

# PLAN SUMMARY

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Local hazard mitigation planning is the process of organizing community resources, identifying and assessing hazard risks, and determining how to best minimize or manage those risks. This process culminates in a hazard mitigation plan that identifies specific mitigation actions, each designed to achieve both short-term planning objectives and a long-term community vision.

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) District 7 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed using the multi-jurisdictional planning process recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose of the Plan is to:

- Complete an update of information in the existing plan to demonstrate progress and reflect current conditions
- Increase public awareness and education about the plan and planning process
- Maintain grant eligibility for participating jurisdictions
- Maintain compliance with state and federal legislative requirements for local hazard mitigation plans

The MEMA District 7 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan includes the following participating jurisdictions:

<b>Adams County</b>		<b>Lincoln County</b>	
Natchez		Brookhaven	
<b>Amite County</b>		<b>Pike County</b>	
Gloster	Liberty	Magnolia	Osyka
<b>Franklin County</b>		McComb	Summit
Bude	Roxie	<b>Walthall County</b>	
Meadville		Tylertown	
<b>Jefferson County</b>		<b>Wilkinson County</b>	
Fayette		Centreville	Woodville
<b>Lawrence County</b>		Crosby	
Monticello	Silver Creek		
New Hebron			

The focus of the MEMA District 7 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is on those hazards determined to be “high” or “moderate” risks to the MEMA District 7 Region, as determined through a detailed hazard risk assessment and input from local officials. Other hazards that pose a “low” risk will also be evaluated, but they may not be fully addressed by mitigation actions or projects.

<b>HIGH RISK</b>	Hurricane and Tropical Storm Tornado Flood Severe Thunderstorm/High Wind
<b>MODERATE RISK</b>	Wildfire Erosion Hailstorm Drought Extreme Heat Lightning
<b>LOW RISK</b>	Dam and Levee Failure Winter Storm and Freeze Radiological Event Earthquake

Overall, the MEMA District 7 Region has limited capability to implement a comprehensive mitigation strategy. The following lists the capability rating (limited, moderate, or high) for each participating jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Overall Capability Rating
<b>ADAMS COUNTY</b>	Moderate
Natchez	Moderate
<b>AMITE COUNTY</b>	Limited
Gloster	Limited
Liberty	Limited
<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>	Limited
Bude	Limited
Meadville	Limited
Roxie	Limited
<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY</b>	Limited
Fayette	Limited

Jurisdiction	Overall Capability Rating
<b>LAWRENCE COUNTY</b>	Limited
Monticello	Limited
New Hebron	Limited
Silver Creek	Limited
<b>LINCOLN COUNTY</b>	Limited
Brookhaven	Moderate
<b>PIKE COUNTY</b>	Moderate
Magnolia	Limited
McComb	Moderate
Osyka	Limited
Summit	Limited
<b>WALTHALL COUNTY</b>	Limited
Tylertown	Limited
<b>WILKINSON COUNTY</b>	Limited
Centreville	Limited
Crosby	Limited
Woodville	Limited

The conclusions of the Risk Assessment and Capability Assessment serve as the foundation for the development of a meaningful hazard mitigation strategy. The following six regional hazard mitigation goals were developed and serve to establish parameters that were used to develop mitigation actions for each of the participating jurisdictions.

	Goal
Goal #1	Increase the overall public awareness of natural hazards that face the region.
Goal #2	Retrofit of critical facilities and/or critical infrastructure to lower the risk of damage from natural hazards.
Goal #3	General improvement of regional or local mitigation planning and capability.
Goal #4	Support State Identified Mitigation Initiatives such as saferooms and storm shelters, severe weather warning systems for universities and colleges, and severe weather notification systems for local communities.
Goal #5	Reduce loss of life, damage and loss of property and infrastructure, economic costs, including response, recovery and disruption of economic activity.

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	<b>Goal</b>
Goal #6	Foster cooperation among all levels of governments and the private sector with respect to improving, updating, and implementing the hazard mitigation plan.

Periodic revisions and updates of the Plan will take place to ensure that the goals are kept current, taking into account potential changes in hazard vulnerability and mitigation priorities. Periodic evaluation of the Plan will also ensure that specific mitigation actions are being reviewed and carried out according to the Mitigation Action Plan. The Plan will be continuously updated to reflect changing conditions and needs within the region.