



2026 Livingston Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Kickoff Meeting

July 31, 2025



Introductions

- **Livingston Parish**
 - Chris Anderson – Livingston Parish OHSEP
 - Heather Crain & Amanda Darnielle – Livingston Parish Grants Department
 - Planning Committee Members
- **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)**
 - Lennie LaFleur– Preparedness Program Specialist
 - Marion Pearson – Hazard Mitigation Planner



Who is SDMI?

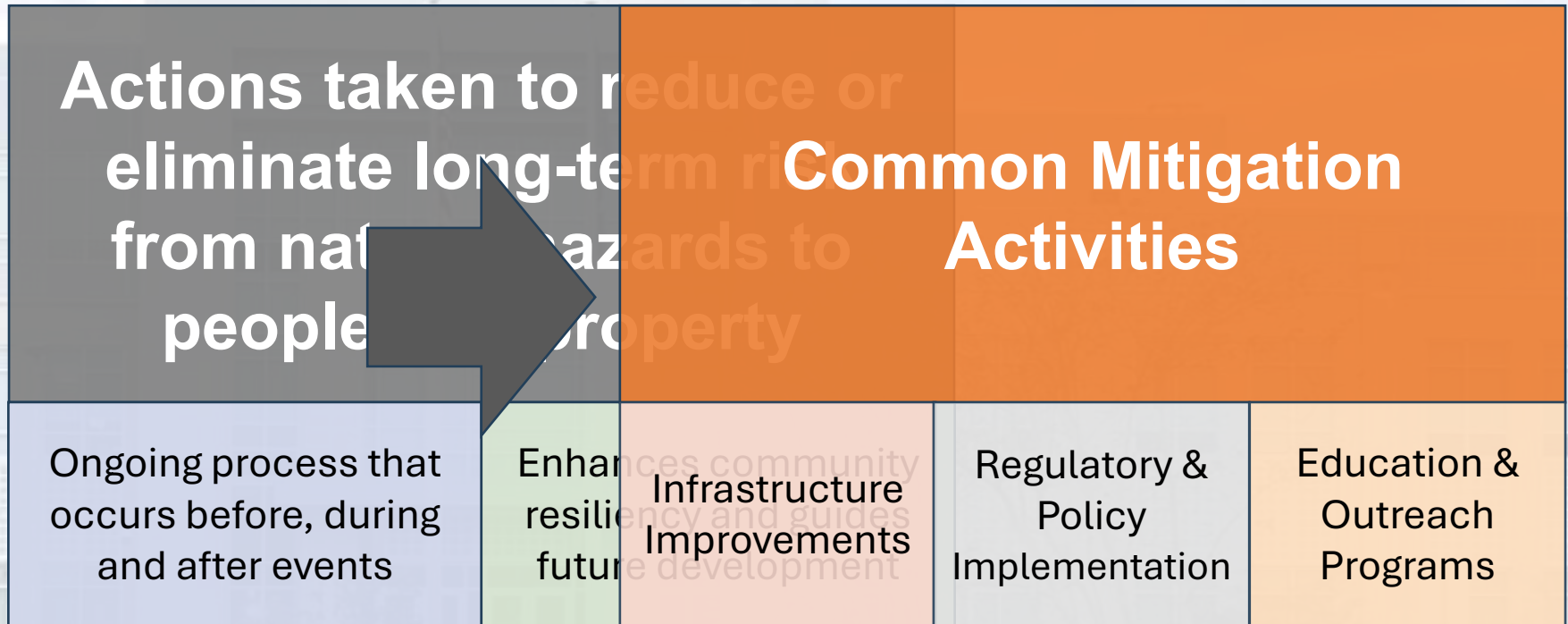
- Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at Louisiana State University
- Non-Academic, Applied Research Unit on campus
- Specialize in providing programmatic support and decision making tools for state and local emergency managers
 - Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Emergency Operations Plans
 - Geographic Information Systems
 - Application Development
 - Data Visualization
 - Aerial Imagery Collection/Processing



Phases of Emergency Management



What Is Hazard Mitigation?



