

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

We need your help! Please take a few minutes to complete this survey.

The Counties of George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone are working together to become less vulnerable to natural hazards, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods, as well as man-made hazards, including hazardous materials incidents, and your participation is important to us!

The counties, along with local jurisdictions and other partners, are working to prepare a multi-jurisdictional *Hazard Mitigation Plan*. This Plan will identify and assess our community's natural and man-made hazard risks and determine how to best mitigate, or minimize and manage, those risks.

This survey is an opportunity for you to share your opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process. The information you provide will help us better understand your hazard concerns and can lead to mitigation activities that should help lessen the impacts of future hazard events.

Please help us by completing this survey by October 31, 2016 and returning it to:

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Surveys can also be faxed to: (919) 876-6848 c/o Ryan Wiedenman or scanned and emailed to:
Ryan Wiedenman at ryan.wiedenman@atkinsglobal.com.

If you have any questions regarding this survey or would like to learn about more ways you can participate in the development of the *MEMA District 9 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan*, please contact Atkins, planning consultant for the project. You may reach Ryan Wiedenman (Atkins) at 919-431-5295 or by email at ryan.wiedenman@atkinsglobal.com.

1. Where do you live?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated George County | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Hancock County | <input type="checkbox"/> Lucedale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Harrison County | <input type="checkbox"/> Moss Point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Jackson County | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean Springs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Pearl River County | <input type="checkbox"/> Pascagoula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Sone County | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Christian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay St. Louis | <input type="checkbox"/> Picayune |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biloxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Poplarville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamondhead | <input type="checkbox"/> Waveland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D'Iberville | <input type="checkbox"/> Wiggins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gautier | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulfport | |

2. Is your home located in a floodplain?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

3. Do you have flood insurance for your home/personal property?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

a. If "No," why not?

- Not located in floodplain
- Too expensive
- Not necessary because it never floods
- Not necessary because my property is elevated or otherwise protected
- Never really considered it
- Other (please explain): _____

4. Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a natural disaster or man-made incident?

- Yes
- No

a. If "Yes," please explain:

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, how concerned are you about the possibility of your community being impacted by a natural disaster or man-made incident?

- 1 – Not at all
- 2 – Slightly
- 3 – Moderately
- 4 – Very
- 5 – Extremely

6. Please select the three hazards you think pose the *greatest concern* to your community:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change/Sea Level Rise | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials Incident/Train Derailment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal/Riverine Erosion/Wave Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane/Tropical Storm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Thunderstorm/High Wind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Cold | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Surge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat | <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood/Flood from SE Winds/Flood from Stormwater | <input type="checkbox"/> Tsunami |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hailstorm | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Weather |

7. Is there another hazard not listed above that you think is a wide-scale threat to your community?

- Yes (please explain): _____
- No

8. On a scale of 1 to 5, how prepared do you feel if a natural disaster or man-made incident were to occur?

- 1 – Not at all
- 2 – Slightly
- 3 – Moderately
- 4 – Very
- 5 – Extremely

9. Have you taken any actions to make your home, neighborhood, or family safer from hazards?

- Yes
- No

a. If “Yes,” please explain:

10. Are you interested in making your home, neighborhood, or family safer from hazards?

- Yes
- No

11. On a scale of 1 to 5, how informed do you feel about the risks and potential impacts of natural disasters and man-made incidents?

- 1 – Not at all
- 2 – Slightly
- 3 – Moderately
- 4 – Very
- 5 – Extremely

12. Do you know which government department or agency to contact regarding your risks from hazards in your area?

- Yes
- No

13. Please select the way(s) you prefer to receive information about how to make your home, neighborhood, or family safer from hazards:

- Newspaper
- Television
- Radio
- Internet
- Social media
- Email
- Mail
- Public workshops/meetings
- School meetings
- Other (please explain): _____

14. Please select the way(s) you prefer to receive alerts or warnings about impending hazard events or dangerous conditions:

- Television
- Radio
- Landline phone
- Cell phone
- Text message
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Other (please explain): _____

15. In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce the risk of future hazard damages in your community?

16. A number of community-wide activities can reduce vulnerability to hazards. In general, these activities fall into one of the following six broad categories. Please tell us how important you think each category is for your community to consider.

Category	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
<p>1. Prevention Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include planning and zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>2. Property Protection Actions that involve modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, relocation, elevation, structural retrofits, and storm shutters.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>3. Natural Resource Protection Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses, also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. Examples include floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, riparian buffers, and forest management.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>4. Structural Projects Actions intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include dams, levees, detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls, and storm sewers.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>5. Emergency Services Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of critical emergency facilities or systems.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>6. Public Education and Awareness Actions to inform citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach projects, school education programs, library materials, and demonstration events.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!