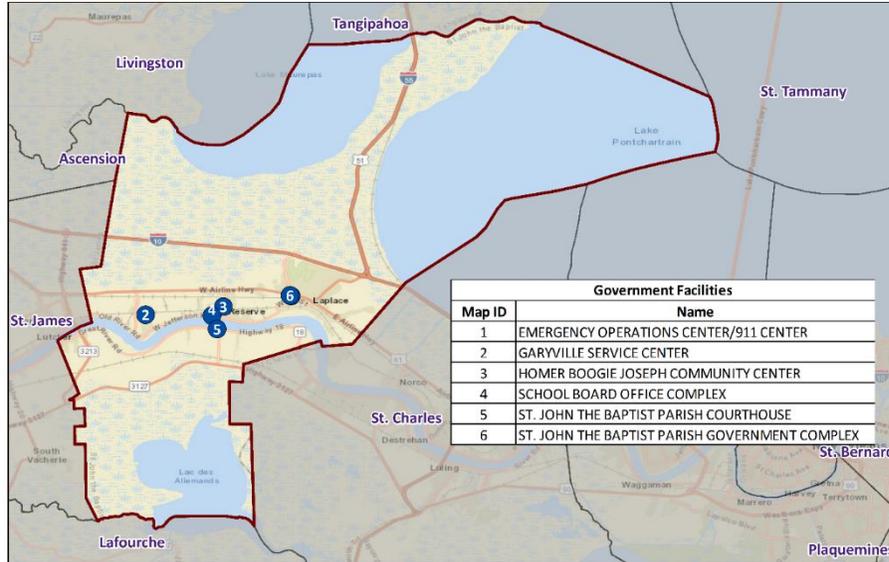


# Risk Assessment Maps

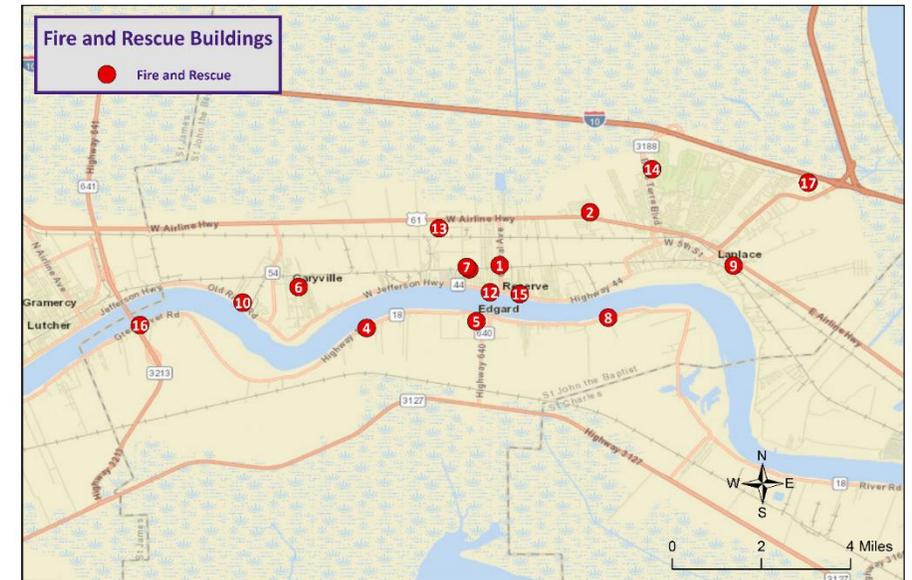
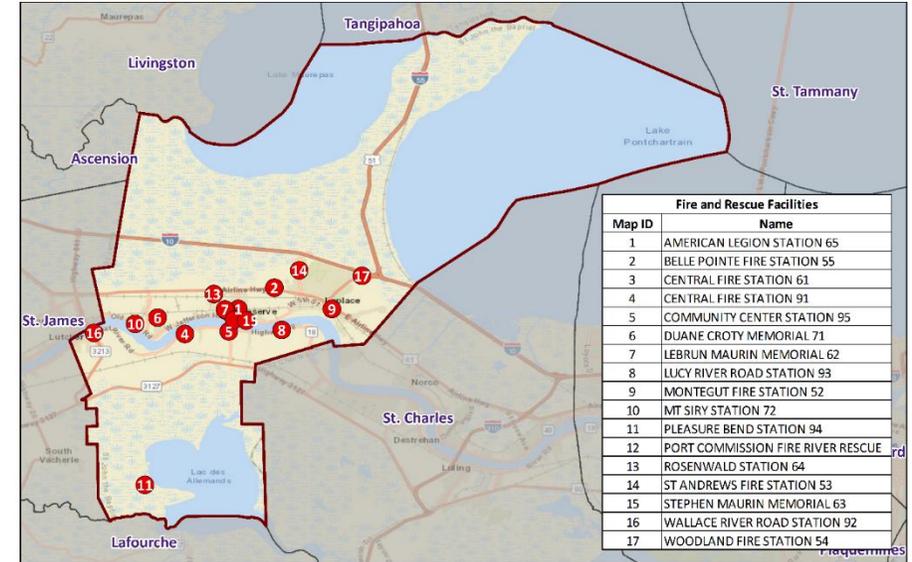
# Parish Land Use Map



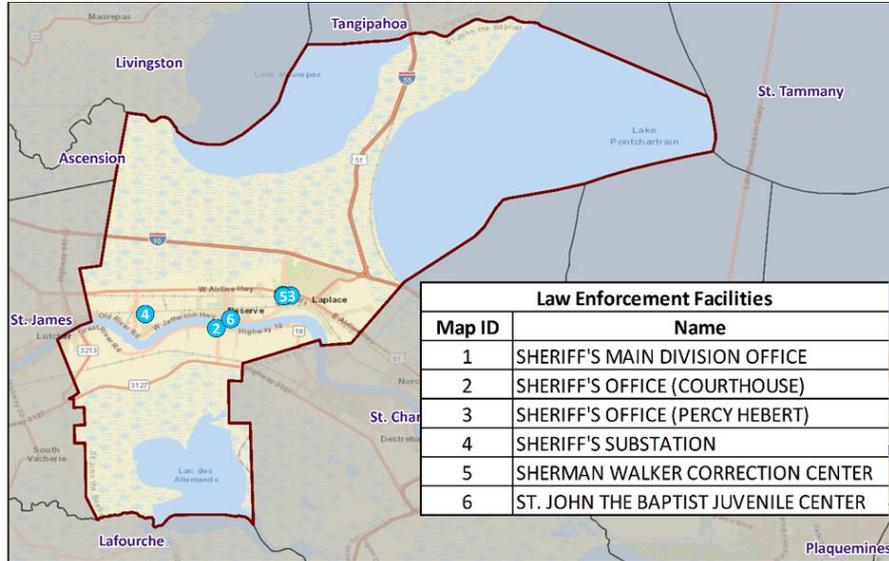
# Critical Facilities: Civil Government



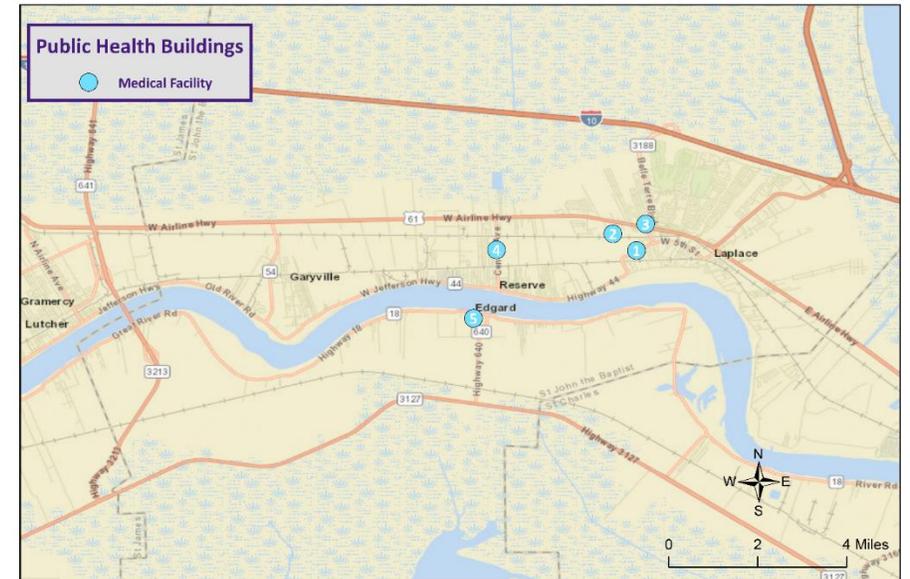
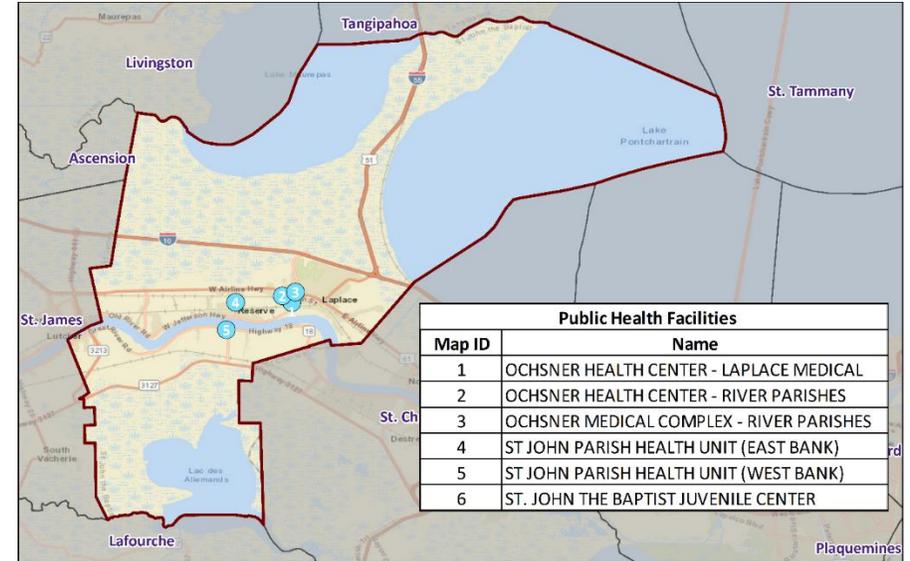
# Critical Facilities: Fire & SAR



