



2026 Tangipahoa Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Public Information Meeting

Hammond, LA

July 29th, 2025

Introductions

- **Tangipahoa Parish**
 - Dawson Primes – Tangipahoa OHSEP Director
 - Tracie Schillace – Tangipahoa Parish Planning Director
 - 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)**
 - Jeffrey Giering – State Hazard Mitigation Officer
 - Marion Pearson – Hazard Mitigation Planner
 - Lennie LaFleur – Preparedness Program Specialist

Who is SDMI?

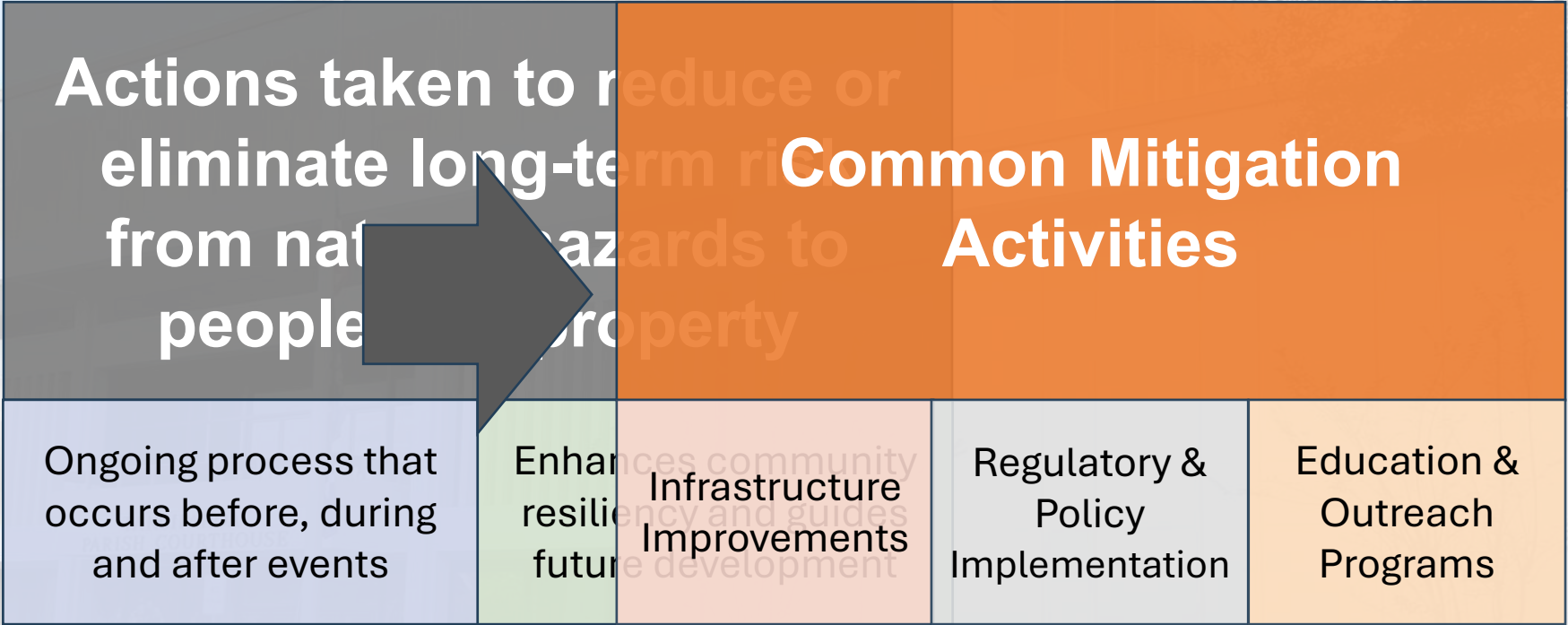
- Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at Louisiana State University
- Non-Academic, Applied Research Unit on campus
- Specialize in providing programmatic support and decision making tools for state and local emergency managers
 - Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Emergency Operations Plans
 - Geographic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



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!**

HMP Update Requirements



Must be updated and receive FEMA approval every five years

- Reassess risks, vulnerabilities & mitigation strategy
- Must reflect changes in conditions & development



