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Fort Bend County, TX Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2023 Update



**Steering Committee Meeting – Goals, Objectives,
and Hazards of Concern**
February 9, 2023

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Agenda

- Participation Status
- Project Schedule and Status
- Review/Finalize Hazards of Concern Review
- Review/Finalize Goals and Objectives
- Public and Stakeholder Outreach
- Next Steps/Questions

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Participation Status

- Annex updates are in progress
- Homework Worksheets were sent out to all participating jurisdictions
 - The jurisdictions that have not yet submitted any worksheets can be found on the following slide
- Critical Facilities and Community Lifelines
 - Ongoing
 - We will be sending out a survey this week to collect input on the critical facilities



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Jurisdiction	Tt Assignment	LOIP	Worksheet A - Hazard Event History	Worksheet B - Cap. Mgt.	Worksheet C - NFIP EPA	Worksheet D - Past Action Progress	Worksheet E - Building Permits
Fort Bend County	Brian/Heather	N/A					
Arcola (C)	Emily V.						
Beasley (C)	Emily V.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fairchilds (V)	Emily V.		X	X			
Fulshear (C)	Emily V.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Katy (C)	Emily V.	City is not participating					
Kendleton (C)	Emily V.	X					
Meadows Place (C)	Chris H.	X	X	X	X	X	
Missouri City (C)	Chris H.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Needville (C)	Chris H.						
Orchard (C)	Chris H.	X					

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Pearland (C)	Chris H.	City is not participating - County to confirm					
Pleak (V)	Chris H.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richmond (C)	Mike F.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rosenberg (C)	Mike F.		X	X	X	X	X
Simonton (C)	Erika C.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stafford (C)	Erika C.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sugar Land (C)	Heather/Brian	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thompsons (C)	Erika C.		X	X	X	X	X
Weston Lakes (C)	Erika C.		X	X	X	X	X

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Schedule – Overview and Milestones

- Planning Process - ongoing
- Steering Committee Meeting #2 – **TODAY!**
- Risk Assessment Meeting – **March 22, 2023**
 - Does the Steering Committee want a separate meeting to finalize the ranking for the County?
- Update Risk Assessment – **Ongoing**
- Mitigation Strategy Workshop – **March 1, 2023**
- Review Hazards of Concern – **Today!**
- Goals and Objectives – **Today!**
- Public Involvement – **Ongoing**
 - Inform public of HMP and HMP website via social media and local websites
 - <https://www.fortbendcountytxhmp.com/>
- Stakeholders – **Ongoing**
 - Need to finalize the list of stakeholders and send out survey
- Draft Plan to Steering Committee – **April/May 2023**
- Final Draft Plan to TDEM – **May/June 2023**
- Final Draft Plan to TDEM – **July/August 2023**




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Project Status

Data Collection – In Progress	Risk Assessment - In Progress	Public Involvement - Ongoing	Mitigation Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Collection – In progress • General Building Stock – Update in Progress • Critical Facility Inventory – Update In Progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazard Profile Drafts – In progress • Vulnerability Assessment – In progress • Risk Assessment Meeting – 3/22/23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media Posts • Public Survey • Stakeholder Surveys • Public Outreach – Tetra Tech to provide materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm Goals And Objectives – Today! • Confirm Hazards of Concern – Today! • Municipal Annex Updates - In Progress • Mitigation Workshop – 3/1/23 • Develop Mitigation Strategy – Pending • We will need to have a meeting with the SC to identify new actions

Phase 1
Organize the Resources

Phase 2
Risk Assessment

Phase 3
Public Involvement Strategy


Phase 4
Update Mitigation Strategy

Phase 5
Update Maintenance Strategy

Phase 6
Assemble the Plan

Phase 7
Plan Review and Adoption

Phase 8
Project Management


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Update Risk Assessment



- Update assets
- Examine previous impacts
- Analyze risks
- Review with Steering Committee and Planning Partnership
- Risk assessment meeting



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2018 Hazards of Concern



- Dam/Levee Failure
- Drought
- Expansive Soils
- Extreme Heat
- Floods
- Hailstorms
- Hurricanes/Tropical Storms
- Land Subsidence
- Lightning
- Tornadoes
- Wildfires
- Windstorms
- Severe Winter Storms