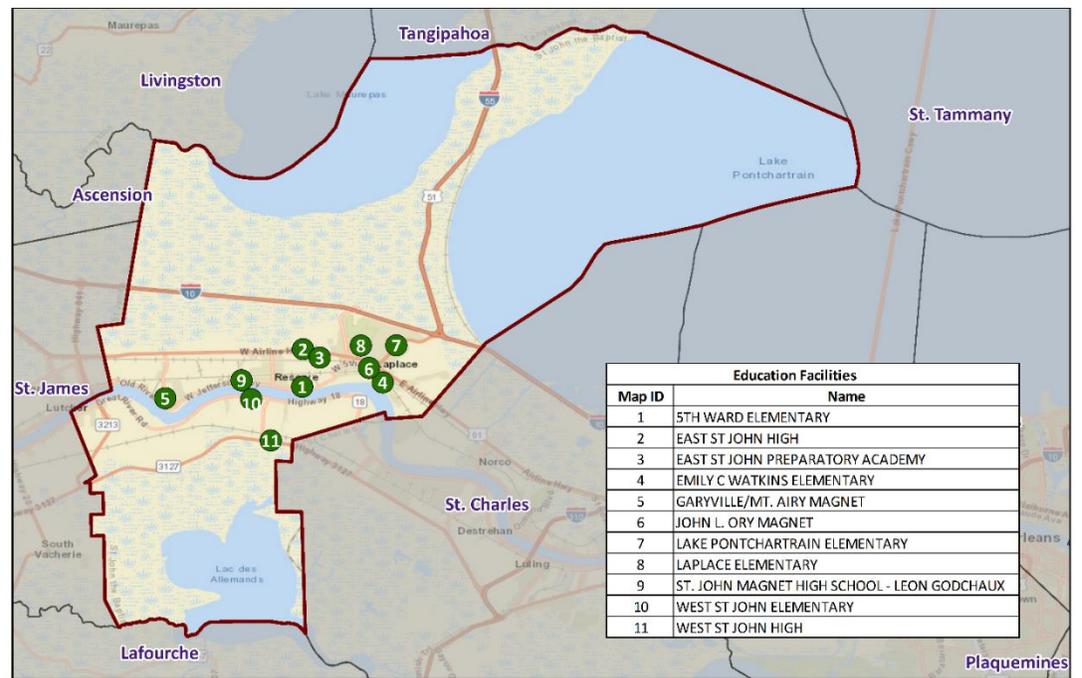
# Critical Facilities: Law Enforcement



# Critical Facilities: Public Health



# Critical Facilities: Education



# Drought



- A drought is a deficiency in water availability over an extended period of time, caused by precipitation totals and soil water storages that do not satisfy the environmental demand for water either by evaporation or transpiration through plant leaves.
- There are four classes of drought:
  - ✓ Meteorological Drought
  - ✓ Hydrologic Drought
  - ✓ Agricultural Drought
  - ✓ Socioeconomic Drought
- Generally, the entire parish will be affected by drought
  - Not limited to one particular location within the parish

# Drought

## U.S. Drought Monitor Louisiana

September 28, 2021  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 30, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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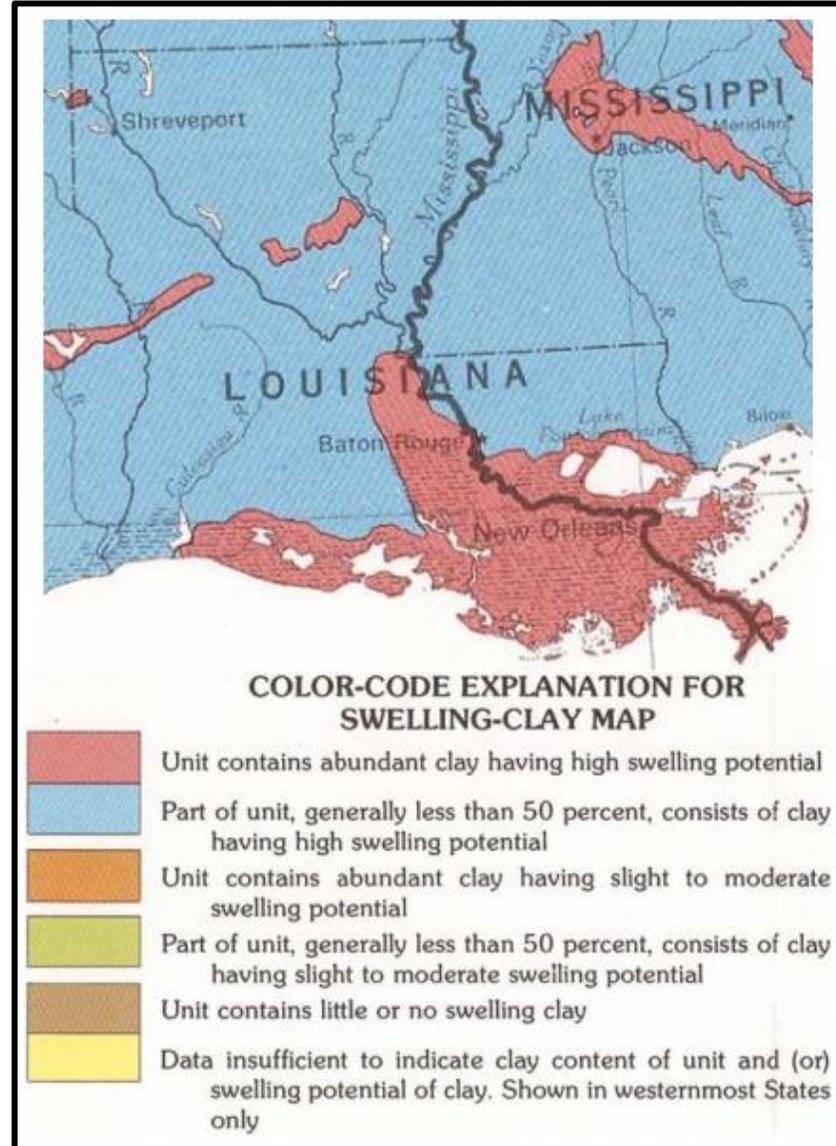
# Expansive Soils