Must include a robust planning committee/ stakeholder group

- Incorporated jurisdictions
- Local/parish agencies
- Local business/ industry
- Underserved populations



Must identify and evaluate the risks 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

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)



Tangipahoa Parish currently carries a Class 8 rating, resulting in a 10% flood insurance premium discount for policyholders

Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment

Previously Profiled Hazards

- Coastal Land Loss
- Flooding
- Subsidence
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tropical Cyclones
- Wildfires
- Winter Storms
- Bioterrorism*
- Cyber Security*
- Pandemic*

FEMA's National Risk Index

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

Hazards Discussion

Hazards For Consideration*

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Flooding | 99.2 (Relatively High) |
| Tropical Cyclones | 97.0 (Relatively High) |
| Lightning | 97.0 (Relatively High) |
| Ice Storm | 92.6 (Relatively High) |
| Tornadoes | 88.6 (Relatively Moderate) |
| Winter Weather | 78.8 (Relatively Moderate) |
| Wildfires | 73.3 (Relatively Low) |
| Strong Wind | 63.0 (Relatively Moderate) |

*Risk Index scores are calculated as: Expected Annual Loss x (Social Vulnerability/Community Resilience). Visit hazards.fema.gov/nri for additional information on the National Risk Index

What hazards are most concerning?

Any other hazards for consideration?

Any problem areas in your community?

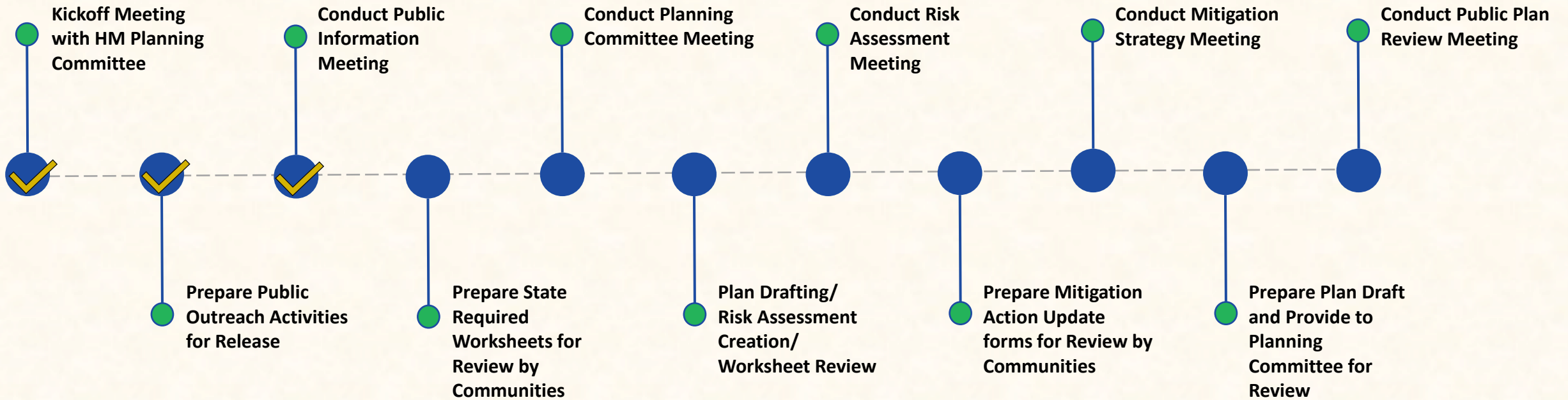
Ideas for mitigation activities?

