

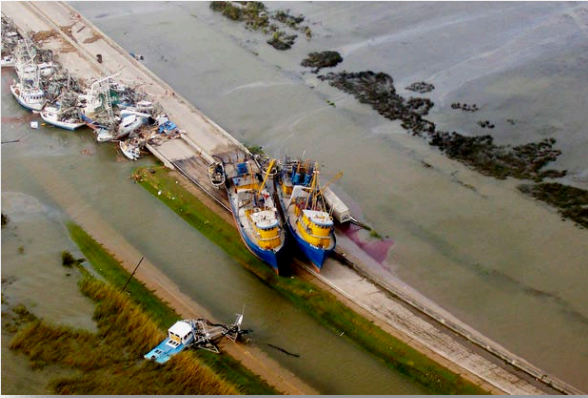


2026 Beaugard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

5/20/2025





The Hazard Mitigation Plan: What is in it for us?



Hazard Mitigation Is...

- Any action taken to reduce long term risk to life and property;
- On-going process that occurs before, during, and after disasters;
- Mitigation actions help prevent damage to a community's infrastructure, economic, cultural and environmental assets;
- Minimize operational downtime and accelerate recovery of government and the private sector after an event;
- ***Implementation of mitigation actions leads to building stronger, safer and smarter!***



Why Have a Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Planning efforts help our communities become more sustainable and disaster-resilient
 - Focuses efforts on the hazards, disaster-prone areas and identifying appropriate mitigation actions for future projects
- Must have a FEMA approved plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance
- **No Plan = No Mitigation Money = No Project Funding**



Federal HM Plan Requirements

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Revised as of October 1, 2018

Emergency Management
and
Assistance

- 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 mitigation plans as a precondition for receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.
- Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §201.6 for FEMA approval and eligibility to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance

Plan Update Requirements

- The plan must be updated every five years
- Must identify & involve a comprehensive group of stakeholders
 - Includes local business, academia and those representing underserved populations (nonprofits, community-based organizations etc.)
- Re-assess vulnerability to natural hazards faced by the parish
 - Consider any changes and address events that have occurred since the completion of the previous plan
- Incorporate local planning efforts
- Report mitigation strategy (projects) progress and discuss adjustments



The Planning Committee

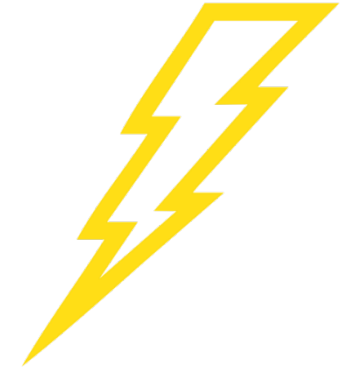
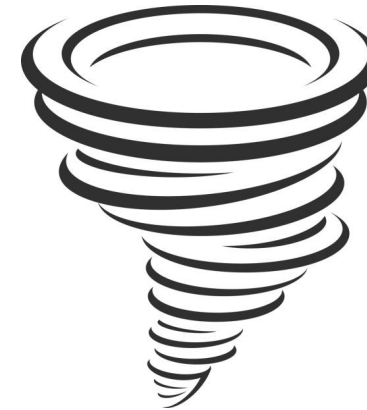
- Planning committee should consist of people from any department/agency who can provide input to planning process
 - Should also include those who represent private business and industry, as well as those who serve disadvantaged communities
- Responsibilities of representatives include:
 - Verifying and/or updating **Capability Assessment, NFIP, Parish-owned Building Inventory, and Vulnerable Population data** for the plan
 - Providing status updates for **existing mitigation actions** and proposing **new actions** if necessary.



