



Vernon Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Mitigation Action Workshop

February 16, 2022

Leesville, LA



Agenda

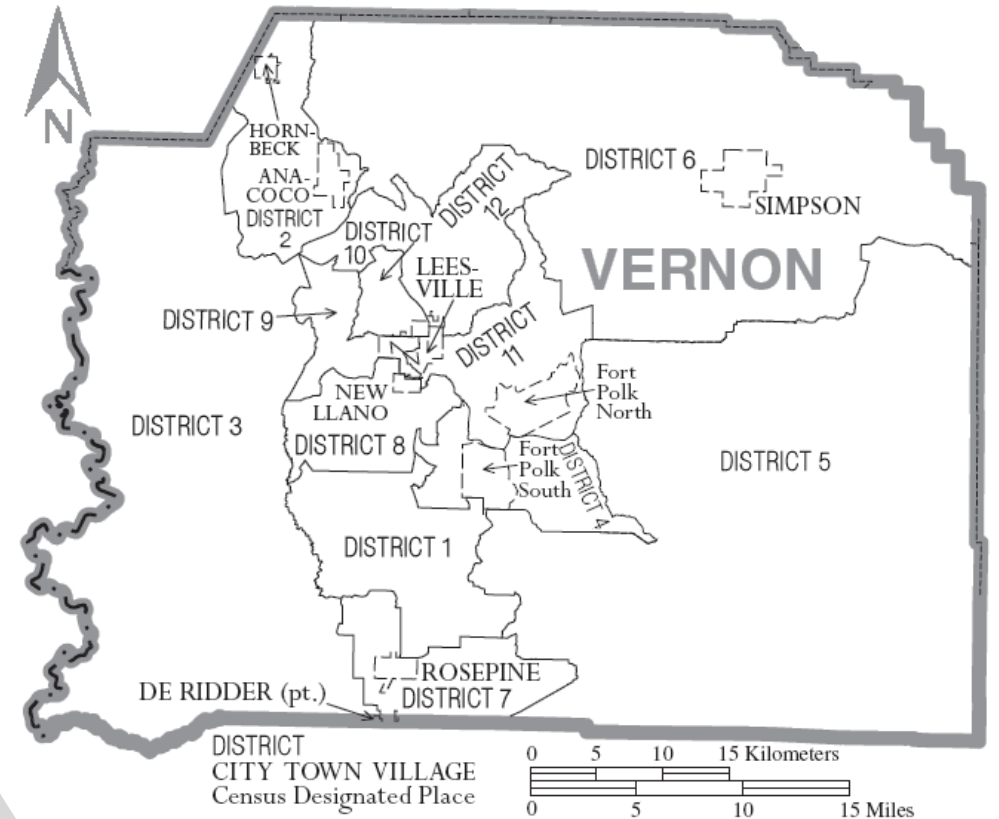
- Review/Update State Required Worksheets
- Existing Actions Update
- New Action Identification
- New Action Form
- Outstanding Items
- Update on Planning Timeline
- Questions/Adjourn



Appendix E: State Required Worksheets

Each jurisdiction **MUST** fill these out:

- Capability Assessment
- NFIP Worksheet
- Building Inventory
- Vulnerable Population



Capability Assessment

Capability Assessment Worksheet		
Unincorporated Vernon Parish		
Local mitigation capabilities are existing authorities, policies and resources that reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities. Please complete the tables and questions in the worksheet as completely as possible.		
Planning and Regulatory		
Please indicate which of the following plans and regulatory capabilities your jurisdiction has in place.		
Plans	Yes / No	Comments
Comprehensive / Master Plan	Yes	
Capital Improvements Plan	Yes	
Economic Development Plan	Yes	
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	
Transportation Plan	Yes	
Stormwater Management Plan	No	
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	No	
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)		
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections	Yes / No	Comments
Building Code	Yes	
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score	No	
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	Yes	
Site plan review requirements	Yes	
Land Use Planning and Ordinances	Yes / No	Comments
Zoning Ordinance	Yes	
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes	
Floodplain Ordinance	Yes	
Natural Hazard Specific Ordinance (stormwater, steep slope, wildfire)	No	
Flood Insurance Rate Maps	Yes	
Acquisition of land for open space and public recreation uses	Yes	
Other	No	
Administration and Technical		
Identify whether your community has the following administrative and technical capabilities. For smaller jurisdictions without local staff resources, if there are public resources at the next higher level government that can provide technical assistance, indicate so in your comments.		
Administration	Yes / No	Comments
Planning Commission	Yes	
Mitigation Planning Committee	Yes	
Maintenance programs to reduce risk (tree trimming, clearing drainage systems)	Yes	

