



# Liberty County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Meeting Notes

## 11/13/2023

### A G E N D A (10/4/2023)

**10:00 AM**                      **Welcome, Introductions, and Sign-in**

**10:10 AM**                      **Survey, Data, and Mapping Updates**

**Plan Goals Discussion**

**Plan Maintenance Procedures**

**Mitigation Action Plans**

H-GAC staff will discuss the components of the mitigation action plan, project categories, ideas, plan goals, and plan maintenance procedures.

**Next Steps**

H-GAC staff will discuss the project timeline and next steps.

**Q&A**

**12:00 PM**                      **Adjourn**

### A T T E N D A N C E

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Bill Hergemueller	Liberty County	Bill Hergemueller
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Madison Gonzalez	Liberty County	Madison Gonzalez
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## MEETING NOTES

### Survey, Data, and Mapping Updates

H-GAC staff and hazard mitigation committee members discussed a closing date for the online survey. The survey has been open for responses beginning May 2023 and was heavily advertised at outreach events and through county and city websites. Liberty County had a total of 65 responses. H-GAC staff presented 8 maps developed for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Map changes requested by the committee were notated, corrected maps will be presented at the next meeting. A PDF of all maps and survey data will also be added to the Liberty County external HMP SharePoint

### Plan Goals Discussion & Plan Maintenance Procedures

The hazard mitigation committee discussed plan goals and maintenance procedure from the 2017 plan. H-GAC staff introduced plan goals from some of the more recent hazard mitigation plan within the region, highlighted language used, and gave suggestions about how goals from the 2017 plan could be expanded or updated.

Plan goals included:

1. Educate citizens regarding emergency situations related to hazards.
2. Develop publications and educational information on all hazards that is easily accessible to all within Liberty County.
3. Promote the use of emergency notification systems and weather alerts for all hazards.
4. Decrease the risk to life and property from hazards through planning, preparation, and mitigation.
5. Develop policies and strategies to effectively manage and reduce risk.
6. Increase the resiliency of Liberty County through projects and strategies that reduce the impacts of hazards.
7. Enhance coordination between local jurisdictions, county, state, and federal agencies.
8. Support the continuity of operations before, during, and after hazard events.
9. Incorporate hazard mitigation into community planning such as codes/ordinances, day-to-day operations, and projects.
10. Identify, protect, and assist socially vulnerable populations recovery from hazard impacts.

The hazard mitigation committee and H-GAC staff then discussed plan maintenance procedures and noted updates for 2023/2024.

### Mitigation Action Plans

H-GAC staff discussed the components of the mitigation action plan, mitigation action project categories, ideas (including resources and where to find them). H-GAC staff also gave information regarding the mitigation strategy. These are the projects or actions to reduce the impacts of the hazards of concern on the community. There are 4 main categories for these actions. Plans and Regulations, Structure and Infrastructure Studies and Projects, Natural Systems Protection Studies and Projects, and Education and Awareness. Staff emphasized how the risk assessment, capability assessment, and feedback from stakeholders all work together to help inform the mitigation strategy.



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## **Next Steps**

H-GAC staff highlighted resources and discussed the benefit cost analysis tool through FEMA, including when it would be required for use. H-GAC staff and the hazard mitigation committee then discussed next steps which included the online form for action item submittal- changes to be made to the form, and individual meetings for further assistance. The committee then discussed the possibility of an online format to share project ideas or quotes to make the action item submittal process easier all.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.**