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2023 Potential Hazards of Concern

- Dam/Levee Failure
- Drought
- Extreme Temperature (heat/cold)
- Flood (Riverine/Flash/Stormwater)
- Geologic Hazards (expansive soils, subsidence)
- Hurricane/Tropical Storm
- Pandemic/Disease Outbreak
- Severe Weather
- Tornado
- Wildfire
- Winter Weather



Hazards of Concern – Survey Input

- Dam/Levee Failure
- Disease Outbreak
- Drought
- Extreme Temperature (heat/cold)
- Flood (Riverine/Flash/Stormwater)
- Geologic Hazards (expansive soils, subsidence)
- Hurricane/Tropical Storm
- Severe Weather (Lighting/Hail/Wind/Derechos)
- Tornado
- Wildfire
- Winter Weather

Hazards of Concern



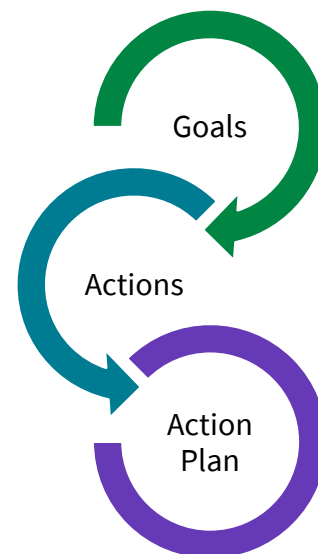
- Are there any new or additional natural hazards that should be considered for the plan update?
 - Climate Change – will be incorporated throughout the HMP to meet FEMA requirements
 - Vectors (Mosquitos)
 - Urban heat island
 - Utility outages – will be incorporated into profiles where appropriate
 - Secondary impacts – will be incorporated in each hazard profile

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Mitigation Strategy




- Goals
 - What outcomes do you want to achieve?
- Actions
 - What specific actions will be taken to reduce risk from hazards?
- Action Plan
 - How will the actions be prioritized and implemented?



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Goals and Objectives – Review and Update



Goal Number	Goal	Modify, Add, or Remove?
1	Educate and inform citizens regarding potential emergency situations related to natural hazards, including those resulting from groundwater depletion.	
2	Decrease the risk to life and property from hazards through planning, preparing and mitigating.	
3	Performing projects that reduce the impact of natural hazards in order to increase resiliency and enhance the ability to recover.	
4	Enhance coordination between local, county, state, and federal agencies by understanding the impact of hazards in Fort Bend County and developing policies and strategies to effectively manage and reduce risk.	
5	Support continuity of operations pre-, during, and post- hazard events including the support of community lifelines and critical facilities.	

Goal


Minimize new development in hazard-prone areas

Objectives

Reduce the number of vulnerable structures in flood hazard areas.


Actions

Amend zoning ordinance to permit only open space and uses within floodplains.



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Goals and Objectives Review and Update



Objective Number	Objectives
1	Evaluate and improve safety & loss reduction codes/standards for hazards that affect Fort Bend County and its municipalities.
2	Develop and strengthen public/private partnerships between the County, non-profits, and the business community.
3	Identify funding sources and increase awareness of funding sources to obtain funding for mitigation projects from a variety of federal, state, regional and local entities.
4	Promote sustainable communities and hazard resilient development.
5	Promote the use of emergency notification systems and weather alert systems for all hazards.
6	Develop publications and information on all hazards that could potentially impact Fort Bend County.
7	Incorporate hazard mitigation into community planning mechanisms, codes/ordinances, day-to-day operations, and projects.
8	Identify, protect, and assist socially vulnerable populations recover from hazard impacts.
9	Ensure continuity of operations of government, non-government, commerce, private sector, non-profit, and infrastructure.
10	Implement mitigation measures that promote the reliability of community lifeline systems.