- Review answers in Yes/No column
- Update appropriately and add comments if necessary (i.e. what year the plan was updated last)

National Flood Insurance Program

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)		
Unincorporated Vernon Parish		
Insurance Summary		Comments
How many NFIP policies are in the community? What is the total premium and coverage?		
How many claims have been paid in the community? What is the total amount of paid claims? How many of the claims were for substantial damage?		
How many structures are exposed to flood risk with in the community?		
Describe any areas of flood risk with limited NFIP policy coverage.		
Staff Resources		Comments
Is the Community FPA or NFIP Coordinator certified?		
Is flood plain management an auxiliary function?		
Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services (e.g., permit review, GIS, education or outreach, inspections, engineering capability)		
What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?		
Compliance History		Comments
Is the community in good standing with the NFIP?		
Are there any outstanding compliance issues(i.e., current violations)?		
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact(CAC)?		
Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed? If so when?		
Regulation		Comments
When did the community enter the NFIP?		
Are the FIRMs digital or paper?		
Do floodplain development regulations meet or exceed FEMA or State minimum requirements? If so, in what ways?		
Community Rating System (CRS)		Comments
Does the community participate in CRS?		
What is the community's CRS Class Ranking?		
Does the plan include CRS planning requirements?		

- FEMA can provide this information, or local /parish floodplain managers



Building Inventory

Vernon Parish Owned Building Information									
Vernon Parish									
Critical Facility (If Yes, Mark X)	Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed Value	Date Built	Construction Type
	Evans High School	Education	18829 Louisiana 111	Evans	30.98895959	-93.5014647			
	Adult Education Center	Education	7460 Colorado Ave. Bldg. 660	Fort Polk	31.00958481	-93.27922956			
	Pitkin High School	Education	7239 LA 463	Pitkin	30.93686792	-92.93353398			
X	Community Fire Department	Fire Search and Rescue	172 Louisiana 112	Elizabeth	30.94202012	-92.84803707			
X	Evans Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Search and Rescue	125 Fal Road	Evans	30.98482194	-93.50156172			
X	Pitkin Voulnteer Fire Department	Fire Search and Rescue	12778 Louisiana 10	Pitkin	30.93528683	-92.93788375			
X	Marlow Fire Department	Fire Search and Rescue	118 Marlow Road	Pitkin	30.96262237	-93.11370353			
X	Cravens Fire Department	Fire Search and Rescue	11816 Pitkin Highway	Pitkin	30.96619136	-93.03657091			
X	Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office Substation	Law Enforcement	12863 LA 113	Pitkin	30.9346742	-92.93546542			
	Vernon Parish Office of Family Support	Civil Government	1591 Bell Richard Avenue # 920	Fort Polk	31.11247055	-93.27502889			
	The Humane Society of West Louisiana	Civil Government	19301 Hwy 171	Pitkin	30.8984818	-93.2887719			
	Vernon Parish School Board	Education	201 Belview Rd	Leesville	31.152362	-93.261544			
	Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce	Civil Government	1309 North 5th Street	Leesville	31.158463	-93.265412			
	Vernon Council on Aging	Civil Government	200 North 3rd Street	Leesville	31.144225	-93.261504			
X	Vernon Parish Courthouse	Civil Government	101 West Lee Street	Leesville	31.142289	-93.260787			
X	Vernon Parish Police Jury	Civil Government	300 South 3rd Street	Leesville	31.141755	-93.26149			

