



2026 Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Initial Planning
Committee Meeting

May 29, 2025



Introductions

- **Cameron Parish**
 - Danny Lavergne– Cameron Parish OHSEP Director
- **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)**
 - Marion Pearson – Program Coordinator
 - 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



What Is Hazard Mitigation?

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

Ongoing process that occurs before, during and after events

Enhances community resiliency and guides future development



Common Mitigation Activities

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 Project Funding!**



Hazard Mitigation Planning is a process that identifies natural hazard risks and develops strategies to reduce these risks



Plan Update Process



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

Planning Committee Expectations

- Parish will serve as the POC throughout the planning process
- Parish **MUST** demonstrate active participation in the planning process by:

Designating representatives to attend planning meetings

Completing all state-required worksheets

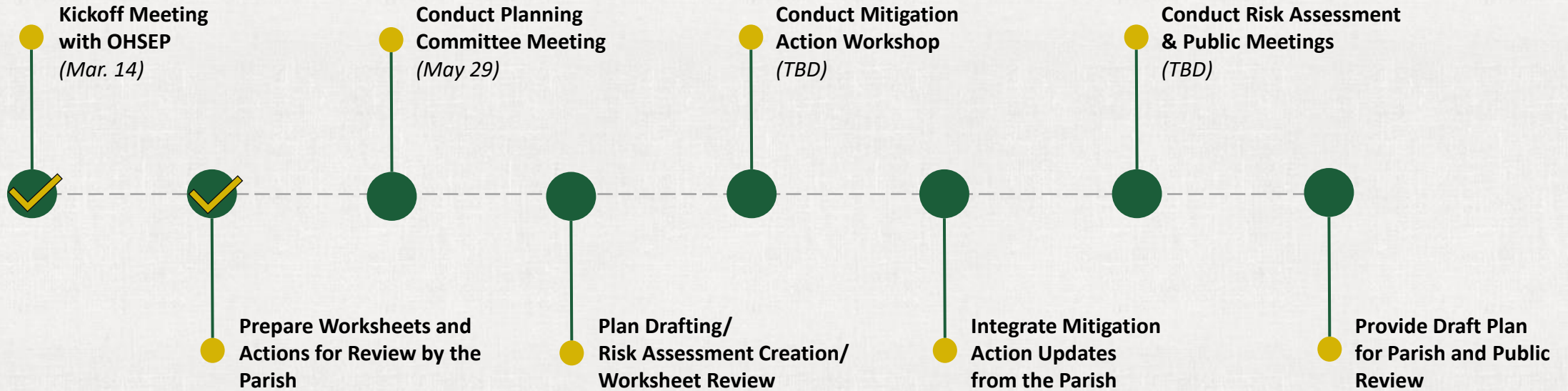
Identifying and updating mitigation actions & projects

