



Memorandum

To: Mayor Clay Madden,
City Council

From: Glenn Jones, *CBO*, Building Official

Subject: Hazard Mitigation Plan Implementation – CRS Progress Report

Date: August 28, 2020

Resolution 15-33, June 11, 2015, adopted the *St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Update - 2015*. The *Plan* instructs the Floodplain Administrator to continue monitoring implementation of the *Plan Update* and prepare a written progress report to the Mayor and City Council each year. This memo is our progress report through July 31, 2020.

For credit under the Community Rating System, this memo must be distributed to the media and made available to the public. It is being sent to the City's Journal of Record. Copies of this report are available for review at City Hall, 3101 East Causeway Approach. A notice of its availability is being posted on the City's website.

Background

The *St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Update – 2015* was drafted by the Steering Committee during a series of meetings held throughout 2014. It includes a detailed problem statement which identified flooding from Bayou Chinchuba, Bayou Castain and Little Bayou Castain, as well as storm surge inundation from tropical storms and hurricanes as the worst of the problems, although storm sewer and yard drainage problems occur throughout the city.

The *Plan* reviews a variety of measures that can reduce the problems and/or protect people and property when flooding occurs. Measures include maintenance on drainage systems, upgrading the storm drainage system, maintenance of right-of-ways, floodproofing, flood insurance, building regulations and public information. The *Plan* recommends 24 action items to reduce or prevent flood damage.

A review of the *Plan*'s action items:

The 24 action items found in Section 4-29, Table 8 of the *St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Update - 2015* are reviewed here. They are organized according to the office responsible for implementation.

Why items have not been completed:

Of the *Plan*'s 24 action items, 0 are new, 14 are ongoing, annual, or maintenance activities. The City has completed 14 action items, and four action items were carried over.

We have completed or are implementing 100% of the *Plan*'s recommendations.

Recommendations

1. City staff should continue their jobs of implementing the *Plan*'s ongoing recommendations.
2. The City should continue its participation in the Regional Planning Commission and work with neighboring communities to reduce stormwater and drainage problems that cross corporate boundaries.