



Houston-Galveston
Area Council

Liberty County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Meeting Notes 4/24/2023

A G E N D A

9:00 AM **Welcome & Sign-in**

9:05 AM **March Meeting Recap**

H-GAC staff will provide an overview of meeting notes and hazards ranked by risk, as determined by the committee at the previous meeting.

Risk Categories

Questions from last meeting

Where are we now?

H-GAC staff will discuss project timeline and next steps

Capability Assessment Overview

9:45 AM **Capability Assessment Exercise**

11:00 AM **Adjourn**



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ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Title
Amanda Ashcroft	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Planner, Community & Environmental Planning
April Davenport	City of Dayton	Public Works Administrator
Blake Jackson	Liberty/Dayton Regional Medical Center	EM
Brian Hurst	City of Liberty	Fire Chief
Cheryl Mergo	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Senior Manager, Community & Environmental Planning
Damon Jones	City of Liberty	Public Works
Danielle Andrews	Liberty County	Office Manager
Elanie Rosser	Liberty ISD	Safety & Security
Eric McDaniel	City of Liberty	Asst. Fire Chief
James Autrey	City of Plum Grove	Emergency Management Coordinator, Asst. Fire Chief
James Poitevent	WCID #5	General Manager
Justin Smith	Red Cross	
Larry Macneil	Liberty/Dayton Regional Medical Center	PIO/ Senior Liaison
Madison Gonzalez	Liberty County	Asst. Emergency Management Coordinator
Misty Dulaney	Liberty Fire Department	Office Manager/ EMT
Shane Burleigh	City of Dayton	Emergency Management Coordinator
Tom Warner	City of Liberty	City Manager

MEETING NOTES

Welcome and Introductions

Amanda Ashcroft welcomed participants and had all introduce their name, title, and the organization they represented.

March Meeting Recap

Amanda went over meeting topics and discussion items from the kickoff and risk identification/assessment meeting held in March.

Amanda reviewed questions from last meeting and provided some clarity regarding incorporating cyber security and other man-made hazard projects into the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Amanda presented a new project timeline. The Hazard Mitigation Committee will not meet in May to allow for H-GAC staff to draft pieces of the plan and prepare materials for public outreach events.

Capability Assessment

Amanda reviewed what a capability assessment is in relation to hazard mitigation planning, the categories of capabilities that fall within the capability assessment, and why this process is important to hazard mitigation planning.



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Categories discussed were:

1. Prevention- Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include planning & zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.
2. Property Protection- Modification or removal of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard. Examples include purchase, relocation, raised elevation, and structural retrofits.
3. Natural Resource Protection- Preservation or restoration of the functions of natural systems while minimizing hazard losses. Examples include floodplain protection, forest management, and slope stabilization.
4. Structural Projects- Modification of the natural conditions for or progression of a hazard. Examples include dams, levees, seawalls, detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls, and storm sewers.
5. Emergency Services- Protection of people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of emergency facilities.
6. Public Education and Awareness- Informing of citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach, school education, library materials, and demonstration events.

Public & Stakeholder Online Survey

Amanda discussed the development of an online survey component for the plan update. H-GAC staff are working on building and making the survey live for public input soon. When the survey is live a link will be sent out to the Hazard Mitigation Committee to share.

Next Steps

Amanda outlined next steps for the local planning team and members of the hazard mitigation planning committee. Committee members should provide their completed capability assessment forms to Amanda when they are complete. There will be no meeting in May 2023

After the presentation, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee asked questions relating to the Capability Assessment worksheet and the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.