Engaging with the community and relevant agencies for feedback

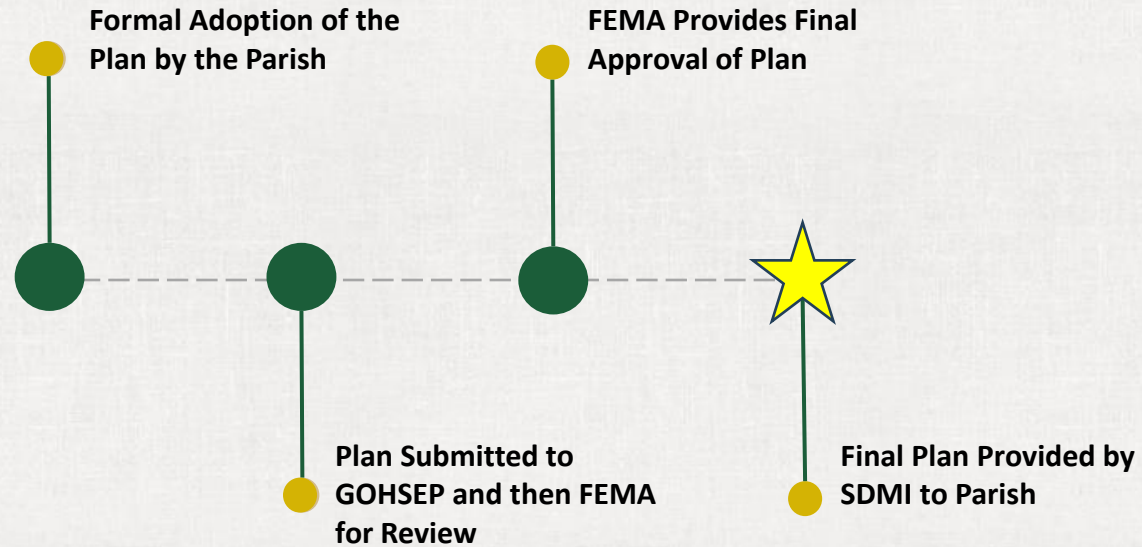
Formally adopting the final plan



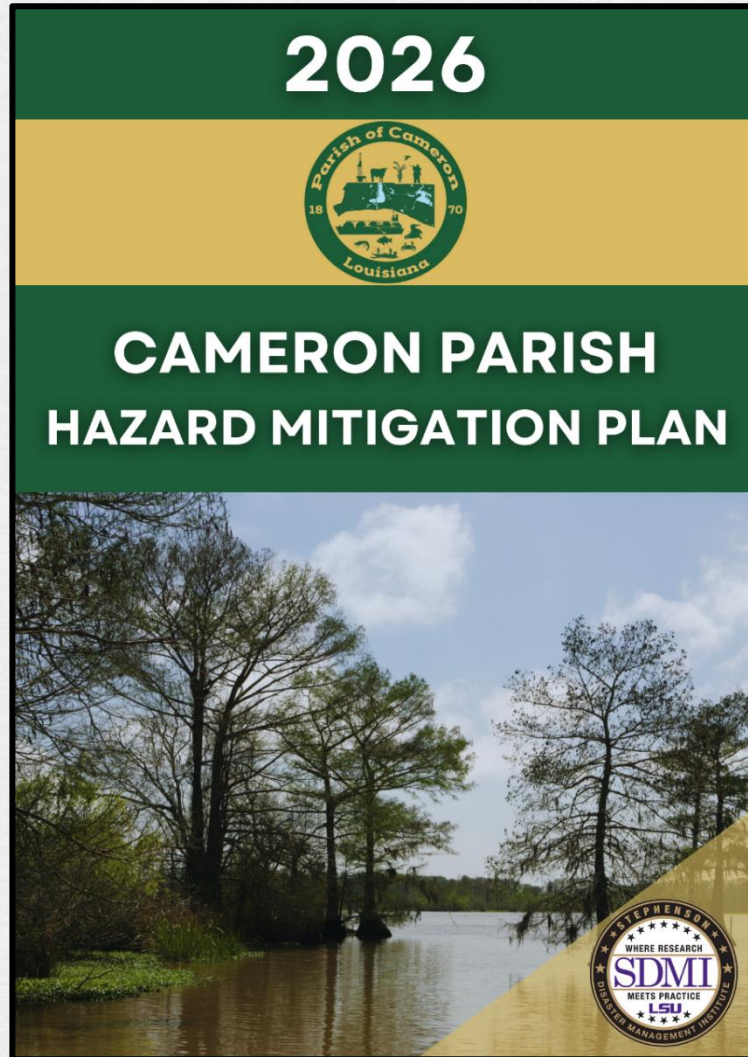
Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Development



Plan Layout

Main Sections

1. Introduction
2. Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment
3. Capability Assessment
4. Mitigation Strategy

Appendices

- A. Planning Process
- B. Plan Maintenance
- C. Parish Critical Facilities
- D. Plan Adoption
- E. State Required Worksheets