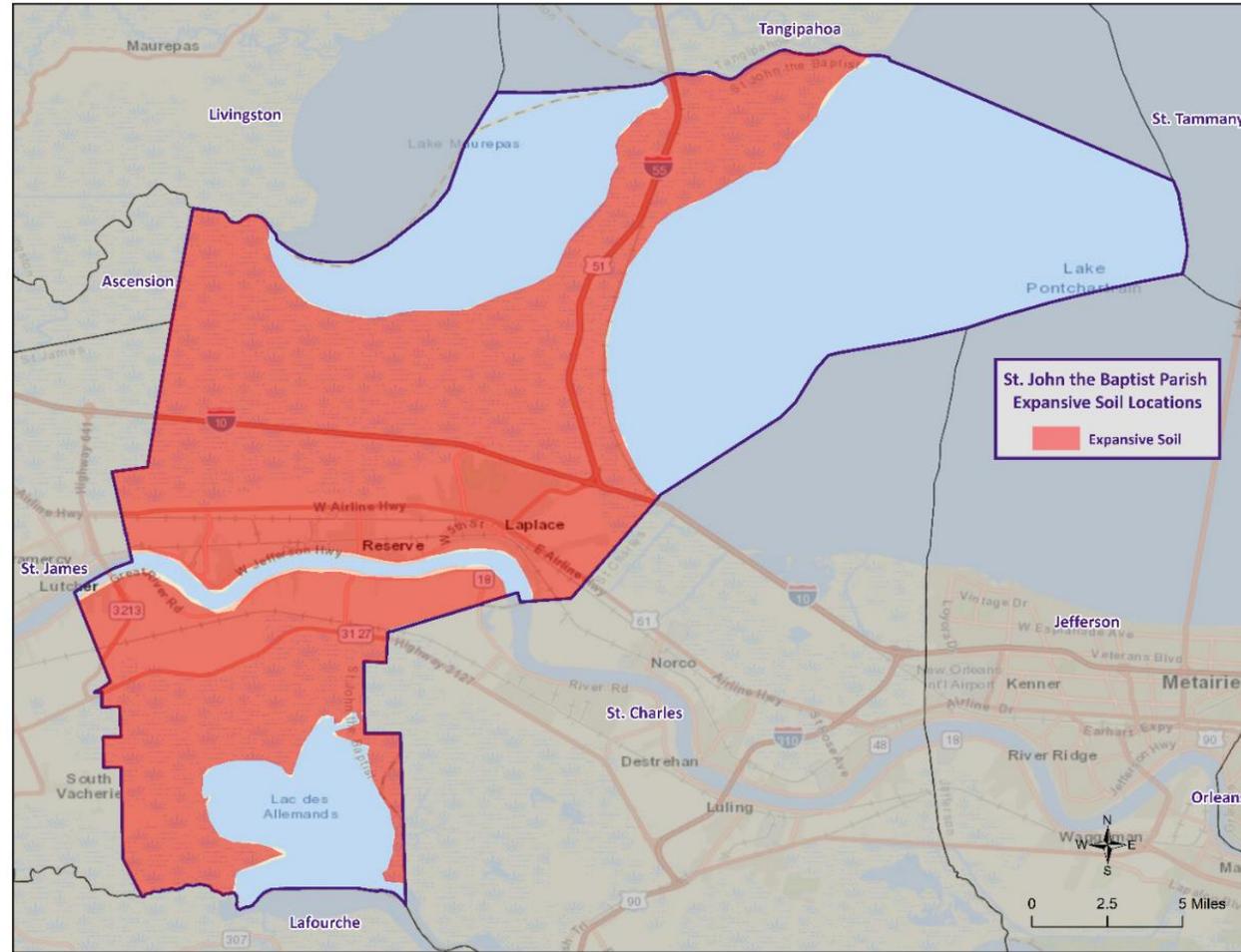
- Soils and soft rock that tend to shrink or swell due to changes in moisture content
- Areas of the Southern, Central, and Western United States are most heavily impacted
  - Variations in moisture content and volume changes are greatest in clays found in regions of moderate to high precipitation, where prolonged periods of drought are followed by long periods of rainfall.
- Most noticeable impacts will be seen in infrastructure projects
  - Roads/Highways/Bridges
  - Commercial Buildings
  - Single Family Homes



# Swelling Clays



# Expansive Soils



# Flooding

- A flood is the overflow of water onto land that is usually not inundated.
- The National Flood Insurance Program defines a flood as “a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties from overflow of inland or tidal waves, unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, mudflow, or collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined above.”

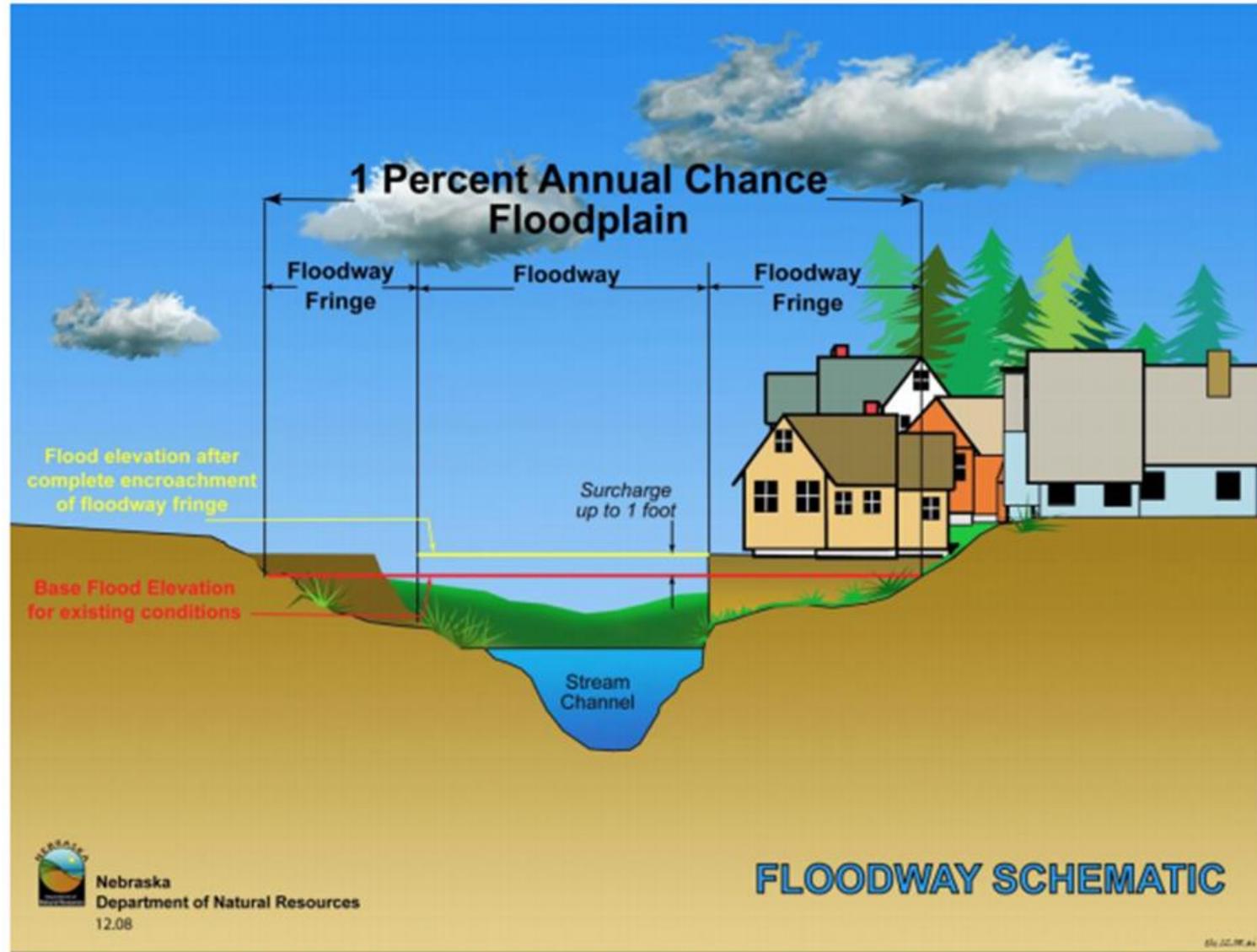
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In Louisiana, six specific types of flooding are of main concern:

