

## Iberia Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

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### **Community Input Sought for 2026 Iberia Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**New Iberia, LA**— From Iberia Parish President M. Larry Richard;

Iberia Parish is currently in the process of updating its **Hazard Mitigation Plan**, and we need your input to ensure our community is resilient against future disasters. This plan is our roadmap for reducing the long-term risks associated with natural hazards—such as **flooding, hurricanes, and other natural disasters**—before they strike. By identifying our vulnerabilities now, we can prioritize projects that protect lives, homes, and businesses across the parish.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 12th at 10:00 AM** at the **Iberia Parish Communications Center**, located at **1111 Ember Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560**.

The survey can be accessed via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/IberiaHMP2026>

#### **Why Your Participation is Crucial:**

- **Local Expertise:** No one knows your neighborhood better than you do. Your first-hand accounts of drainage issues or wind damage help us pinpoint high-risk areas.
- **Federal Funding:** An updated, FEMA-approved plan is a requirement for Iberia Parish to remain eligible for certain federal disaster mitigation grants.
- **Community Priorities:** Your feedback ensures that the projects we pursue reflect the actual needs and concerns of our communities.

**How You Can Help:** We invite all residents, business owners, and community stakeholders to participate in our upcoming public meetings and community surveys. Whether it's sharing your experiences from past storms or suggesting ways to improve our local infrastructure, your contribution is the foundation of a stronger, safer Iberia Parish.

For more information about the public meeting or the Hazard Mitigation Plan update process, please contact **Brandon Miguez** by calling the **Iberia Parish OHSEP** at **(337) 369-4427**.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may join the meeting virtually via the following link:

Microsoft Teams Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/IberiaHMPKickoff>

The Parish greatly appreciates your participation in this effort.