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 Projects!**



Hazard Mitigation Plan Requirements



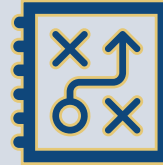
Must include a robust planning committee/ stakeholder group

- 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

Misconceptions about Mitigation Plans

Not an Emergency Operations Plan

- It focuses on long-term risk reduction, not immediate disaster response actions.

Not a One-time Document

- Should be reviewed and updated periodically

Not Limited to Large-Scale Projects

- Includes both structural (e.g., levees) and non-structural (e.g., building codes) strategies.

Not a Guaranteed Funding Source

- Helps secure federal/state funds but does not automatically result in project approval.

Not a Standalone Effort

- Should align with local comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, and climate adaptation strategies.



Planning Committee Expectations

- Parish will serve as the POC throughout the planning process
- Parish and jurisdictions **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



Hazard Identification

Previously Profiled Hazards

- Coastal Hazards
- Drought
- Flooding
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Winter Weather

FEMA'S National Risk Index

- Coastal Flooding
- Heat Wave
- Ice Storm
- Lightning
- Riverine Flooding
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Winter Weather



Community Rating System (CRS)



The CRS program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that encourages communities to participate in enhanced floodplain management practices



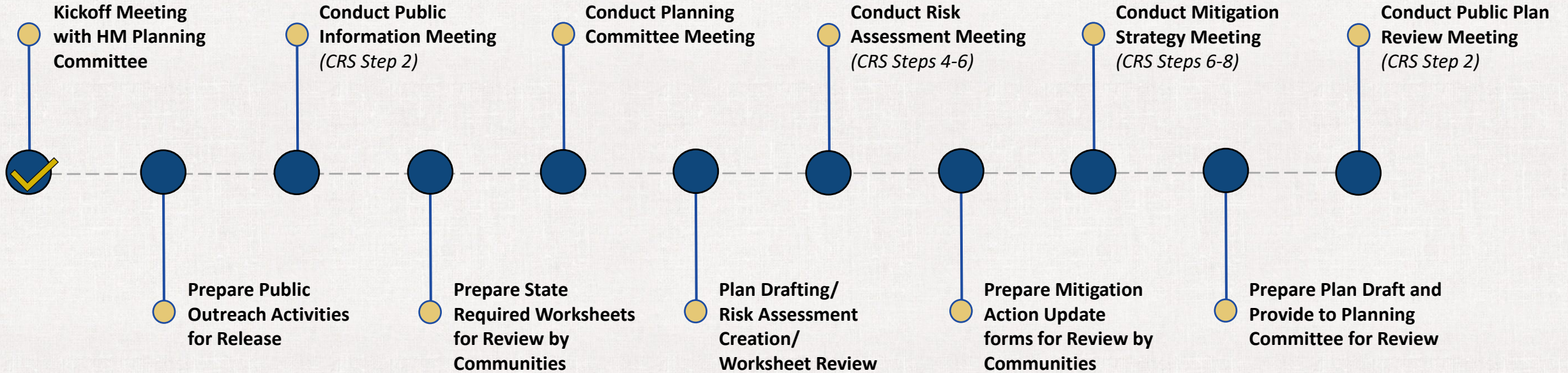
Participating communities can receive flood insurance premium discounts for all NFIP policies, including those outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)