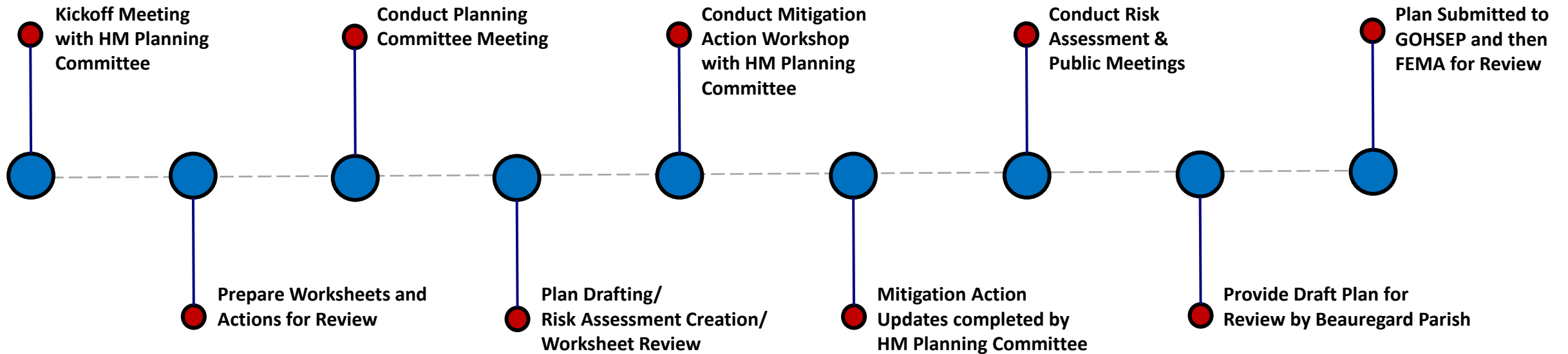
Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Hazards From Previous HMP Include:

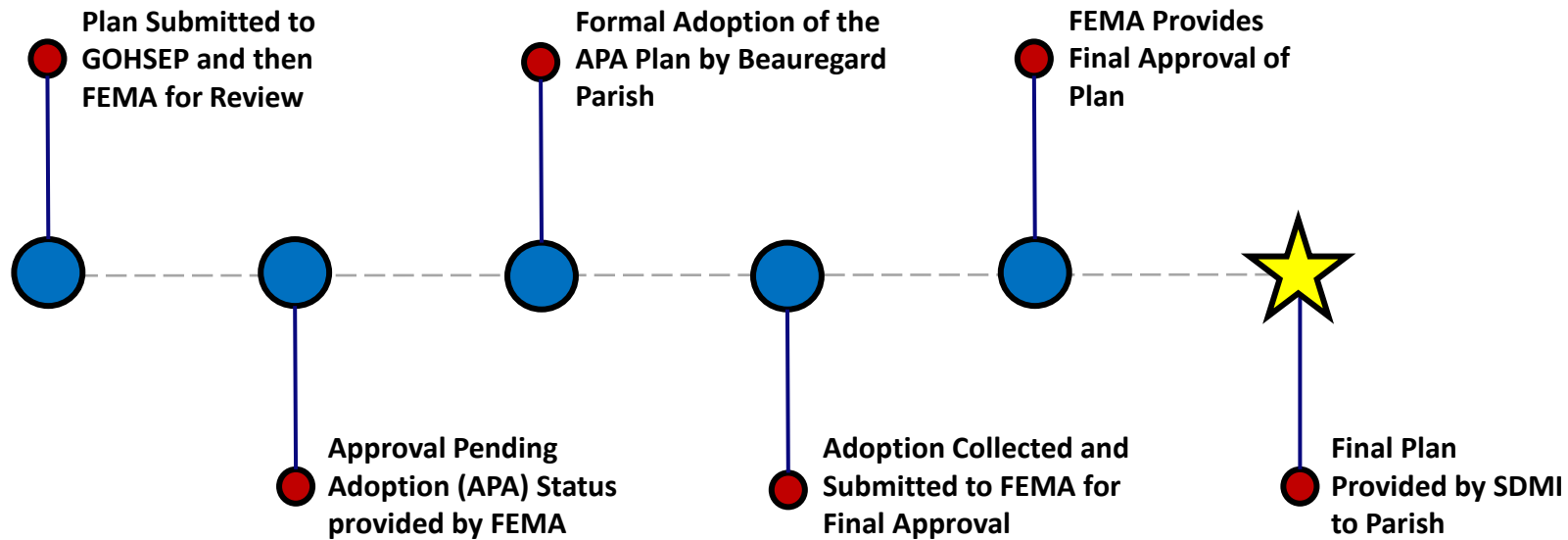
- Drought
- Excessive Heat
- Flooding
- Sinkholes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Weather



Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



Plan Adoption

- Beauregard Parish and the incorporated jurisdictions **MUST** adopt the draft plan before it is submitted to GOHSEP and FEMA
- Resolutions must be formally adopted, signed, and placed into the planning document.

