CDBG-MIT Action Plan Overview

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East Baton Rouge Parish

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Agenda

• Call to order
• Roll call
• Pledge of Allegiance
• Background on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative
• CDBG-MIT funds and federal rules
• Draft Action Plan
• Feedback and input
• Next steps
• Business item: Publish draft Action Plan
Background on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative
Context

• Louisiana’s landscape is very flat, has many water bodies, and receives a lot of rain—the sources of our floods are complex.

• Our flood risk is changing—places are flooding now that have never flooded before.

• Flood risk is interconnected—where the rain falls is not necessarily where flooding will occur.

• We must understand and address how actions taken in one community can impact regional flood risk.
Louisiana’s approach to addressing flood risk relies on several key elements

• Better data and modeling capabilities.
• Watershed-based coordination at all levels of government.
• Investments in evidence-based flood risk reduction projects.
• New or modified approaches to development.
Watershed-Based Floodplain Management

• A watershed, commonly referred to as drainage basin or catchment, is an area of land that drains all streams and rainfall to a common point.

• Large watersheds, like the Mississippi River basin, contain thousands of smaller watersheds. Natural ridges are often the boundaries between watersheds.

• Managing flood risk based on watersheds helps communities understand and address how decisions may impact upstream or downstream areas.
The Challenge

Louisiana’s watersheds are not defined by political boundaries.
Platform for Change

“It’s harder. It requires more work. It’s politically risky, but it is the right thing to do.”

- Gov. John Bel Edwards
Watershed Modeling is Underway

SCIENCE-BASED UNDERSTANDING OF RISK

• In May, DOTD issued requests for qualifications to develop watershed models for the state’s 59 watersheds.
• The recently completed Amite River Basin model is an example.
• The state is collaborating with experts throughout the country to build world-class models.
Eight watershed regions will coordinate modeling and planning activities throughout the state.

The state is offering grant funding to build local technical capacity for watershed and floodplain management activities, with awards expected in January 2020.
Local Leaders are Coordinating

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESILIENCE

Technical Advisory Groups
- Projects
- Data & Modeling
- Policy

Council on Watershed Management

Regional Steering Committees
- Organized within watershed-based boundaries.
- 11 – 19 residents with diverse areas of expertise in watershed issues.

Continual input from additional stakeholders and experts.
$1.2 Billion in Mitigation Funds

Congressional Allocation in 2018
HUD Guidance Published Aug. 30, 2019
HUD Rules Overview
THE STATE’S RESPONSE TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

• All funds must be used for **mitigation activities**.
• At least 50 percent of funds must benefit **most impacted and distressed areas**, or MIDs, identified by HUD.
• HUD must approve the state’s **Action Plan** before funds are available.
• The Action Plan will describe the needs and proposed approach for the funds.
• Four **public hearings** will collect comments on the draft Action Plan.
• The draft Action Plan will be posted online for **45 days**, beginning Sept. 26.
• MIDs include: East Baton Rouge, Livingston, Ascension, Tangipahoa, Ouachita, Lafayette, Vermilion, Acadia, Washington and St. Tammany parishes.
• At least $607 million (50 percent of these funds) must be spent in or benefit these areas.
Louisiana’s Draft Action Plan
Action Plan Overview

- Details the state’s approach for using the funds.
- Includes draft projects, data collection and modeling programs.
- Incentivizes policy measures to advance community resilience.
Draft Action Plan

- **$1.2 billion** in CDBG-MIT funds to **reduce** statewide flood risk.
- Invest in **mitigation activities** and improve development standards.
- Includes more than **$970 million** for **watershed projects and programs**, as well as funding for improved data gathering and modeling.
Draft Action Plan

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WATERSHED MODELING
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WATERSHED MODELING

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## Draft Action Plan

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### WATERSHED MODELING

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**REGIONAL PROGRAMS**
## Action Plan Timeline

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<td>Engagement with local stakeholders</td>
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<td>Late 2019 – Early 2020</td>
<td>HUD review period</td>
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<td>Feb. 3, 2020</td>
<td>Action Plan submittal deadline</td>
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<td>Spring 2020</td>
<td>Grant agreement executed and line of credit established</td>
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Public Comment

3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT
Next Steps
Public Hearing Schedule

**LAFAYETTE**
1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19
City-Parish Council Auditorium
Lafayette Consolidated Government
705 W. University Ave.
Lafayette, LA 70506

**WEST MONROE**
1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24
Ouachita Parish Emergency Operations Center
Fire Department Training Center
1000 New Natchitoches Road
West Monroe, LA 71292

**BATON ROUGE**
1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25
House Committee Room 5
Louisiana State Capitol
900 N. Third St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**MANDEVILLE**
6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29
Council Chambers, Building A
St. Tammany Parish Government Administrative Complex
21490 Koop Drive
Mandeville, LA 70471
THANK YOU

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