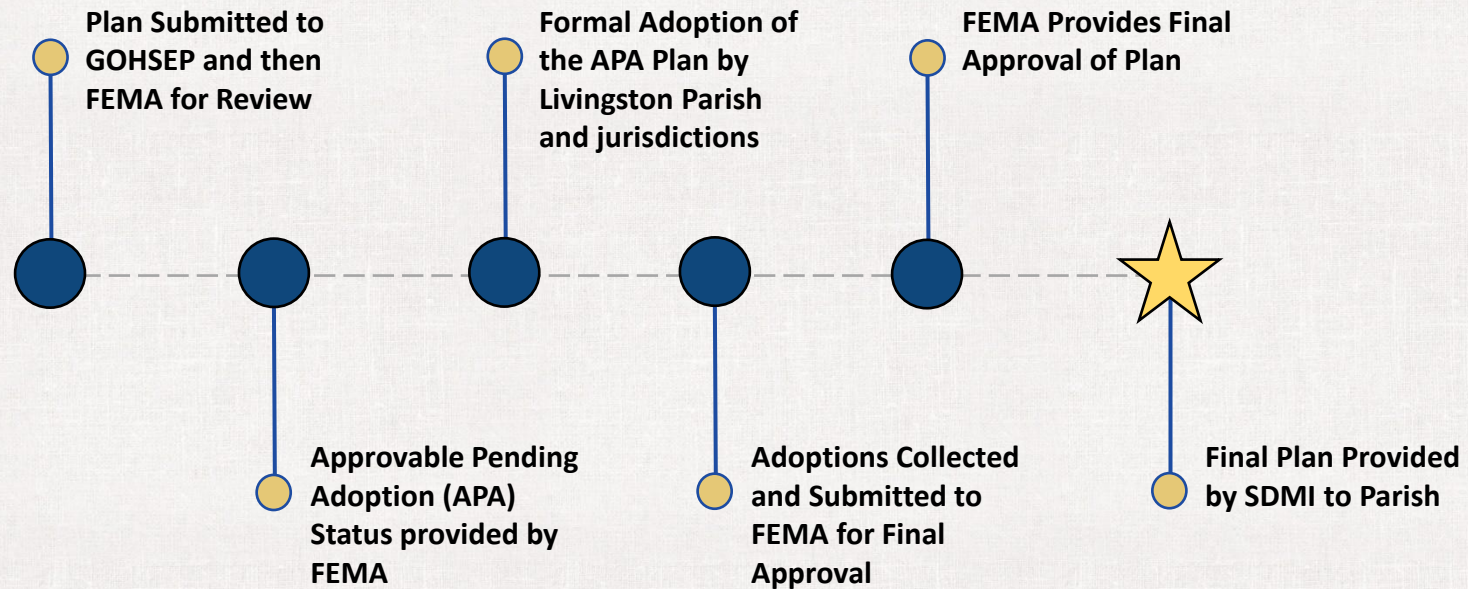
- Livingston Parish – Class 10
 - 0% Discount
- Denham Springs – Class 7
 - 15% Discount
- Walker – Class 7
 - 15% Discount



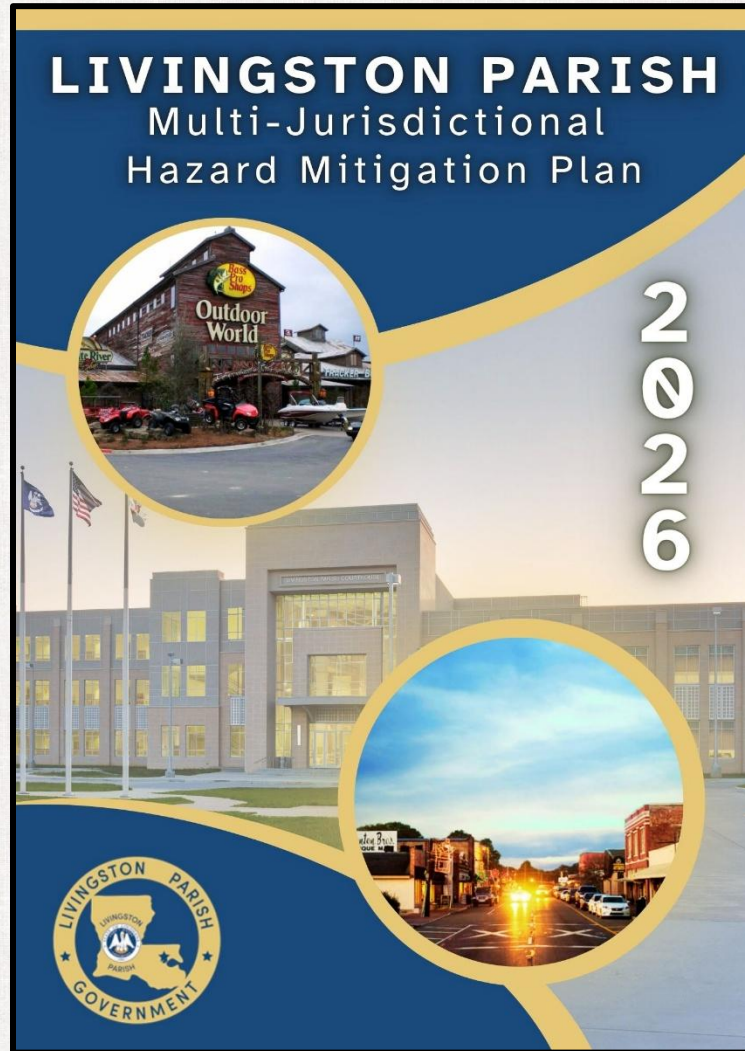
Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