Parish Mitigation Survey

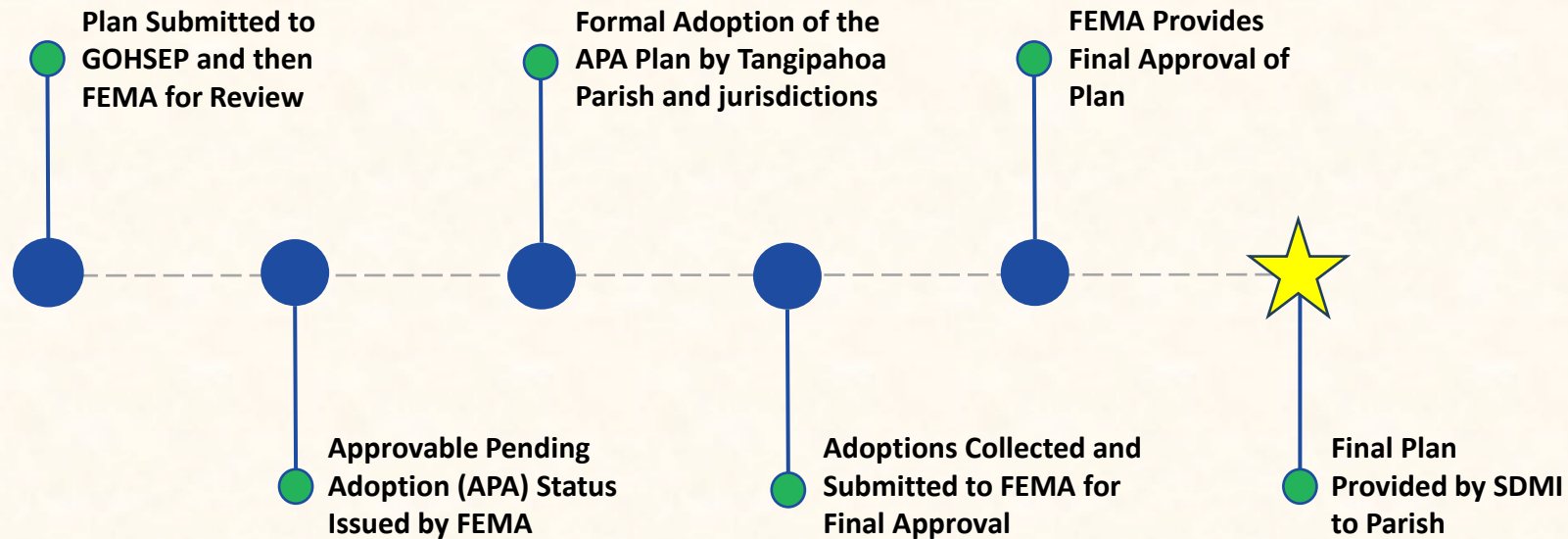
- Collects information regarding perceptions of local hazards and mitigation efforts
- Results will be included in the plan if there are enough responses
 - https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9M0IPLM7nkr2xzo



Plan Update Process Timeline



Plan Approval Timeline



SDMI Hazard Mitigation Website

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

The screenshot shows the main navigation and introductory content of the website. The header includes the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute logo and a 'SDMI HOME' button. The main navigation bar features 'HAZARD MITIGATION' with sub-links for 'Intro', 'Events', 'FEMA Resources', and 'Parish Plans'. A 'Sponsored by' section displays the Louisiana State Seal. The central text explains the purpose of Hazard Mitigation Plans: 'Why We Have Hazard Mitigation Plans'. Below this, there are three tabs: 'CHOOSE A VIEW', 'MAP OF PARISHES', and 'LIST OF PARISHES'. The 'MAP OF PARISHES' tab is active, showing a map of Louisiana with a legend for the 'Development Process'.

Development Process

| 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 displays the detailed page for Tangipahoa Parish. It features a 'PLAN DUE DATE: JUNE 15 2026' badge. A 'DEVELOPMENT STATUS' progress bar shows the stages: PLAN DEVELOPMENT, PLAN REVIEW, PLAN ADOPTION, and COMPLETED. Below this, 'PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS' are listed with location markers. A 'MEETINGS' section highlights two events: 'MEETING #0: PRE-PLANNING COORDINATION' (March 13, 2025) and 'MEETING #1: TANGIPAHOA HMP KICKOFF MEETING' (June 4, 2025). A 'PREVIOUS PLANS' section provides download links for the 2020 and 2015 plans, including a 2015 kickoff meeting and risk assessment. A 'Survey' section at the bottom includes an 'Access Survey' button.



Call To Action

- Hazard mitigation reduces disaster risks and saves money in the long-term
- Mitigation plans are essential components for community safety and future funding opportunities
- Active support and participation in the planning process is critical
- **Prioritizing and investing in mitigation activities today results in a safer and more resilient tomorrow!**



Questions?



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