Section 1: Introduction

- Parish Description & Geography
- Updated Census Information
 - Total Population
 - Demographic Data
- Economic update
 - Detail major economic sectors
 - New companies that are having a positive economic impact on the parish



Section 2: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

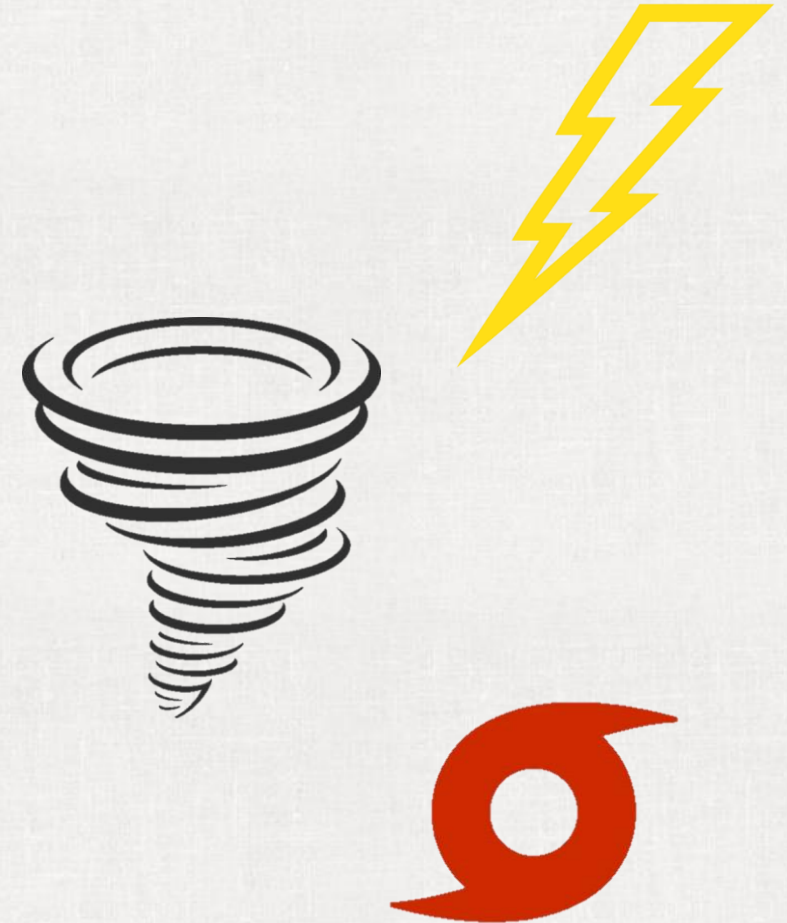
- Previously Profiled Hazards
- Newly Identified Hazards
- Previous Occurrences
- Probability of Future Events
- Potential Losses due to an Event
- Zoning and Land Use
- Impacts on Critical Facilities
- Impacts from Future Development
- Future Impacts due to Climate Change



Previously Profiled Hazards

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

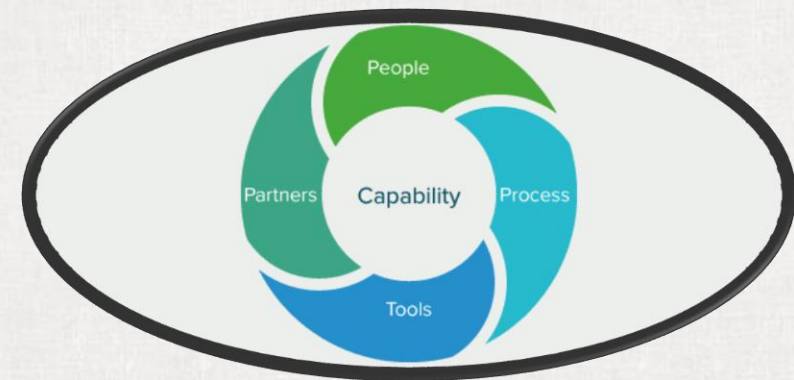
- Coastal Hazards
- Drought
- Excessive Heat
- Flooding
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires



Section 3: Capability Assessment

Primary types of capabilities for reducing long-term vulnerability through mitigation planning are:

- Planning and Regulatory
- Administrative and Technical
- Financial
- Educational and Outreach



Section 4: Mitigation Strategy



Set Clear Goals & Objectives

Define what the plan aims to achieve (e.g., reducing flood damage, improving power resilience)



Develop & Prioritize Projects

Rank mitigation actions based on feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and community impact



Integrate with Other Plans

Align with comprehensive land use plans, zoning regulations, and capital improvement programs



Seek Funding & Partnerships

Leverage federal, state, and local resources while collaborating with stakeholders



Monitor, Evaluate & Update

Regularly review progress and adjust strategies to reflect new risks and opportunities.



Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Goals



Improve education & outreach efforts regarding potential impacts of hazards and the identification of specific measures that can be taken to reduce their impact



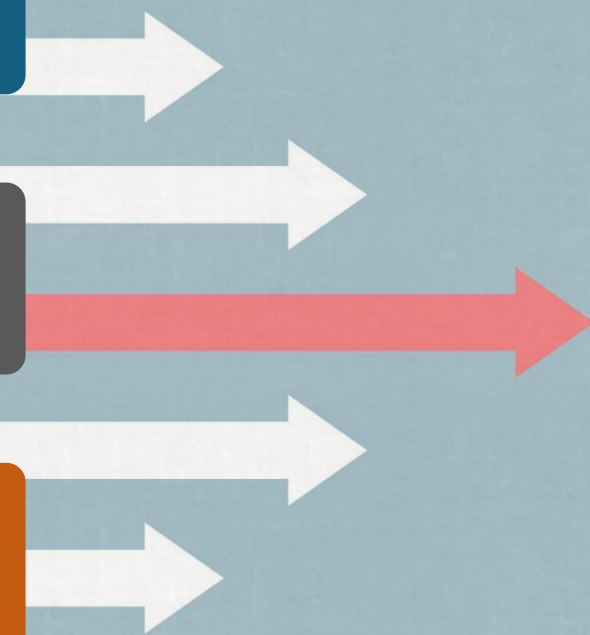
Improve data collection, use and sharing to reduce the impacts of hazards



Improve capabilities and coordination to plan and implement hazard mitigation projects



Pursue opportunities to reduce impacts from hazards through mitigation of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties & other appropriate construction projects and related activities



Appendix A: Planning Process

- Overview of planning process
- Planning committee members identified
- Meeting documentation and summaries
- Discussion of neighboring community participation



Appendix B: Plan Maintenance

- Review of HM Plan **annual** maintenance by the Cameron Parish OHSEP Director and planning committee members
- Assign responsible parties for review and edits of the plan



Appendix C: Critical Facilities


- Updated list of critical facilities
- Facilities must be parish owned
- Identifies which facilities are at risk to each profiled hazard



Appendix D: Plan Adoption

- Parish council resolution must be adopted, signed, and placed into the final planning document
- Adoption must take place **PRIOR** to submission to GOHSEP & FEMA



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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 1129

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
CAMERON PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - 2020

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Cameron has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as CAMERON PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2020 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and


WHEREAS, Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Cameron Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Cameron Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury adopts the Cameron Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020

ADOPTED by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining, this 13th day of November, 2020.