The Final Product



Maintains community eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs

Provides an assessment of natural disaster-related risks & vulnerabilities

Outlines a hazard mitigation project strategy to increase community resilience

Potentially increases flood insurance premium discounts for CRS-participating communities



Parish Mitigation Survey

- Collects information regarding perceptions of local hazards and mitigation efforts
- Results will be included in the plan if there are enough responses
 - <https://tinyurl.com/LivingstonHM2026>



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot shows the main landing page of the SDMI Hazard Mitigation website. At the top, it features the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo and navigation links for 'SDMI HOME', 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', and 'Parish Plans'. The main heading is 'HAZARD MITIGATION'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Why We Have Hazard Mitigation Plans' with a sub-heading 'Sponsored by' and the Louisiana State Seal. The text explains that parishes maintain Hazard Mitigation Plans to meet federal requirements for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants. Below the text are three buttons: 'CHOOSE A VIEW', 'MAP OF PARISHES', and 'LIST OF PARISHES'. The 'MAP OF PARISHES' button is selected, leading to a map of Louisiana where parishes are color-coded by their development process stage. A legend at the bottom, titled 'Development Process', shows four stages: Plan Development (light blue), Plan Review (medium blue), Plan Adoption (dark blue), and Completed (darkest blue). A summary table at the bottom indicates the number of parishes in each stage: 4 in Plan Development, 10 in Plan Review, 1 in Plan Adoption, and 45 in Completed.

Step	Parishes currently in this stage
Step 1: Plan Development	4
Step 2: Plan Review	10
Step 3: Plan Adoption	1
Step 4: Completed	45

The screenshot shows the page for Livingston Parish. It features the same top navigation as the home page. The main heading is 'Livingston Parish' with a 'PLAN DUE DATE: JULY 14 2026'. Below this is a 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' progress bar showing four stages: PLAN DEVELOPMENT (yellow), PLAN REVIEW (purple), PLAN ADOPTION (purple), and COMPLETED (purple). A timeline below the progress bar shows 'COORDINATION MAY 2025' and 'TBD' for the other stages. Underneath is a list of 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' including Unincorporated Livingston Parish, Village of Killian, City of Walker, Town of Albany, Town of Livingston, Village of Port Vincent, City of Denham Springs, Village of French Settlement, and Town of Springfield. Below the list are two event cards: 'MAY 13 PRE-PLANNING COORDINATION' and 'JUL 31 MEETING #1: LIVINGSTON HMP KICKOFF MEETING'. A 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section for 2021 includes three cards for '2021 LIVINGSTON PARISH INITIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING', '2021 LIVINGSTON PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING', and '2021 LIVINGSTON PARISH MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN', each with a 'DOWNLOAD' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Survey' section with an 'Access Survey' button.



Next Steps

- Identify Neighboring Community
 - Ascension, Iberville, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, WBR & E. Feliciana were used previously
- Timeline Requirements
 - Current plan expires July 14, 2026
 - Five Future Meetings
 - Public Information Meeting
 - Must be held in affected area within 60 days of Kickoff Meeting
 - Public Plan Review Meeting
 - Must occur at least two weeks prior to submission



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