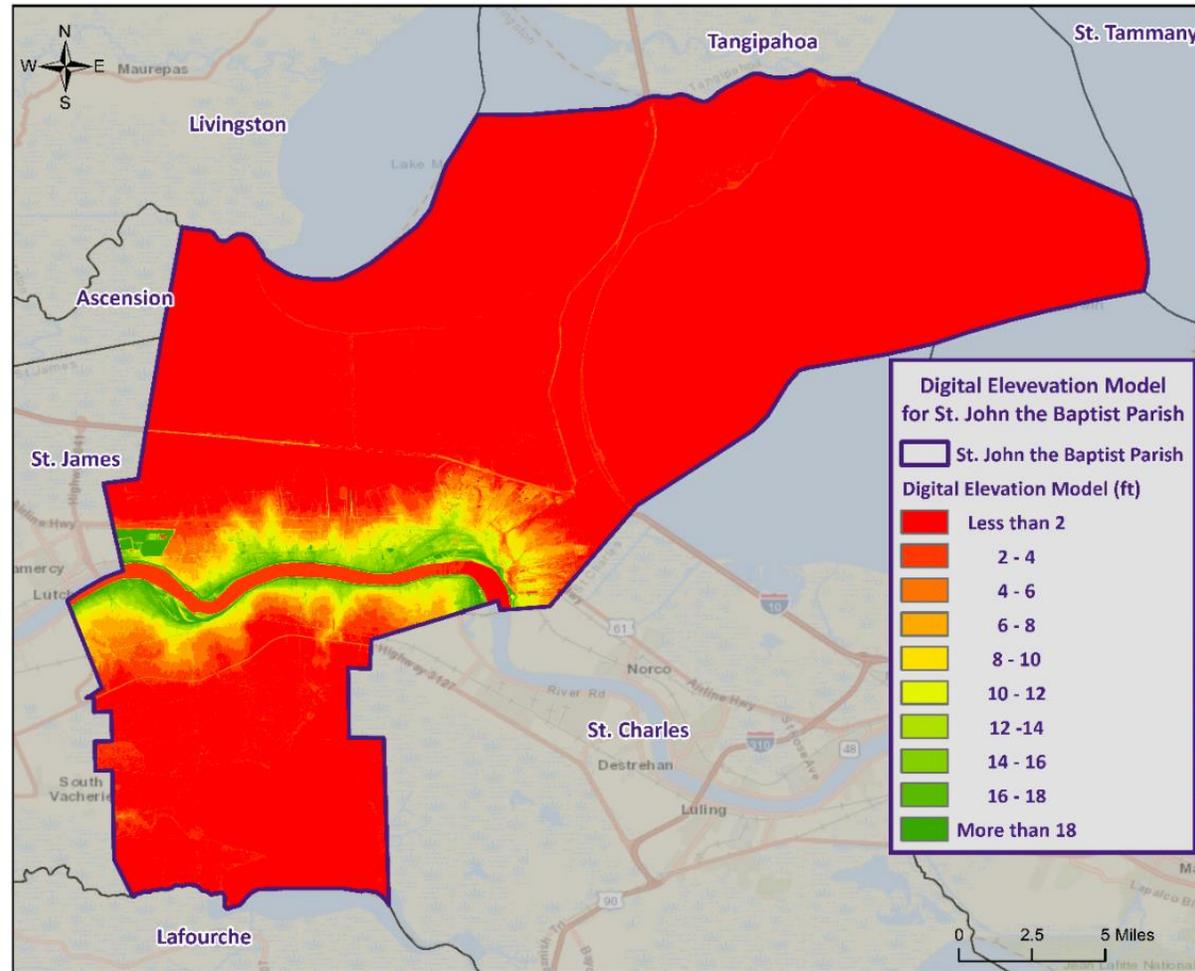
- Riverine
- Flash
- Ponding
- Backwater
- Urban
- Coastal



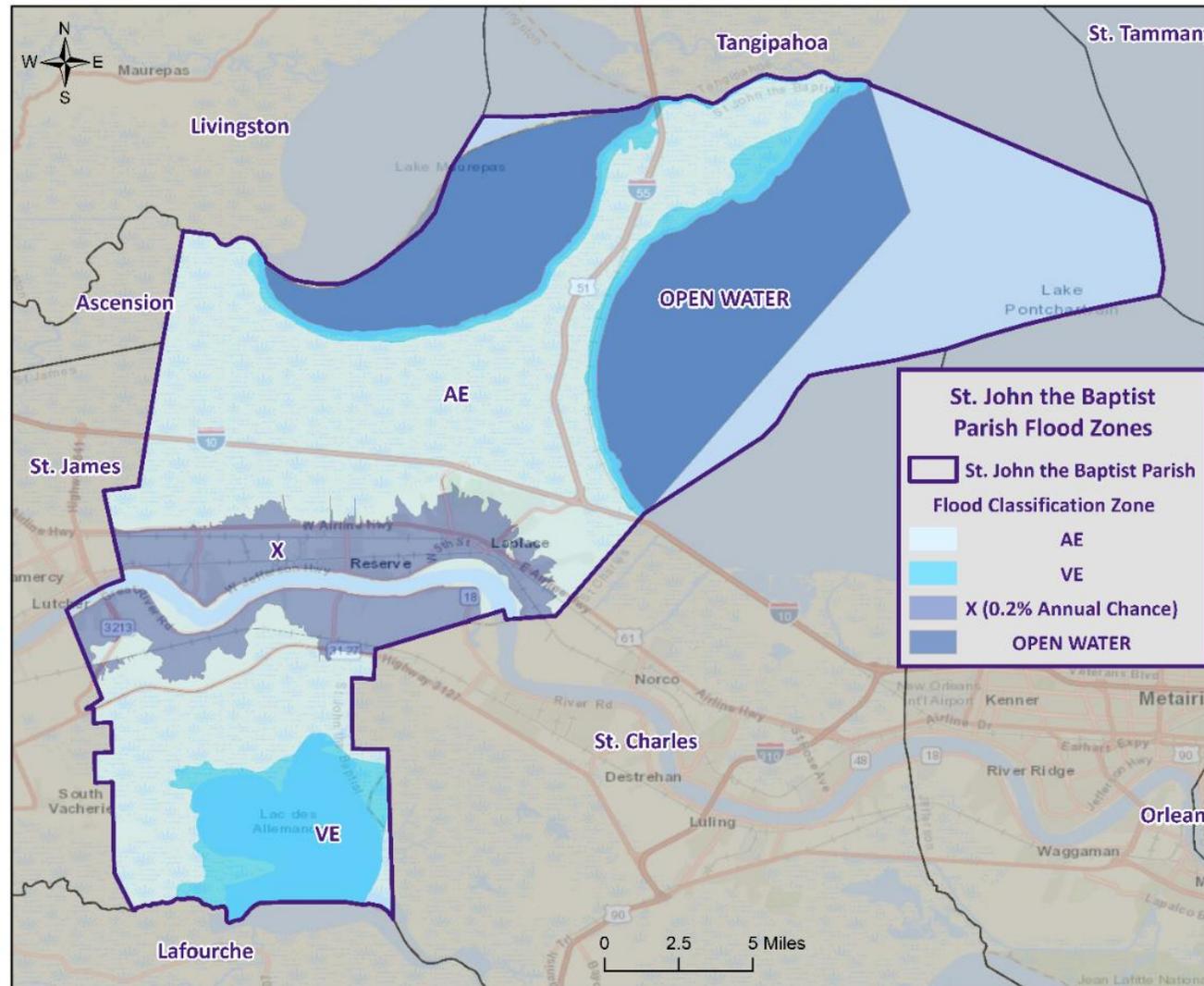
# Floodplain Diagram



# Digital Elevation Model



# Planning Area Flood Map

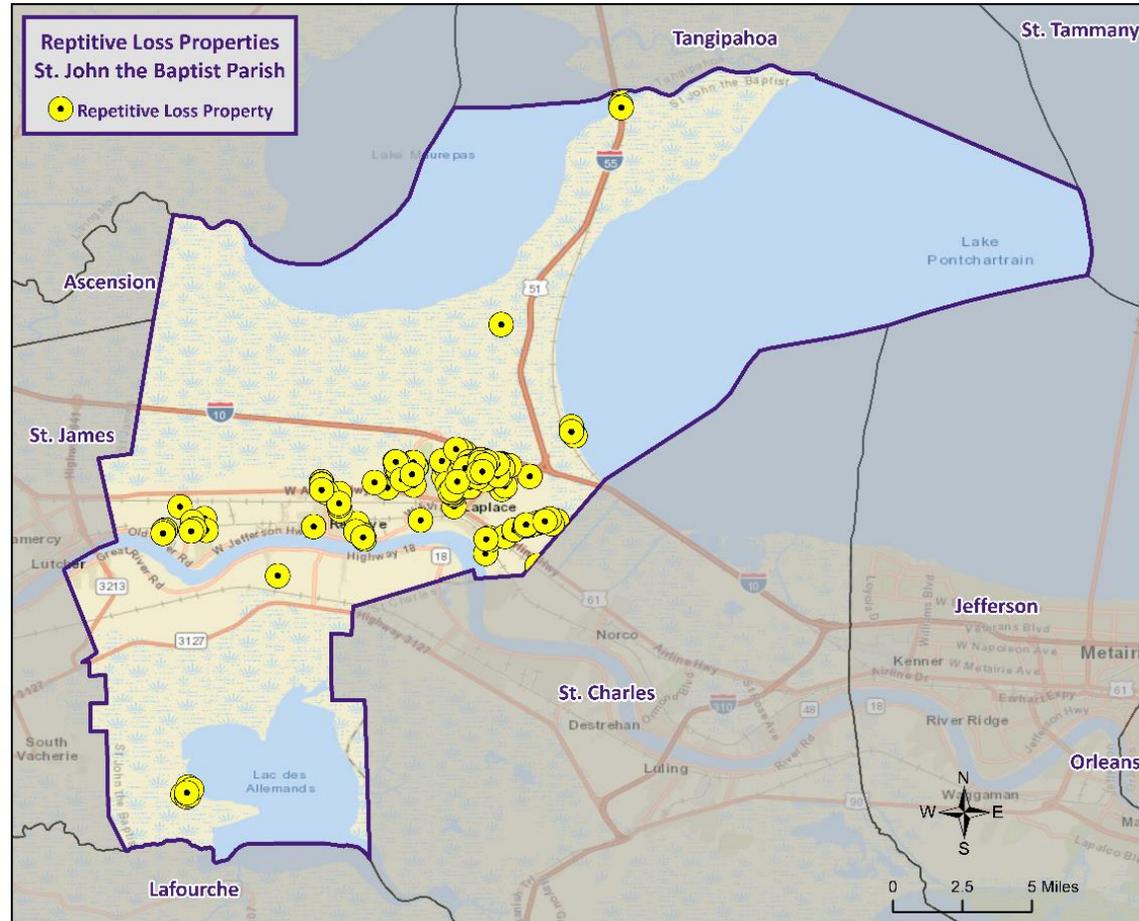


# Flooding



- Some areas flood more often than other properties, even more than those in the mapped 100-year floodplain.
- FEMA defines a “repetitive loss” property as one which has received two flood insurance claim payments for at least \$1,000 over any 10-year period since 1978.
- There are currently around 160,000 repetitive loss properties in the U.S.
- These properties comprise 1% of the NFIP policy base, but they account for approximately 30% of the country’s flood insurance claim payments.

