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Community Input Sought for 2025 Ascension Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

GONZALES, LA—Ascension Parish Government, in collaboration with the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute at LSU, invites residents to a public meeting to update the Ascension Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th, at 3:00 PM, will be held at the Ascension Parish Governmental Complex, located at 615 E. Worthey Street, Rooms 109 & 110, Gonzales, LA 70737. The purpose of the meeting is to inform residents about the Hazard Mitigation Plan update process and gather valuable community input on natural hazards affecting the parish.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan outlines strategies to mitigate risks from natural disasters, aiming to safeguard lives, reduce property damage, and enhance community resilience. Ascension Parish OHSEP (Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness) leads this initiative to effectively address the region's vulnerabilities.

Residents are encouraged to participate in a brief web-based survey to share their perceptions and opinions regarding natural hazards in Ascension Parish. The survey can be accessed via the Ascension Parish Hazard Mitigation Survey link.

https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iioxhtYflEYom

"We value community input in developing a robust Hazard Mitigation Plan that reflects the needs and concerns of our residents," said Rachael Wilkinson, Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director. "Your participation is crucial in shaping our efforts to create a safer and more resilient Ascension Parish."

For more information about the public meeting or the Hazard Mitigation Plan update process, please contact Ascension Parish OHSEP by calling the Citizen Call Center at 225-450-1200.