Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Hazard mitigation planning, the effort to reduce or eliminate the risks from hazards to people and property, is the first of the four phases of risk management. It is followed by preparedness, response, and recovery. Although the mitigation planning stage of risk management often gets the least attention, it is one of the most important steps in creating a disaster-resistant community.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) amended the Stafford Act to reinforce the importance of mitigation planning and emphasize planning for disasters before they occur. States and communities must have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to be eligible to apply for and receive FEMA hazard mitigation funds which are critical to many of the Parish’s initiatives.

Benefits of Mitigation Planning

Hazard mitigation planning help communities reduce their risk from hazards by identifying vulnerabilities and developing strategies to lessen and sometimes even...
eliminate the effects of the hazard. Some of the benefits of mitigation planning are as follows:

**Leads to identification, selection, and prioritization of risk-reduction actions.** Hazard mitigation planning is a systematic process of learning about the hazards that can affect the Parish; setting clear goals; and identifying policies, programs, and actions that reduce losses from disasters.

**Builds partnerships.** The Parish strives to bring together a broad range of stakeholders to achieve a common vision and reduce duplication of efforts among organizations with similar or overlapping goals.

**Creates a more sustainable and disaster-resistant community.** There is an intrinsic link between the concept of natural hazard risk reduction and sustainability. An essential characteristic of a sustainable community is its resilience to disasters.

**Informs funding priority setting.** The mitigation planning process will consider potential funding sources for each project and develop cost estimates where feasible.

**Increases public awareness of natural hazards.** Mitigation planning provides a venue to help all stakeholders better understand the magnitude and number of threats to public health, safety, welfare, economic vitality, and the operational capability of critical infrastructure.

### Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2020

Terrebonne Parish is required to update Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years to be eligible for FEMA and other grants. Meetings are ongoing as listed below.

#### MEETINGS

**HMPU 2020**

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**NACo Resilient Counties Lifelines - Nov 2014**

**BRIC Webinar - June 2019**

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**Hours of Operation**

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Physical Address**

Government Tower
8026 Main Street, Suite 201
Houma, LA 70360

**Mailing Address**

P. O. Box 2768
Houma, LA 70361
First Public Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please send us your Feedback!

In addition to the public meetings, members of the general public are invited to submit their comments on the plan, concerns, and suggestions for risk reduction efforts by the Parish or individuals via

- Online form
- By Mail (address listed below)
- In Person (address listed below)

Mailing Address:
TPCG Planning and Zoning -RAMP Division,
8026 Main Street, Second Floor,
Houma, Louisiana 70364.

Note: All submissions will be a matter of public record and will be included in the text or electronically in the final plan.

HMPU Related Information

- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2014 - Adopted
- List of projects undertaken since March 2015
- The Current Comprehensive Plan
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update from 2010
- Roberta Grove – Senator Circle Repetitive Loss Area Analysis - June 25th, 2013
- Bayou Cane – Terrebonne Parish Repetitive Loss Area Analysis - November 2015
- Roberta Grove – Senator Circle Repetitive Loss Area Analysis Update - April 2016
- Bayou Cane Repetitive Loss Area Analysis 2019 Evaluation
- Roberta Grove – Senator Circle Repetitive Loss Area Analysis 2019 Evaluation
- Terrebonne Parish Flood Response Plan - July 2019

Related Resources

- Hazard Mitigation Plan from 2005
- The Community Rating System
- How to Build a Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Terrebonne Parish Stormwater Drainage and Detention Design Manual
Other plans or public engagements in the last 5 years:

LA SAFE Terrebonne Parish Adaptation Strategy
Louisiana Coastal Master Plan
Lafourche Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan
Recovery Assistance & Mitigation Planning
Recovery Planner: Jennifer Gerbasi

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2020 - Draft Plan Available for Review

Terrebonne Parish has completed the public meetings to draft a new Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2020. The plan is required by FEMA and must be updated every five (5) years, and will be submitted to FEMA and adopted by the Council. The Draft Plan is available at [tpg.org](http://tpg.org) or a paper copy can be reviewed at 6036 Main Street, Suite 201, Houma. The plan describes the efforts of the Parish and state and local partners to reduce risk in Terrebonne Parish from natural hazards, identifies the remaining vulnerabilities, and proposes and prioritizes projects that may further reduce risk and increase resilience. The Parish welcomes input from the public in addition to the Steering Committee. The Draft Plan and attachments are provided in PDF format to enable them to be of a manageable size. A form is available on the website that allows comments to be submitted in the last box, or up to 1000 attached comments. Maps and visuals are helpful to explain complex or discrete projects. For more information, call Jennifer Gerbasi at 985-873-6500.