

Terrebonne Parish Steering Committee Meeting #5

Reviewing Possible Activities

October 28, 2022, 11:30pm to 12:30pm

Introductions and welcome

- Meeting began with introduction of members, their roles, departments, and organizations.

Review mitigation actions

- Mitigation actions were described generally
- Specific mitigation actions identified in the previous HMP were printed and sent around to the Committee Members to get their input.
- Actions were characterized – local plans and regulations, structure and infrastructure projects, natural systems protection, and education and awareness activities.
- FEMA community lifelines were described.

Identify mitigation activities

- The Steering Committee discussed community priorities including: saving lives, vulnerable populations, equity, nature-based solutions, economic stability, strengthening critical facilities, landuse regulations, communication, utilities, and maintaining local culture.
- New actions discussed included: water system viability; electrical grid hardening; roof hardening; hospital resilience; generators for essential facilities; business continuity planning; debris removal; cooling center; portable StarLink Units; wastewater treatment; initial road clearing; ensuring shelters are ready/adequate; subsurfacing ditches and hardening, screening, and studies; identifying un-permitted culverts and enforcing local codes/ordinances; fortified building codes; evacuating vulnerable populations; making public buildings multi-purpose; tree planting education; explore freeboard and consider State changes; flood gates; affordable housing concerns – aging, HVAC, elevators not working; moving courthouse and jail to safer location; open ditches catching debris; work with council on aging to improve the pre-registration for evacuations and educate the public on it; and plant more trees – buffers wind, species matters.
- Prioritizing mitigation actions was discussed with a few examples provided – STAPLEE (social, technical, administrative, political, legal, economic, and environmental) and a locally-focused methodology looking at protection of lives, scale of impact, hazards addressed, approximate costs, protection of critical facilities, internal capacity, implantation timeline, alignment with objectives, equity focused, and public support.

Discuss next steps – drafting mitigation plan and review.