# Repetitive Loss Properties

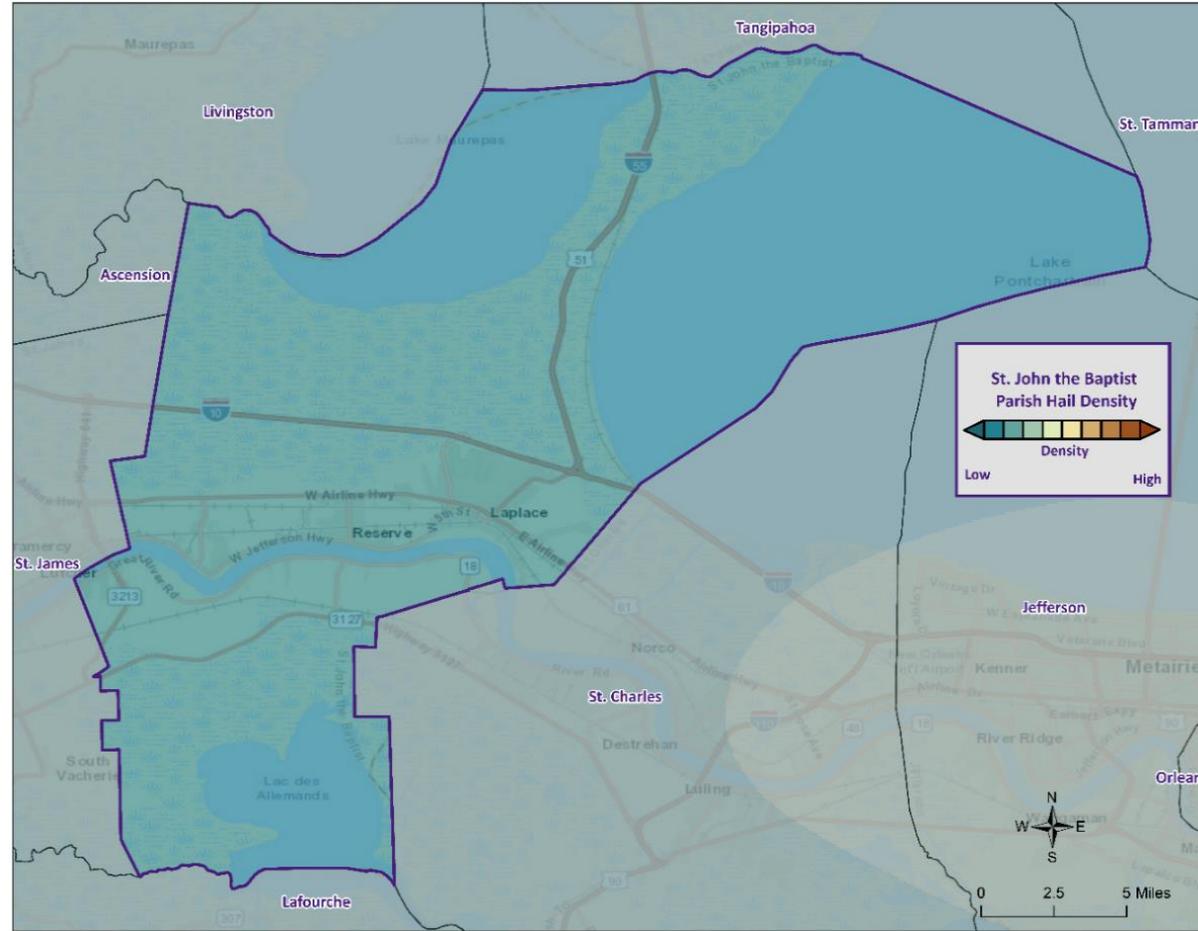


# Thunderstorms

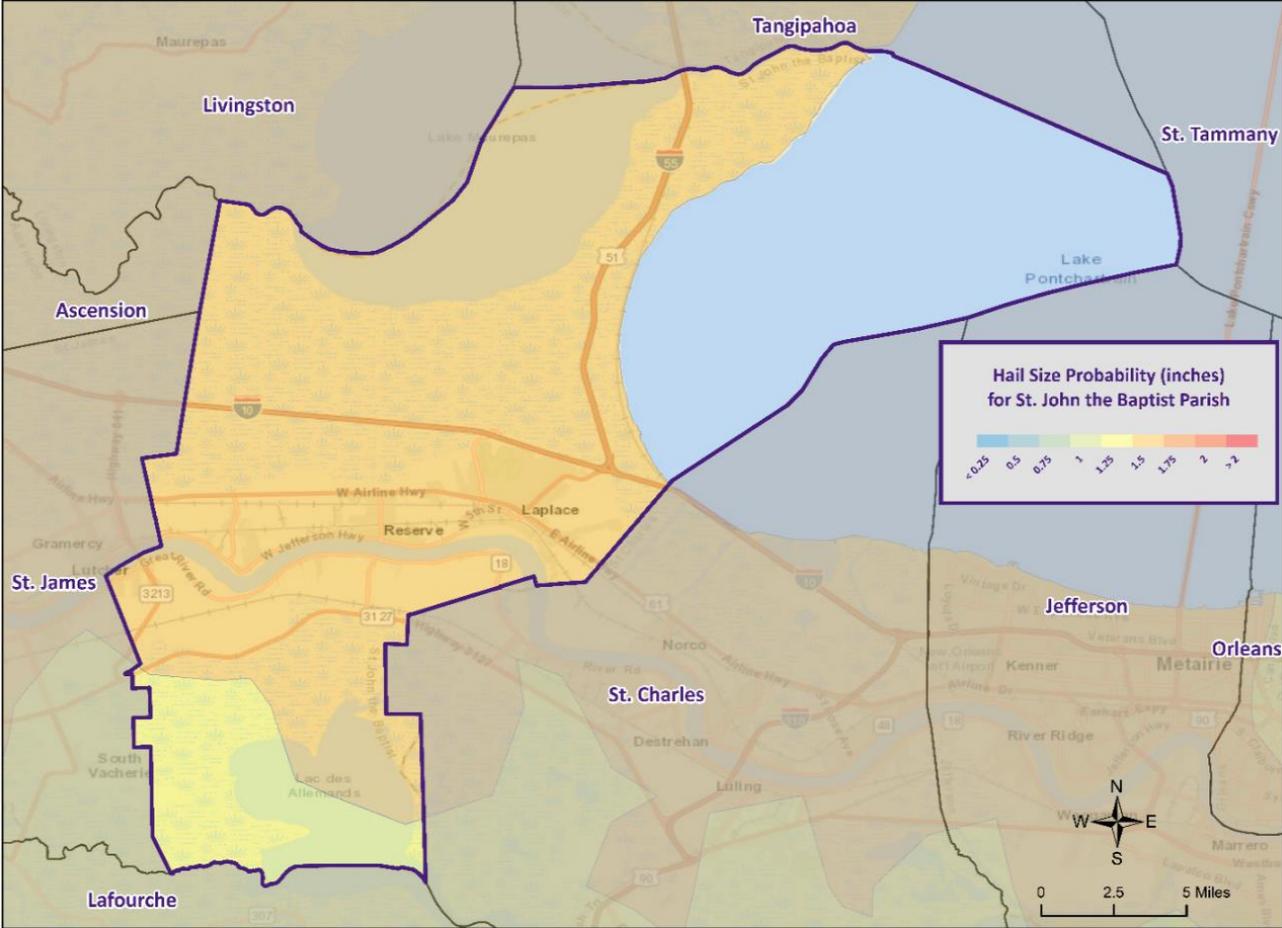
- A **thunderstorm**, also known as an **electrical storm**, a **lightning storm**, or a **thundershower**, is a type of storm characterized by the presence of lightning and its acoustic effect on the Earth's atmosphere known as thunder.
- They are usually accompanied by strong winds, heavy rain, and sometimes snow, sleet, or hail.
- Thunderstorms may line up in a series or rainband, known as a squall line. Strong or severe thunderstorms may rotate, known as supercells. While most thunderstorms move with the mean wind flow through the layer of the troposphere that they occupy, vertical wind shear causes a deviation in their course at a right angle to the wind shear direction.