APPROVED:


MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST:



Appendix E: State Required Worksheets



Capability Assessment



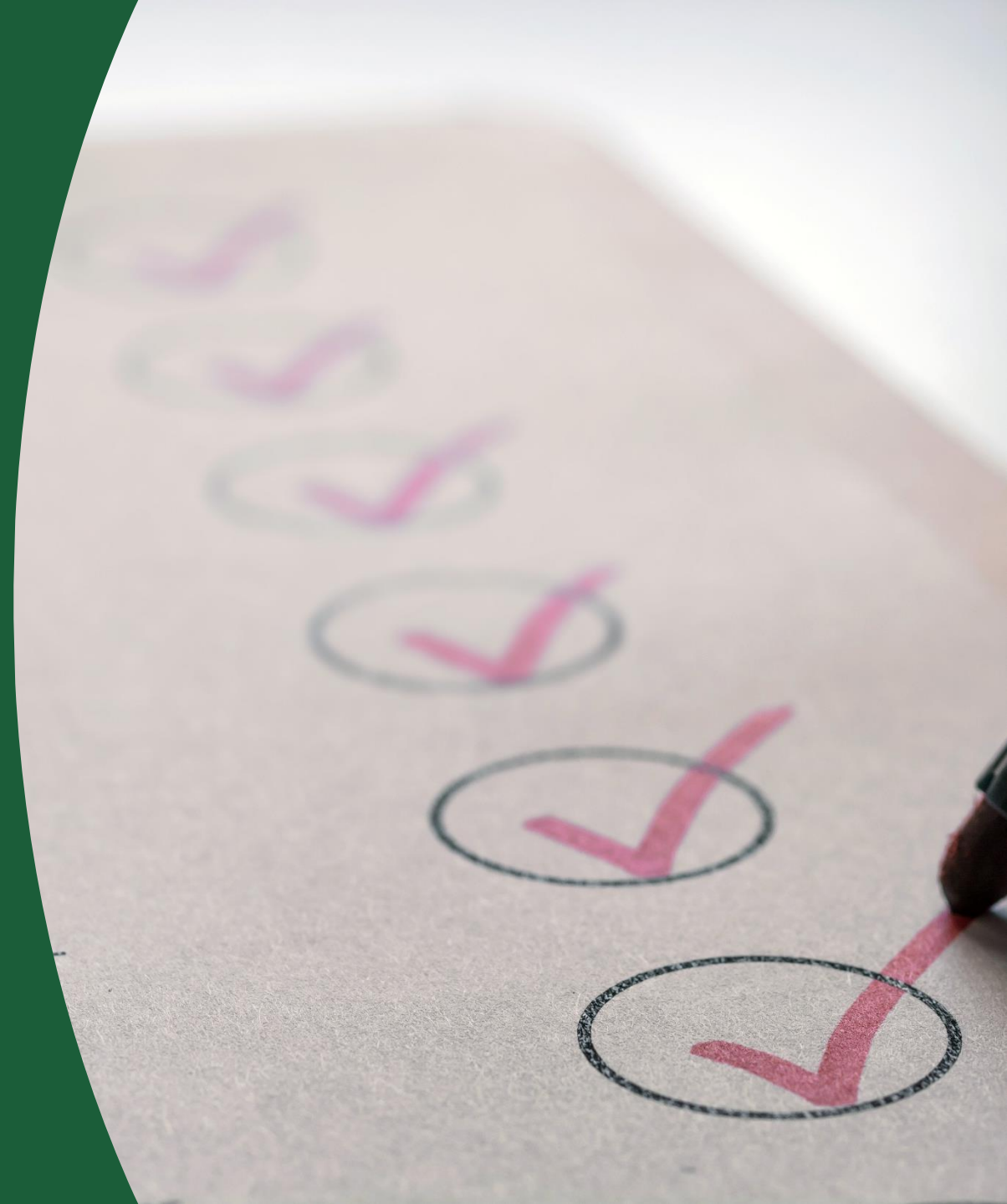
National Flood Insurance Program



Critical Facilities/Building Inventory



Vulnerable Populations



Capability Assessment

Capability Assessment Worksheet - Cameron 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	
Comprehensive / Master Plan	Yes	Parish has a Coastal Restoration Committee to update yearly
Capital Improvements Plan	No	
Economic Development Plan	No	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
Local Emergency Operations Plan	Yes	Yearly
Continuity of Operations Plan	Yes	
Transportation Plan	No	Evacuation Planning
Stormwater Management Plan	No	
Community Wildfire Protection Plan	No	
Other plans (redevelopment, recovery, coastal zone management)	No	
Building Code, Permitting and Inspections		
Building Code	Yes	I CODES 2012
Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Score	No	
Fire Department ISO/PIAL rating	5	
Site plan review requirements	No	
Land Use Planning and Ordinances		
Zoning Ordinance	No	
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	No	
Other	No	

