



# Washington Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Mitigation Action Workshop

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# Agenda

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



# Existing Actions Update

Washington Unincorporated Mitigation Actions							
Action	Action Description	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Responsible Party, Agency, or Department	Hazard	Goal	Status
W1 Hardening of buildings	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.	HMGP and Parish funding	July 2021 through December 2024	Washington Parish	Tropical Cyclone, Tornado	1	ongoing
W2 Drainage - flood relief projects	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. Initially identified projects include projects within the unincorporated areas, and other potential sites. Benefits: Relieves Parish or local government and propertyowners 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.	HMGP and Parish funding	July 2021 through December 2024	Washington Parish	Flooding, Tropical Cyclone	1,3	ongoing
W3 Residential elevations and acquisitions for repetitive loss properties	Elevation or acquisition-demolition of properties. Benefits: Relieves propertyowners of the continual flooding problems. Saves flood relief and damage repayment for each property.	HMGP	July 2021 through December 2024	Washington Parish	Flooding	1,3	ongoing



# 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
- **Carried Over - Not Started** – This action/project was not started, you would like to carry it over in the 2021 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
- 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

- Flooding
- Tropical Cyclones
- Tornadoes
- Wildfires



- Winter Weather (New)
- Thunderstorms (New)





# New Actions Needed

	Washington Unincorporated	Angie	Bogalusa	Franklinton	Varnado
Flooding	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+
Tropical Cyclones	0	2+	0	2+	2+
Tornadoes	0	2+	0	2+	2+
Wildfires	0	2+	0	2+	2+
Thunderstorms	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+
Winter Weather	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+



# Filling Out Mitigation Action Forms

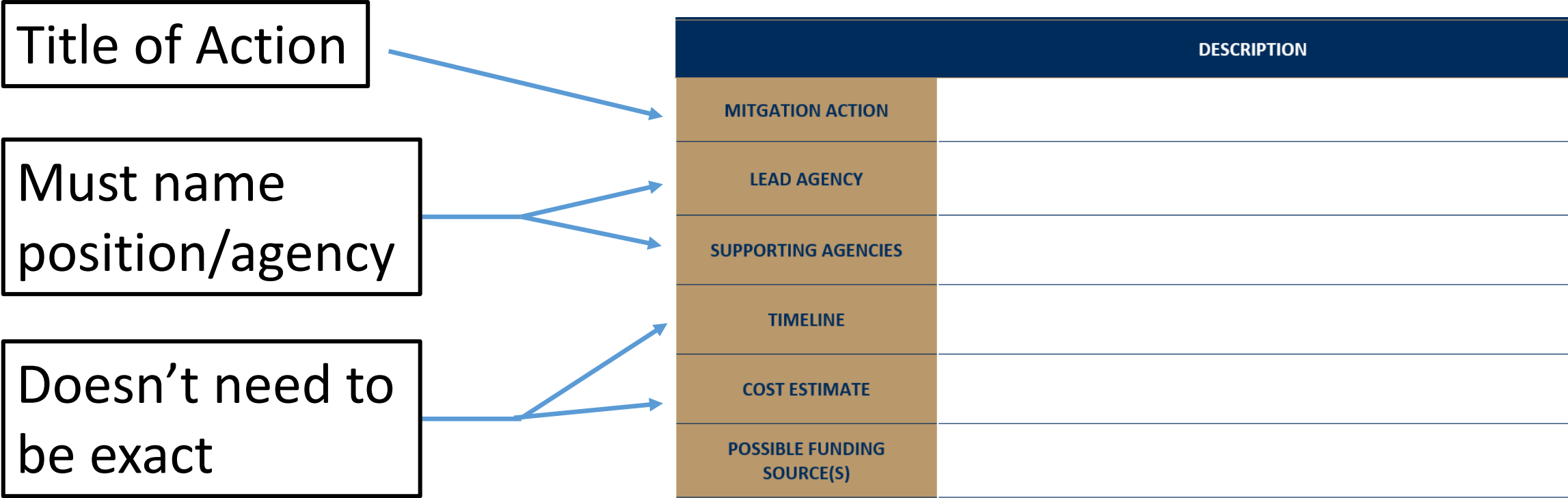
IMPLEMENTATION KEY FOR POTENTIAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIONS WASHINGTON PARISH	
DESCRIPTION	
MITIGATION ACTION	
LEAD AGENCY	
SUPPORTING AGENCIES	
TIMELINE	
COST ESTIMATE	
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S)	
ASSOCIATED GOALS	
PRIORITY	
Action Description	
Type of Mitigation Action	
How Action Aligns with Risk Reduction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

