



Orleans Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan

Planning Committee Meeting

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Meeting Notes:

Outreach and Engagement

- Public Information Strategy developed, which has been recalibrated to account for need for virtual meeting format
 - Engaging advocates and community leaders to assist with outreach to and participation from vulnerable populations
- Public Meeting #1 – Tuesday, 4/7
 - Will be conducted online
 - 150 registrants thus far
 - Will walk through basics of HM planning process and request feedback on hazards
- Will be reaching out to neighboring jurisdictions to invite them to participate in planning committee meetings and to request input as plan is drafted

Plan Development

- Hazards Summary
 - Updates provided regarding changes from summary the planning committee previously developed, including how dam failure is being treated.
 - Does economic impact of an infectious disease outbreak need to be captured within the pandemic hazard?
 - Economic shocks are covered as a separate hazard, but consideration will be given to how they should be captured within other hazards.
 - Traditional hazard mitigation plans only include natural hazards, but the City has decided to include manmade hazards as well, which FEMA does not oppose.
 - FEMA will focus on the natural hazard in the review of the plan.
 - Natural hazards overview
 - Drought is being removed as it is low frequency and low risk.
 - Weighing inclusion of subsidence, as there are few actions which the City can take to mitigate it, although it's currently included in the State's HMP.
 - Manmade hazards
 - Thinking through how best to present manmade hazards
- Capability Assessment
 - Met with City Hall working group to map capabilities and working to fill remaining gaps
 - Worksheets were compiled and rolled up to a summary showing capabilities for City
 - Emails will be sent to specific agencies to fill gaps
 - Need to determine how signatories will participate as entities defined as other jurisdictions will need to complete capability assessment and other worksheets as well
- Data Inventory
 - Summary table provided to planning committee
 - Nearing end of discovery phase – limited time to provide additional information



- Critical facilities
 - Have received information from HANO and can pull SWBNO's information from its HM Plan
 - Request to signatories to complete facilities worksheets
 - Will need to identify specific facilities that are associated with planned mitigation actions
 - For CRS credit for the critical facilities, a point of contact with information with names and phone numbers is needed for each building.
- Website Update
 - Met with GOHSEP and FEMA to confirm web-based plan approach and received positive response
 - Website development workflow shared with planning committee – shows how the content will be developed, reviewed, approved, and uploaded to website for committee/public feedback
 - Goal to populate the introduction section as a first piece to publish to website; planning committee will be notified when it is available for viewing

Floodplain Management and Engineering

- Working with Safety & Permits regarding CRS strategy
- Project/action reviews have been completed based largely on 2019 annual plan update
 - There are some for which information was not available; Austin will reach out for updates

Next Steps

- Completing risk assessment
- Hazard profiles
- Loss estimates
- Event Histories
- Vulnerability Assessments

Questions/Discussion

- (John O'Donnell with Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation) Website approach makes sense. Is it meant to be a portal for project execution (i.e. things that are being done to mitigate)?
- Response – HM Plan is a clearinghouse for tracking project portfolio and annual reports will provide updates on project status. More detail on specific projects are handled by the entity responsible for implementing the project. Intention of website is to be user-friendly and not duplicate otherwise available information – will provide links to where additional information can be found.
- (Amelia Pellegrin with Port of New Orleans) Subsidence and drought as hazards - we are also considering how/if to consider. We are instead thinking about including infrastructure failure/geotech as a hazard? This may include utility failures. How is the City's HM Plan going to address infrastructure/utility failures in the plan?