# Density of Prior Hailstorms



# Maximum Hail Size Probability





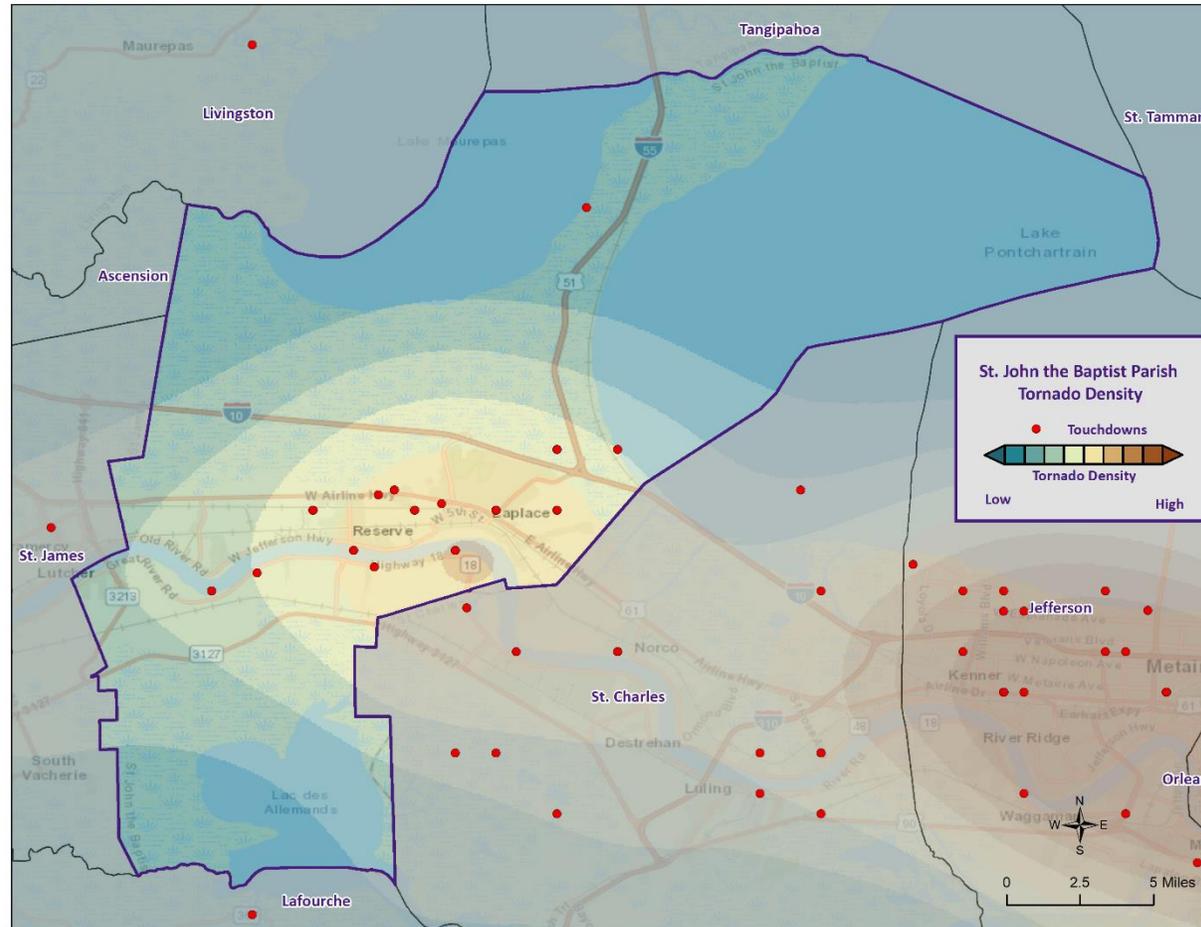
# Tornadoes

- Tornadoes (also called twisters and cyclones) are rapidly rotating funnels of wind extending between storm clouds and the ground.
- Tornadoes are the most severe storms for their size, and 70% of the world's reported tornadoes occur within the continental United States.

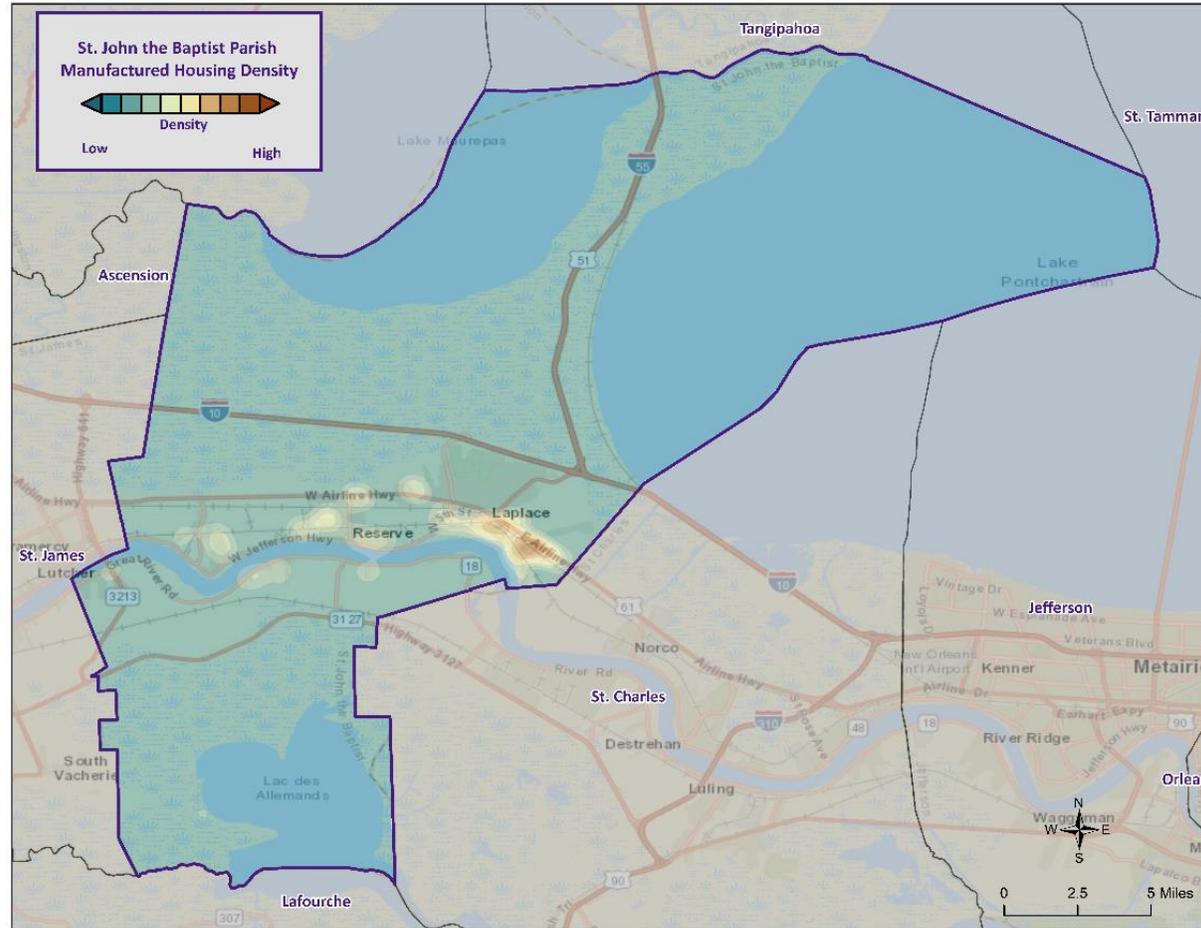
ORIGINAL FUJITA SCALE		ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE	
F5	261-318 mph	EF5	+200 mph
F4	207-260 mph	EF4	166-200 mph
F3	158-206 mph	EF3	136-165 mph
F2	113-157 mph	EF2	111-135 mph
F1	73-112 mph	EF1	86-110 mph
F0	<73 mph	EF0	65-85 mph