Vulnerable Populations

Vulnerable Populations Worksheet					
Unincorporated Vernon Parish					
All Hospitals (Private or Public)	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
none					
Nursing Homes (Private or Public)	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
none					
Mobile Home Parks	Street	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
Wildlife Management Area Campground	Nearby: Louisiana 464	Evans	71446	31.050821	-93.401388
Ray's Mobile Home Park	427 Pitkin Road	Pickering	71446	31.03336	-93.274524
JD's RV Park	Nearby: Lake Charles Highway	Pickering	71446	31.030369	-93.271182
Pecan Acres RV Park	8119 Hawks Road	Pickering	71446	30.942832	-93.283505
Unknown	Nearby: 17884 Lake Charles Highway	Pickering	71446	30.939165	-93.282817
Unknown	Nearby: 742-2332 Louisiana 458	Pitkin	70656	30.961039	-92.962831

Existing Actions Update

- Each municipality must provide these updates
- If not completed during this meeting, updates must be provided to SDMI no later than Friday March 4th.

Jurisdiction-Specific Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Goal	Status
V1: Building Retrofits	Retrofit public buildings exterior shell to maintain use during and after storm events. Benefits: Reduces damage from high winds, and helps assure that the public buildings can be used, occupied and operable during or after storms.	FEMA HMGP, Local	1-5 years	Vernon Parish OHSEP	Thunderstorms, Tropical Cyclones, Tornadoes, Winter Weather	1,2,4	
V2: Drainage Improvement	Will relieve flooding problems, reduce flood damage and costs of damage, overtopping of roads with drain water, while also keeping open roadways during periods of high precipitation. Benefits: Relieves Parish or local government and property owners of the continual flooding problems, with closed roadways (loss of function). Saves public funds for road repairs, drainage ditch repairs, sandbagging and blocking of roadways during storm periods.	FEMA HMGP, Local	1-5 years	Vernon Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	1,2,3,4	
V3: Mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties and other hazard prone structures	Elevation, acquisition-demolition, acquisition-relocations, and reconstruction of repetitive loss or flooding or other hazard prone properties. .	FEMA HMGP, Local	1-5 years	Vernon Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Tropical Cyclones	1,2,3,4,5	
V4: Safe Room Projects	Construction of a safe room for first responders located in Vernon Parish. Other locations will be identified based on funding availability.	FEMA HMGP, Local	1-5 years	Vernon Parish OHSEP	Flooding, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes, Tropical Cyclones, Winter Weather	1,2,	



Existing Actions Update

- Acceptable status updates:
 - **Deleted** – You no longer want this action/project included in the 2021 update
 - **Completed** – The action/project has been completed
 - **Not Started – Carried Over** – This action/project was not started, you would like to carry it over in the next update
 - **In Progress** – This action/project has been started and/or is actively being worked on



New Action Identification

- Each municipality must have at least **TWO** new or carried over actions for each hazard profiled in the Risk Assessment
 - In Progress actions may also count for credit with appropriate status description
- Think about potential projects over the next 5 years
- Have priorities changed? Has development created a need for new projects?
- Are there regional or multi-jurisdictional projects to consider?
- Utilize the FEMA Mitigation Ideas Resources Guide



Hazards for New Actions

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Excessive Heat
- Flooding
- Levee Failure*



- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Weather



Filling Out Mitigation Action Forms

IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS UNINCORPORATED VERNON PARISH	
DESCRIPTION	
VERNON PARISH MITIGATION ACTION 1	
LEAD AGENCY	
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	
TIMELINE	
COST ESTIMATE	
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	
ASSOCIATED GOALS	
PRIORITY	
Action Description	
Type of Mitigation Action	
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	
Current Status of Action	
Hazard Addressed	

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Title of Action

Must name
position/agency

Doesn't need to
be exact

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Must refer to goals as stated in plan

Assign priority based on TBD criteria

ASSOCIATED GOALS	
PRIORITY	

Vernon Parish Goals

1. Implement Measures and Actions to Minimize Hazard Impacts Immediately Prior to, During, or in Response to Hazard Events
2. Implement Measures to Protect or Reduce Damage to Structures and Assets from Future Hazards
3. Encourage Sound Development Practices or Implement Other Actions to Reduce or Eliminate Impacts of Future Hazards
4. Reduce Hazard Impacts through Modifications to Built or Natural Environments
5. Enhance Public Awareness and Understanding of Disaster Preparedness
6. Improve Communications Throughout Parish During Hazard Events



