



Meeting Notes

October 2, 2020 from 10am to 12:00pm

Orleans Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

City Hall Working Group Meeting

Participants were asked to introduce themselves and highlight one or more things they are working on to address hazard mitigation. Later in the meeting, participants were asked to think of additional actions ranging in scale from the lot to neighborhood-based actions along with city-wide or state/national policy.

Attendees: 18 (excluding CNO and Civix Project Staff)

- Avi Becher (Hazard Mitigation)
- David Morris (Office of Resilience and Sustainability)
- Jennifer Breaux (NMTRCB)
- Laura Mellem (Public Engagement Manager for NOHSEP)
- Shayna Goldfine (NOEMS – Homeland Security)
- Cynthia Sylvain-Lear (Director of Sanitation)
- Daniel McElmurray (PPW)
- Cara Rodrigue (Planning NOHSEP – Operations Program Manager)
- Brad Klamer (Safety and Permits CRS Manager)
- Merideth McInturff (NOHD Emergency Preparedness)
- Mary Kincaid (PDU-SI)
- Tom Schrilla (Planning NOHSEP)
- Kelly (NOHSEP Infrastructure Building Fortification)
- Randi Jones (Capital Projects)
- Michael Antoine (NOHSEP)
- Claudia Riegel (NMRTCB)
- Eric Ogburn (ITI)
- Roman Nelson (NOFD)

Things we heard you're working on:

- CRS – working to maximize the City's score. This plan will add points toward the score.
- Risks beyond flooding like heat risk, climate change
- How climate change effects the health of vulnerable populations
- Resiliency hubs
- Short-term evacuation procedures
- Looking out for public health while implementing green infrastructure

Review and Update 2015 Mitigation Action Items

- Flooding
- Tropical Cyclones
- Coastal Erosion
- Tornadoes
- Subsidence
- Winter Weather
- Extreme Heat
- Severe Thunderstorms

Potential New Mitigation Actions

a. Neighborhood and Citywide Level Projects:

- Coordinate MRC and NOLA Ready volunteers on local levels to help with catch basin cleanings for blockage ahead of storms, particularly in areas that frequently flood. Coordinate with SWBNO on Spring-season catch basin cleaning events.
 - a. ‘Adopt a Catch Basin’ app on City website
- Create a green infrastructure maintenance plan, including volunteer days for this at the neighborhood level
- Coordinate Sanitation’s hazardous materials collection day on November 24th (harmful chemicals collection, safe disposal)
 - 1. Already accept batteries, lightbulbs, e-waste
 - 2. Get volunteers for this to help scale up material recovery
- b. The sanitation department does maintain a landfill near Bayou Sauvage to ensure pollutants do not get into the water system
- Combine the various smaller-scale green infrastructure maintenance manuals and plans into one comprehensive guide for the City (DPW and Parks and Parkways leading this effort)
- Create incentives for private residents to utilize permeable pavement – not a lot of contractors who have knowledge or experience on how to do this currently
 - a. Educate the public on what is available, how to implement green infrastructure projects on private property
 - b. Re-examine the permitting process, streamline the process and permitting category for green infrastructure. Hold listening session to gain insight into sticking points in the process.
 - c. Consider paying citizens for implementing green infrastructure improvements to their personal property (or educate people on return for investment benefits). Consider model of Las Vegas program to pay people to remove turf grass.

- d. Create a resident guide to reducing stormwater impacts on property
 - through NOLA Ready? (they already have a guide like this, but not on permitting)
- e. Support Front Yard initiative
- Explore best practice programs like the one in Alabama, which gives insurance price breaks to people who install windbreaks on their roofs, etc. (CRF points are awarded for this too)
- Explore mitigation opportunities related to MS4 permit