



Meeting Notes

September 28, 2020 from 12pm to 1:30pm

Orleans Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Climate Change Working Group Meeting

Attendees: 8 (excluding CNO and Civix Staff)

- Amanda Moore (National Wildlife Federation - Gulf Program)
- Andreanica Morris (Housing NOLA)
- Camille Pollan (New Orleans Dept. of Resilience and Sustainability)
- Darryl Malek-Wiley (Sierra Club)
- Ella Delio (Greater New Orleans Foundation)
- John Lopez (Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation)
- Liz Russell (Foundation for Louisiana)
- Mark Davis (Bywater Institute)

Things we heard you're working on:

- Coastal Restoration:
 1. Advocate to get DWH NRDA funding dedicated to construction of NO East Landbridge
 2. MRGO restoration benchmarking of progress and outlining next steps
 3. Bayou Bienvenue restoration
- Community cohesion and resilience – making adaptation (energy efficiency, flood risk reduction) affordable and accessible
- Update to the Climate Action Plan, aligning emissions reduction targets with Paris goals
- Actions outlined in the Climate Action Equity Report: participatory planning and budgeting
- Advance science and engagement on relative sea level rise. Subsidence should be someone's responsibility
- Workforce development. Leverage resilience work to create opportunities
- Shifting risk, population movements
- Financing for state and local climate adaptation
- Refocus from coastal habitat to coastal communities
- HSDDRS authorized level of protection

Focus Questions

- a. What Neighborhood Level project would you propose?
 - Elevate homes and businesses for existing and new construction or a policy that encourages elevation
 - a. Discourage slab on-grade construction from a policy/planning standpoint
 - b. Address equity issues within the flood program - rainfall events as a greater threat to New Orleans residents
 - Utilize the Hurricane Pam model from LSU to understand potential hurricane impacts and flood risks
 - a. What would Harvey have looked like in New Orleans? What would rainfall from Hurricane Mary have done to New Orleans?
 - Prioritize POC and repetitive loss in grant support provided by some parishes for the local match requirement (25%)
 - Explore assigning a City staff person to work on City Master Plan's call for city to reach a level of flood risk at 500-yr event. How can the leadership of the city and the state move this forward? How can we make the city more aspirationally safe for everyone?
 - Investigate HSDDRS authorization, it currently does not specify that protection measures need to be structural
 - a. Consider leveraging this is to get increased investment in other risk reduction, i.e. home elevation?
 - Scale up or institutionalize the urban conservancy front yard program, green infrastructure installation, rain barrels, etc
 - Expand Low Income Weatherization with Entergy, City Council, and LA Green Corps efforts
 - Strategize how to grow small businesses in this body of work, and determine a way to track who needs said services

- b. What citywide project would you propose?
 - Install shade structures and seating at all bus shelters. Look to lessons learned from Chicago heat wave, other examples on how to protect lives during extreme heat events
 - a. Consider LA Green Job Corps as an entity to build out bus shelters
 - Address extreme heat relative to transit nodes and need at evacuspots
 - Develop a city-wide policy focusing on re-use of materials from structure demolitions, other ways to reduce greenhouse gas footprint of new construction
 - a. Deconstruction vs. Mechanical Teardown
 - b. Hazardous Materials/Cargos on the Rail/Truck
 - Ensure update and maintenance of Climate Adaptation decision support tool and encourage use this tool

- Encourage workforce development around resiliency and improve training-employment connections
- Determine how to do this work without impacting ongoing efforts, such as the CPC working on stormwater management and equitable housing mix concurrently
- Incorporate tree canopy analysis and a budget for tree planting into this Plan