Place answers in Yes/No column, add comments if necessary (i.e. what year the plan was updated last)



National Flood Insurance Program

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) - Cameron 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?		
When did the community adopt the latest FIRM?		
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?		

- Involve local/parish floodplain managers for this information



Building Inventory

Cameron Parish Owned Building Inventory								
Name of Building	Purpose of Building	Address	City	Latitude	Longitude	Assessed Value	Date Built	Construction Type
Cameron Multi Purpose	Recreational	122 Recreation Center Lane	Cameron	29.80071503	-93.3234242	257,625	8/20/2012	Metal
Co-op Extension Office	office	180 Henry Street	Cameron	29.7985815	-93.32345619	90,300	12/5/2012	Reinforced Masonry
Correctional Facility	office	124 Recreation Center Lane	Cameron	29.80071503	-93.3234242	1,672,800	4/9/2015	Reinforced Masonry
East Annex Building	office	110 Smith Circle	Cameron	29.79799747	-93.32465071	435,300	1/8/2010	Reinforced Masonry
West Annex Building	office	148 Smith Circle	Cameron	29.79872156	-93.32568033	713,250	8/14/2012	Reinforced Masonry
Health Unit	Medical Office	107 Recreation Center	Cameron	29.79796033	-93.32456576	90,000	3/2/2009	Reinforced Masonry
Court House and Jail	office	119 Smith Circle	Cameron	29.79850004	-93.32495411	648,000	1937	Reinforced Masonry
Grand Lake Conference Center	office	10098 Gulf Hwy	Grand Lake	30.03933788	-93.21318808	7,914	2/4/2013	Metal
Hackberry Maint Barn	Maintenance Building	105 Parish Road	Hackberry	29.99316712	-93.36540215	51,000	unknown	Metal
East Cameron Maintenance Facility	Maintenance Building	153 LeBlanc Road	Creole	29.79092876	-93.21464826	305,379	5/20/2009	Metal
Johnson Bayou Maint. Barn	Maintenance Building	881 Smith Ridge	Johnson Bayou	29.7835502	-93.7002218	34,904	9/14/2007	Metal
Grand Chenier Maint. Barn	Maintenance Building	205 Recreation	Grand Chenier	29.75351626	-92.90011302	25,313	9/14/2007	Metal
Klondike Barn	Maintenance Building	440 Veterans Memorial Dr.	Gueydan	30.0254761	-92.50974428	25,220	11/20/2014	Metal
Pole Barn	Maintenance Building	6103 Holly Beach	Johnson Bayou	29.77712557	-93.46420284	6,450	unknown	Metal
Hackberry Waterworks	office	1190 Main Street	Hackberry	29.98679907	-93.36776116	52,136	11/1/2007	Metal
Grand Lake Waterworks	office	111 Dennis Lane	Bell City	30.02010712	-93.12988419	21,547	8/1/1999	Metal
Cameron Waterworks	office	126 Ann Street	Cameron	29.79662989	-93.31594502	41,038	9/7/2006	Metal
Grand Chenier Recreation	recreational	113 Recreation Lane	Grand Chenier			100,000	10/22/2010	Metal
Grand Lake Recreation	Recreational	108 Recreation Lane	Grand Lake	30.01616938	-93.18549475	100,000	unknown	Metal
Hackberry Community Center	Recreational	1250B Recreation Lane	Hackberry	29.99484321	-93.36384726	269,000	2018	Metal
Hackberry Recreation Center	Recreational	1250A Recreation Lane	Hackberry	29.98469191	-93.38766727	100,000	unknown	Metal
Johnson Bayou Recreation Center	Recreational	135 Berwick Road	Johnson Bayou	29.76899575	-93.70099915	200,000	5/22/2013	Metal
Hackberry Multi Purpose Building	Recreational	986 Main Street	Hackberry	29.99457407	-93.36486658	75,000	unknown	Metal
Multi Purpose Facility	Recreational	434 Veterans Memorial Drive	Lake Arthur			11,340	unknown	Metal
Johnson Bayou Multi Purpose Building	Recreational	5556 Gulf Beach Hwy	Johnson Bayou	29.76212328	-93.6434109	210,000	7/10/2008	Metal