The following resolution was offered by Shanel Handy and seconded by Kelly Bailey:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2021

2020 Beauregard Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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

WHEREAS the Beauregard Parish Police Jury has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2020 Beauregard Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

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

WHEREAS adoption by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2020 Beauregard Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Beauregard Parish Police Jury, LOUISIANA, that in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute RS 33:1216, the Beauregard Parish Police Jury adopts the 2020 Beauregard Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote was recorded as follows:


YEAS: Wayne Reeves, Jeffery Meadows, Shanel Handy, Jerry Shirley, Mike Harper, Kelly Bailey, Ronnie Jackson, John Stobbins, Eddie Ware, Chuck Montgomery


NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of April 2021.


Shanel Handy
Secretary -Treasurer


Mike Harper
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF BEAUREGARD

I, SHANTEL ALLEMAN, Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Police Jury in Regular Session on April 13, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book 30 at which meeting a quorum was present. GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL 2021.

(SEAL) 
SHANTEL ALLEMAN, SECRETARY-TREASURER
BEAUREGARD PARISH POLICE JURY

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Dale Reinhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Carolyn Rhoads

Town of Merryville
Louisiana

RESOLUTION 041221

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MERRYVILLE
BEAUREGARD PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, 2020

WHEREAS, the Town of Merryville recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property with the Town of Merryville; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Merryville has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Beauregard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2020 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

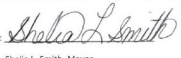
WHEREAS, the Beauregard Parish Mitigation Plan, 2020, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property in the Town of Merryville from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town of Merryville demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Beauregard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2020.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with the Section 2-1006 of the Lawton Act, the Town of Merryville adopts the Beauregard Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2020.

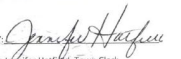
ADOPTED by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent, this the 12th day of APRIL, 2021.

By: 
Sheila L. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Jennifer Hatfield, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Jennifer Hatfield, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-5

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 BEAUREGARD MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH SECTION 404 OF THE STAFFORD ACT, FEMA AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAZARD MITIGATION DIVISION.

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

WHEREAS, the City of DeRidder has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2020 Beauregard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and


WHEREAS, 2020 Beauregard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and action to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of DeRidder from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and


WHEREAS, adoption by the City of DeRidder demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2020 Beauregard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of DeRidder does hereby adopt the 2020 Beauregard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Section 404 of the Stafford Act, FEMA and the State of Louisiana Hazard Mitigation Division.

THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of April 2021 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in Regular Session duly convened in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

ATTEST:


GLENNALUTHER, CMAA/CMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL


RANDY LARKFEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL


STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF BEAUREGARD

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COUNCIL
City of DeRidder

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this copy is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, R-2021-5, adopted by the Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana, on the 12th day of APRIL, 2021, and that it is in full force and effect and on record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I affix my official signature and the seal of the office of DeRidder, Louisiana, this 12th day of APRIL, 2021.


GLENNALUTHER, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL



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 Beauregard Parish and the incorporated jurisdictions
 - A comprehensive list of parish owned properties
 - Assessment of natural disaster-related risks and vulnerabilities



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_71wTsRxOdewMWHQ



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot displays the website interface for the SDMI Hazard Mitigation website, specifically for the Beauregard Parish. At the top, the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo is visible, along with a navigation bar containing 'SDMI HOME', 'f', and 't' icons. Below this, a yellow banner reads 'HAZARD MITIGATION', followed by a dark grey navigation bar with links for 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', 'Parish Plans', and 'Settings'. The main content area is titled 'Beauregard Parish' and includes a 'PLAN DUE DATE: MAY 3 2026' badge. A 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' section features a progress bar with four stages: 'PLAN DEVELOPMENT' (yellow), 'PLAN REVIEW' (purple), 'PLAN ADOPTION' (purple), and 'COMPLETED' (purple). Below the progress bar, 'COORDINATION TBD', 'TBD', 'TBD', and 'TBD' are listed. A 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' section lists 'Beauregard Parish, Unincorporated areas', 'City of DeRidder', and 'Town of Merryville'. A calendar event for 'MAY 20' is titled 'BEAUREGARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING' and is a 'Phone Conference' on '09:30 AM - 10:00 AM 5/20/2025'. The 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section shows two years: '2021' and '2016'. Each year has three cards for 'BEAUREGARD PARISH KICKOFF MEETING', 'BEAUREGARD PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING', and 'BEAUREGARD PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN', each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. The LSU logo is at the bottom right.



Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - Calcasieu was used previously
- Parish Seal/Logo
- Dates for Next Meetings
 - *Plan due 5/3/2026*
 - Initial Planning Committee Meeting
 - Mitigation Action Workshop (Optional)
 - Risk Assessment Review with Committee
 - Public Meeting