# Tornadoes



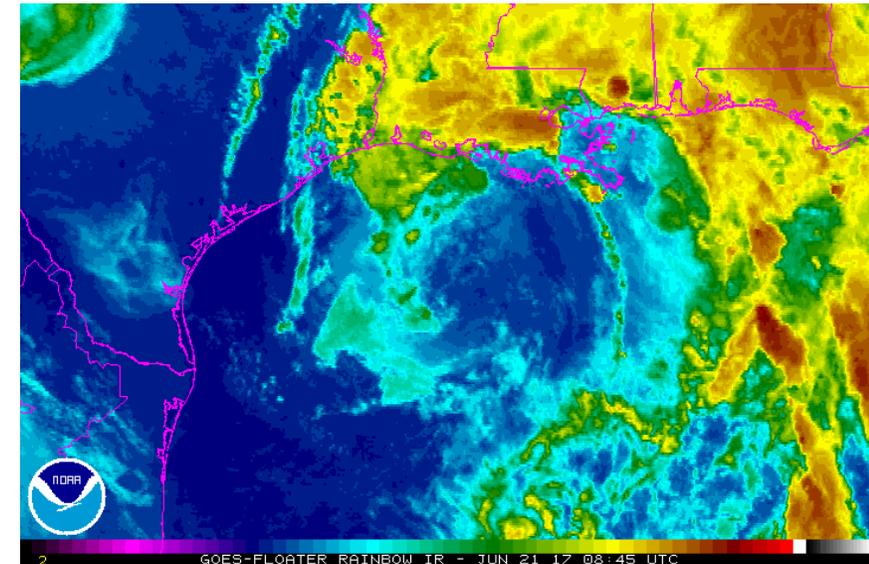
# Manufactured Homes Density

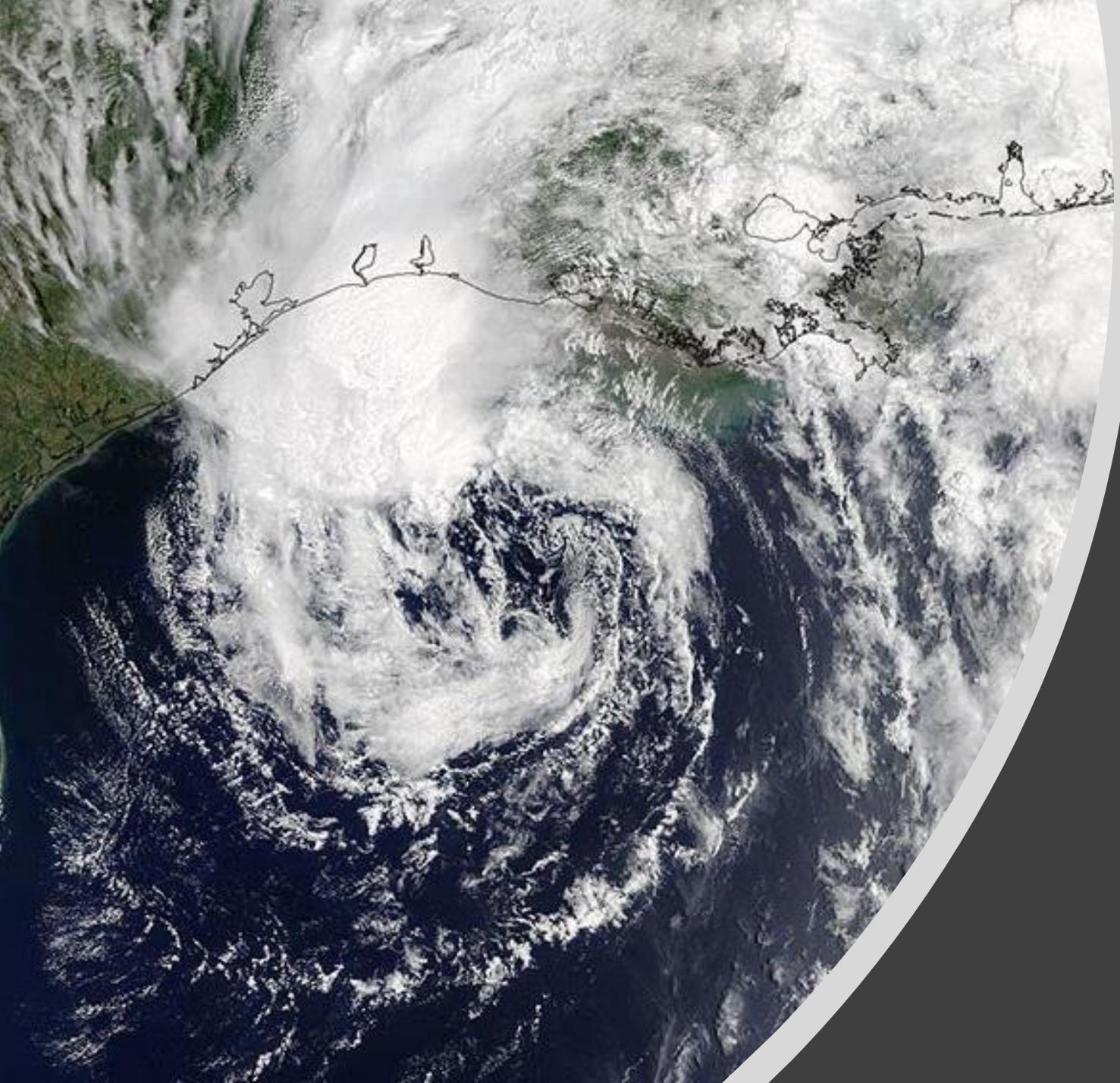


# Tropical Cyclones

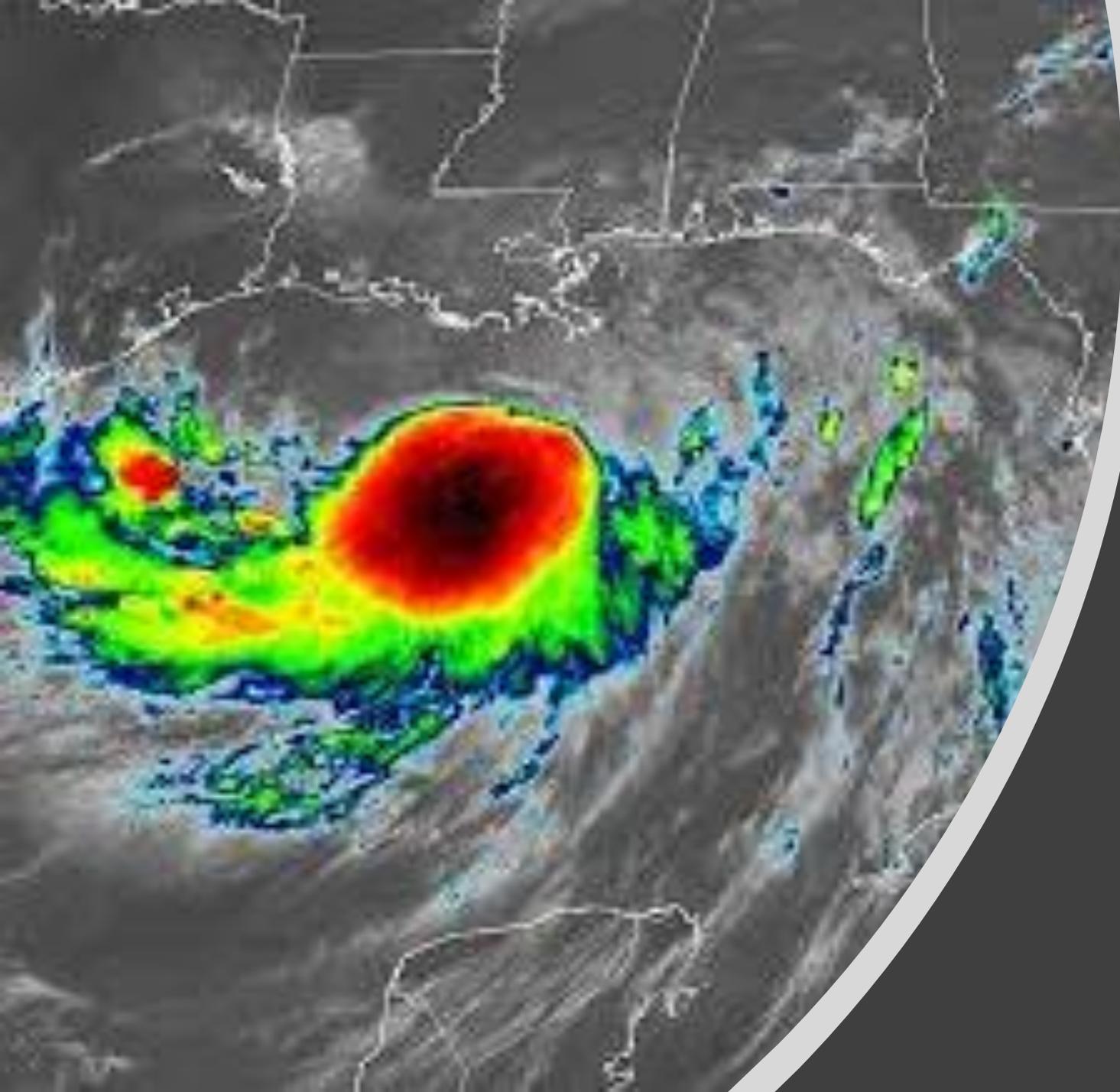
- Tropical cyclones are defined spinning, low-pressure air masses that draw surface air into their centers and attain strength ranging from weak tropical waves to the most intense hurricanes