Additional Supporting Information:





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Must refer to  
goals as stated  
in plan

Assign priority  
based on TBD  
criteria

ASSOCIATED GOALS	
PRIORITY	

# Washington Parish Goals

1. Identify and pursue preventative measures that will reduce future damages from hazards including the reduction of repetitive flood losses in the parish and municipalities.
2. Enhance public awareness and understanding of hazard mitigation
3. Facilitate sound development in the parish and municipalities so as to reduce or eliminate the potential impact of hazards.
4. Enhance local capability and improve data collection as relates to hazard mitigation



# Prioritizing Mitigation Actions

- **High Priority**

- Ongoing actions and actions that provide high benefit to the community with additional funding or staffing

- **Medium Priority**

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

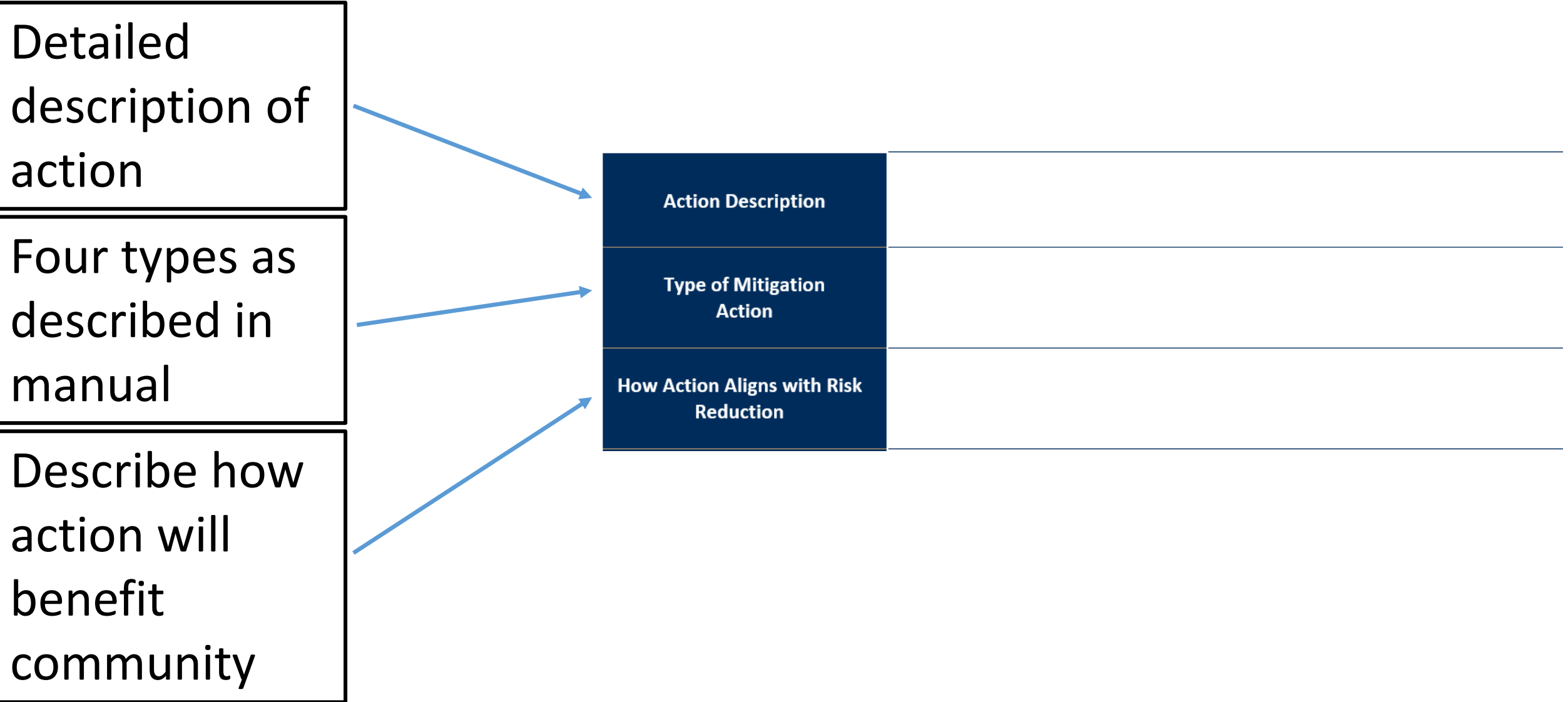
- **Low Priority**

- Actions that require substantial funding and long completion times

# Prioritizing Mitigation Actions

- Action Prioritization Discussion
  - Is current prioritization method agreeable with the parish and its communities?
  - Establish alternative criteria to prioritize actions?

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# **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**

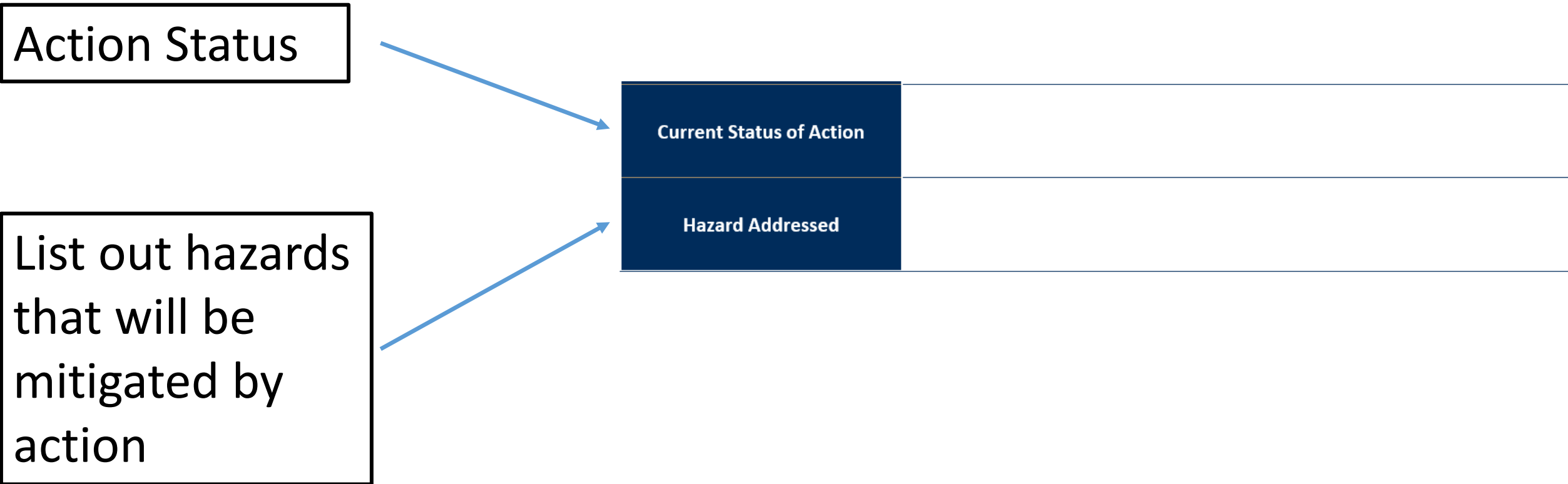
- Wetland restoration/preservation
- Forest Management
- Sediment and erosion control

- **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 – **COMPLETED**
- Completed Mitigation Action Update – **TBD**
- Completed New Mitigation Actions – **TBD**
- Public Meeting – **Select Date**
- Draft Plan – Two-ish weeks after Public Meeting
- Submission Date to FEMA – Following draft plan



