

# 2023 Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Meeting #4: Our Mitigation Strategy  
(Goals, Actions and the Action Plan)

# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Online Survey Close Date
- Open Discussion: Plan Goals & Maintenance
- Visualizing Risk
- *Mitigation Strategy*

# Online Survey Close Date

- Online survey for public feedback on risks will close October 15, 2023.
  - There will be more opportunities for the public to provide input on the plan in future months

# Plan Goals

- C3. Does the plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards?
  - (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(3)(i))
- C3-a. Does the plan include goals to reduce the risk from the hazards identified in the plan?

# Plan Maintenance

- D1. Is there discussion of how each community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process?
  - (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(4)(iii))
- D1-a. The plan must describe how the participant(s) will continue to seek public participation after the plan has been approved and during the plan's implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
- D2-a. The plan must identify how, when and by whom the plan will be tracked for implementation over its five-year cycle (monitoring).

# Visualizing Risk

- Maps to share from H-GAC
  - Today: Reviewing
    - Floodplain
    - Population Distribution
    - Wildfire Risk
    - Vulnerable Population (and Social Vulnerability Index)
- What changes do you want to see?
- Are there any corrections that need to be made?

# Mitigation Strategy

- What is it?
  - Often referred to in many forms, such as: Mitigation Action Plan, Action Plan, Mitigation Projects, Mitigation Initiatives, Mitigation Actions

# Mitigation Actions

- 4 Main categories
  - Local Planning and Regulations
  - Structure and Infrastructure (Studies and Projects)
  - Natural Systems Protection (Studies and Projects)
  - Education and Awareness Programs



# Updates

- Projects from the last plan update
  - If a project from the 2017/2018 Austin County HMP is not finished and is still a priority, You **SHOULD** include it in the 2023 HMP Update!
- Each Hazard of Concern requires a minimum of 2 mitigation actions
  - Don't forget: 1 mitigation action can cover multiple hazards and multiple jurisdictions
    - Example: Educational Programs

# Resources

- [Disaster Resilient Design Concepts](#) (Feb 2023)
  - [More resources from EPA & FEMA here.](#)
- [AARP Disaster Resilience Tool Kit](#) (English),
  - [Descargar: Guía para el desarrollo de resiliencia ante desastres, de AARP](#) (Spanish)
- [FEMA Mitigation Ideas](#) (Jan 2013)

# How Do I Draft Actions?

- Start with reviewing actions from the last plan
  - Include actions that will be carried over
- Identify problems
  - Review stakeholder input from surveys and events
  - Review risk and capability assessments
  - Review vulnerable areas
    - RL/SRL properties
    - Stormwater/urban flooding areas
    - Critical facilities and lifelines located in hazard areas
- Ask for help
  - We are here as a resource!

# Next Steps

- Online form for action item submission
- Plan Drafting
- Individual meetings with jurisdictions to review actions

# Contact Information

**Amanda Ashcroft, AICP**

*Planner, Community & Environmental*

Houston-Galveston Area Council

[Amanda.Ashcroft@h-gac.com](mailto:Amanda.Ashcroft@h-gac.com)

713-993-4545