Vulnerable Populations

Vulnerable Populations Worksheet - Cameron Parish					
All Hospitals (Private or Public)					
Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
South Cameron Memorial Hospital	5360 West Creole Hwy	Cameron	70631	29.80820752	-93.16557286
Nursing Homes (Private or Public)					
Nursing Homes (Private or Public)	Address	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
Mobile Home Parks					
Mobile Home Parks	Address	City	Zip Code	Latitude	Longitude
Long Acre Trailer Park (CLOSED?)	100 Long Acre Dr	Grand Lake	70607	30.01458918	-93.19187439
Hebert Trailer Park	207 Hebert Trailer Park Rd	Grand Lake	70607	30.0109511	-93.22670573
Shandy Acres	1471 Hwy 384	Grand Lake	70607	30.01711853	-93.16025546
Twin Oaks Trailer Park	111 Twin Oaks Rd	Grand Lake	70607	30.02250837	-93.21321425



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_88EBWgRGEG5umkC



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

- Repository for materials used during the plan update process
- <https://hmplans.sdmi.lsu.edu/>

The screenshot shows the home page of the SDMI Hazard Mitigation website. At the top, it features the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo and a navigation bar with 'HAZARD MITIGATION' and sub-links for 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', and 'Parish Plans'. A central banner titled 'Why We Have Hazard Mitigation Plans' explains the federal requirements for these plans. Below the banner are three buttons: 'CHOOSE A VIEW', 'MAP OF PARISHES', and 'LIST OF PARISHES'. The 'MAP OF PARISHES' button is selected, displaying a map of Louisiana with various shades of blue representing different stages of plan development. A legend at the bottom identifies the stages: Plan Development (lightest blue), Plan Review (light blue), Plan Adopted (medium blue), Completed (darkest blue), and Not Participating (white). A summary table at the bottom shows the number of parishes in each stage: 3 in Plan Development, 7 in Plan Review, 3 in Plan Adoption, and 46 in Completed.

Step 1: Plan Development	Step 2: Plan Review	Step 3: Plan Adoption	Step 4: Completed
3 Parishes currently in this stage	7 Parishes currently in this stage	3 Parishes currently in this stage	46 Parishes currently in this stage

The screenshot shows the 'Cameron Parish' page on the SDMI Hazard Mitigation website. It features a 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' section with a progress bar showing four stages: PLAN DEVELOPMENT, PLAN REVIEW, PLAN ADOPTION, and COMPLETED. Below this, a 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' section lists 'Cameron Parish' and 'Unincorporated Areas'. A calendar event for '2025 CAMERON PARISH KICKOFF MEETING' is displayed for March 14th. A 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section lists three plans from 2020 and three from 2015, each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Survey' section with an 'Access Survey' button.



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



Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - Vermilion used in previous plan
- Worksheet Due Dates
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - *Plan due 1/4/2026*
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (optional)
 - Risk Assessment Meeting
 - Public Meeting
- Plan Adoption
 - **BEFORE** the FEMA Review
- Plan Submission to FEMA
 - Immediately following plan adoption



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