Prioritizing Mitigation Actions

High Priority

- Ongoing actions and/or actions that will provide maximum benefit that can be undertaken by existing parish staff with or without additional funding

Medium Priority

- Actions with medium benefit and relatively low cost, political support, and public support but require additional funding/resources

Low Priority

- Actions that require substantial funding and/or would result in limited benefit to the community

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Detailed
description of
action

Four types
described in
manual

Describe how
action will
benefit
community

Action Description	
Type of Mitigation Action	
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction	

Types of Eligible Mitigation Actions

- **Local Plans and Regulations**

- Comprehensive plans
- Land use ordinances
- Stormwater management plans
- Open space preservation

- **Structure and Infrastructure Projects**

- Acquisitions/elevations
- Utility Undergrounding
- Structural retrofits
- Detention and Retention Structures

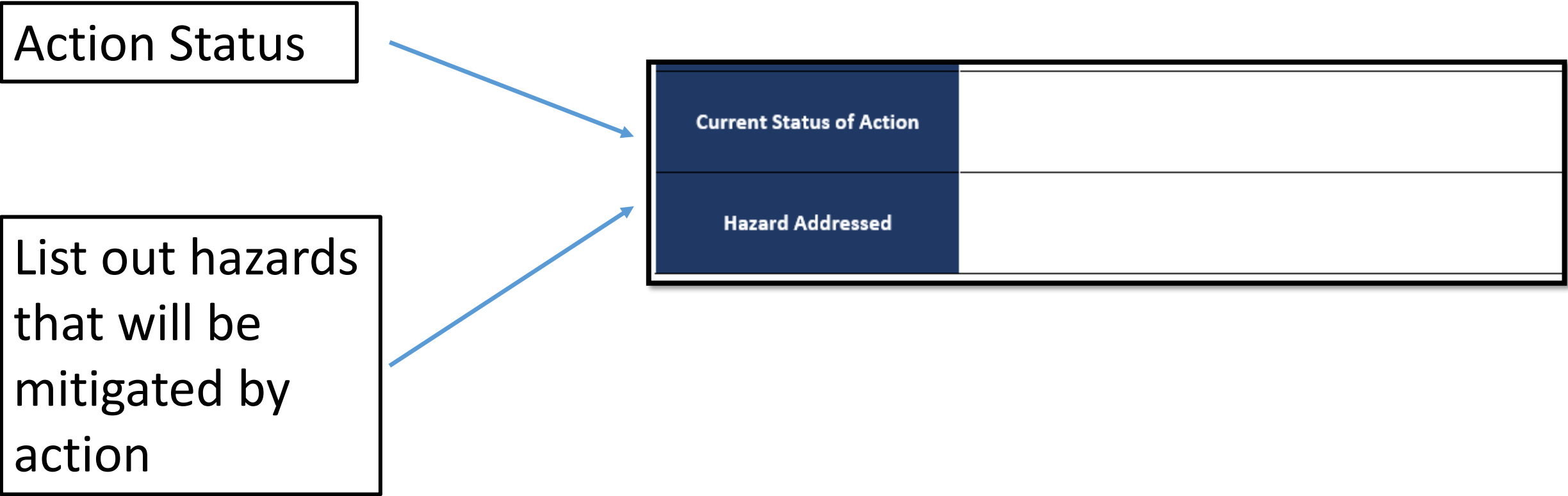
- **Natural Systems Protection**

- Wetland restoration/preservation
- Forest Management
- Sediment and erosion control

- **Education and Awareness Programs**

- Radio/television spots
- Websites with maps and information
- Mailings to residents in hazard-prone areas

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Community Discussions



Plan Timeline Update

- Outstanding Worksheets – need them ASAP!
- Completed Mitigation Action Update – NLT Friday March 4th
- Completed New Mitigation Actions – NLT Friday March 4th
- Public Meeting – ???
- Draft Plan – 2-3 weeks after Public Meeting
- Submission Date to FEMA – One to Two weeks after Draft Plan



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