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Public and Stakeholder Outreach



- Social Media Posts
- Press Release
- HMP website – <https://www.fortbendcountytXHMP.com/>
- Planning Team meetings open to the public and stakeholders
- Stakeholder Survey
- Public Survey
- Neighboring County Outreach
 - Notified of the planning process
 - Survey



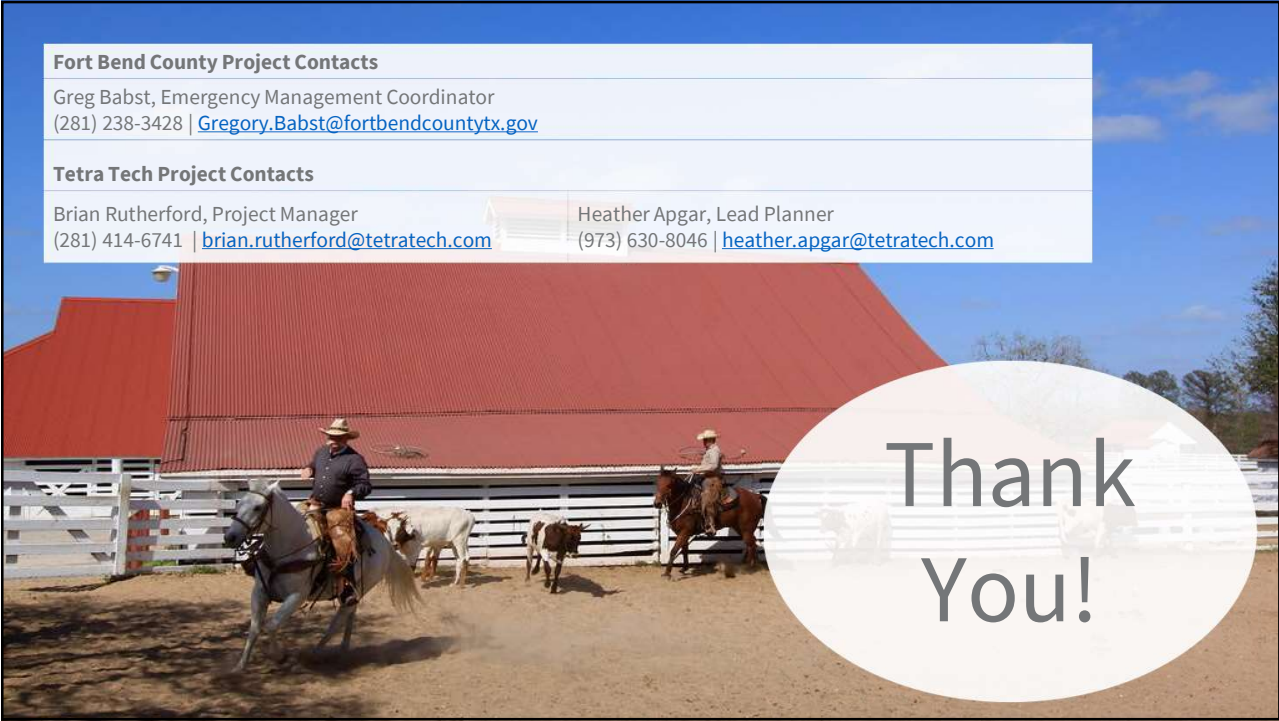
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Next Steps/Schedule



- **Planning Process**
 - Steering Committee Meeting #2 – **TODAY!**
- **Update Risk Assessment**
 - Data collection is underway; confirm building and critical facility inventory
 - Discuss risk assessment results – **March 22nd**
- **Public and Stakeholder Outreach**
 - Ongoing throughout the planning process
- **Capability Assessment**
 - Currently working on reviewing plans, studies, codes, and ordinances
- **Mitigation Strategy**
 - Continue working with municipalities
 - Mitigation Strategy Workshop with FEMA and State – **March 1st**
- **Plan Maintenance**
 - Utilizing the BATool to review/update actions from 2023 HMP
 - Finalize plan maintenance procedures
- **Develop Plan**
 - Draft Plan to SC – **April/May 2023**
 - Draft to TDEM – **May/June 2023**
 - Draft to FEMA – **July/August 2023**
 - Adoption – **September/October 2023**

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