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale		
	Sustained Wind Speed	Effects
Category 1	74-95 mph (119-153 km/hr)	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage. Low-lying coastal roads flooded, minor pier damage
Category 2	96-110 mph (154-177 km/hr)	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage. Major damage to exposed mobile homes, evacuation of some shoreline residents
Category 3	111-130 mph (178-209 km/hr)	Devastating damage will occur. Some structural damage to small buildings; serious flooding at coast and many smaller structures near coast destroyed
Category 4	131-155 mph (210-249 km/hr)	Catastrophic damage will occur. High risk of injury or death to people, livestock, and pets due to flying and falling debris. Long-term water shortages will increase human suffering. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.
Category 5	> 155 mph (249 km/hr)	Catastrophic damage will occur. People, livestock, and pets are at very high risk of injury or death from flying or falling debris.  A high percentage of frame homes will be destroyed. Long-term power outages and water shortages will render area uninhabitable for weeks or months.





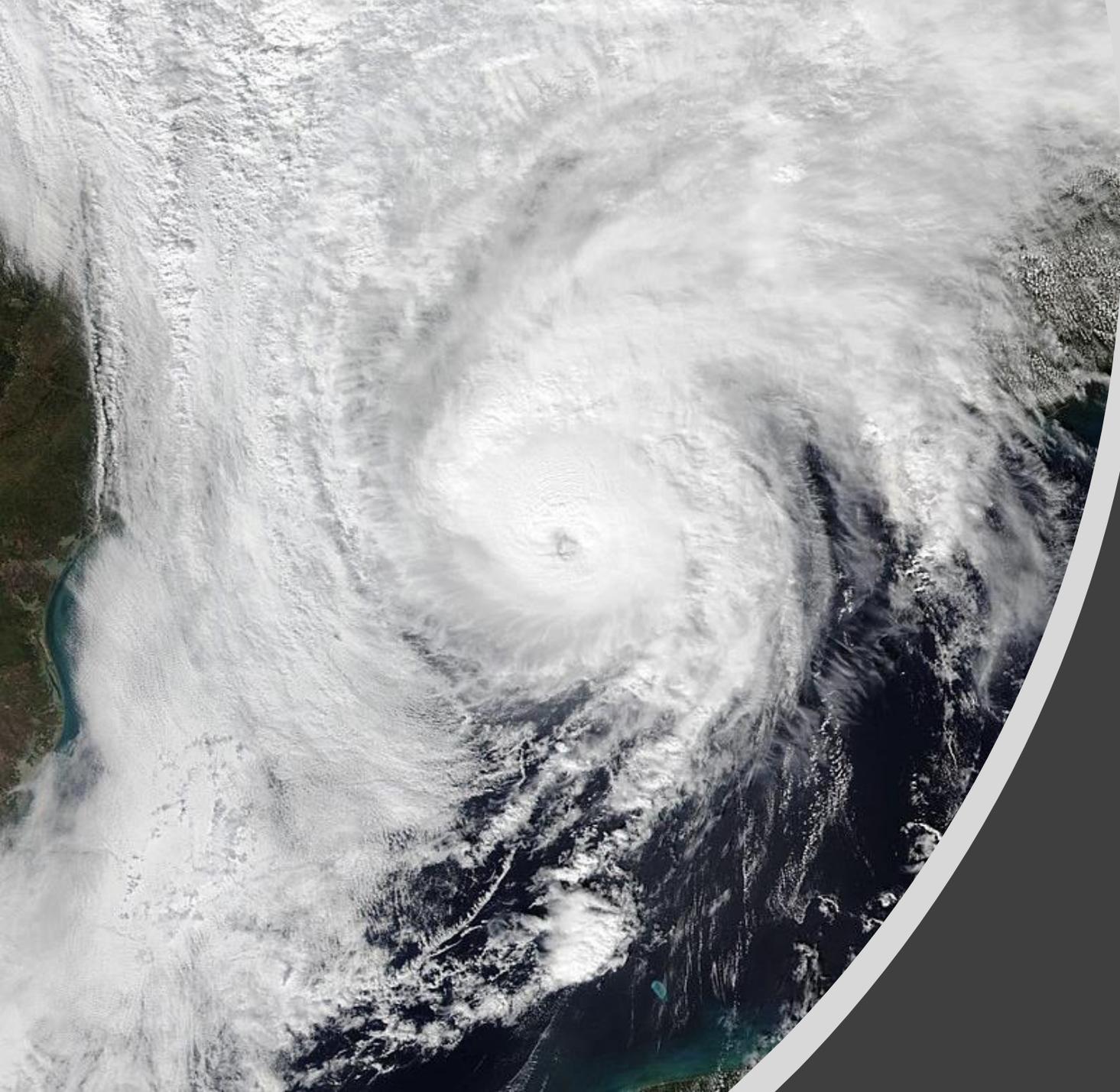
# Tropical Storm Cindy



# Hurricane Barry



# Hurricane Delta



# Hurricane Zeta



# Winter Storms

- Occurs when humid air from the Gulf of Mexico meets a cold air mass from the north.
- As the temperature falls, precipitation may fall in the form of snow or sleet.
- If the ground temperature is cold enough but air temperature is above freezing, rain can freeze instantly on contact with the surface, causing massive ice storms.





# Parish Mitigation Goals

- Identify and pursue preventative measures that will reduce future damages from hazards
- Enhance public awareness and understanding of disaster preparedness and mitigation
- Reduce repetitive losses in the parish and municipalities
- Facilitate sound development in the parish and municipalities so as to reduce or eliminate the potential impact of hazards



## Parish Hazard Mitigation Project Update

St. John the Baptist Parish OHSEP/  
St. John the Baptist Parish Government Discussion

# Public Outreach Activity #1

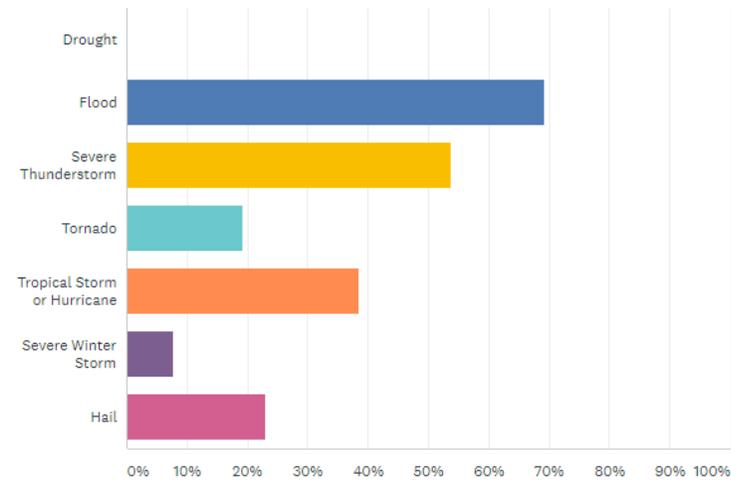
## Hazard Mitigation Public Opinion Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJohnTheBaptistHM2021>



Which of these natural disasters have you or someone in your household experienced in the past five years? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1



# Public Outreach Activity #2

## St. John the Baptist Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Review

<https://hmplans.sdmi.lsu.edu/Home/Parish/st-john-the-baptist>



**St. John the Baptist Parish** PLAN DUE DATE: **OCTOBER 20 2021**

DEVELOPMENT STATUS

PLAN DEVELOPMENT | PLAN REVIEW | PLAN ADOPTION | COMPLETED

PUBLIC MEETING OCT 2021 | TBD | TBD | TBD

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

- St. John the Baptist, unincorporated areas

MAR 4	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST KICK OFF MEETING</b> Teleconference 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 3/4/2021	↓
JUN 22	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST INITIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING</b> LaPlace, LA 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM 6/22/2021	↓
OCT 6	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING</b> Zoom 01:30 PM - 02:00 PM 10/6/2021	
OCT 6	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PUBLIC MEETING</b> Zoom 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM 10/6/2021	

**DOWNLOAD DRAFT PLAN**

PREVIOUS PLANNING RESOURCES

2016

KICKOFF MEETING DOWNLOAD	PUBLIC MEETING DOWNLOAD	FINAL PLAN 2016 DOWNLOAD
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