



# Five-Year Mitigation Action Plan

The City of Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) will assist the citizens of Nacogdoches in planning for future hazardous events occurring within the city's limits. Resources and information provided in this document will aid interested parties by identifying risks for the occurrence of hazardous events and by defining strategies to mitigate hazardous impacts.

## Organization

The Hazard Mitigation Action Plan contains background information as to the purpose and development of the plan as well as a detailed analysis of the hazards affecting the City of Nacogdoches. For further information as to the contents of this document, please refer to the Introduction in Section 1 of this plan.

## Participation

This plan is a collaborative effort between the citizens of the City of Nacogdoches, public agencies and regional and state organizations. The Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Action Planning Committee oversaw each phase in the development of this plan. Public meetings of this committee were conducted and input from the private sector was encouraged. In addition to a number of public meetings, one Public Hearing was held and a website was established at <http://nachazmit.sfasu.edu/> to obtain public input. Please refer to Appendix B of this document for detailed information on the public participation process. The Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee consisted of representatives from the following:

- City of Nacogdoches Fire Department
- City of Nacogdoches Emergency Management
- City of Nacogdoches Police Department
- City of Nacogdoches Administration
- City of Nacogdoches Planning Department
- City of Nacogdoches Public Works Department
- City of Nacogdoches Health Department
- City of Nacogdoches Building and Inspections Department
- Nacogdoches County Judge's Office
- Nacogdoches County Emergency Management
- Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Department

- Nacogdoches Central Appraisal District
- Nacogdoches County Road & Bridge Department
- Stephen F. Austin State University Forestry Department
- Stephen F. Austin State University Department of Geography
- Stephen F. Austin State University HUES GIS Laboratory
- Stephen F. Austin State University Department of Agriculture
- Texas Forest Service
- Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
- General Contractors
- Engineering Firms
- Environmental Business
- City of Chireno
- Woden Independent School District

The Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee met monthly from September 23, 2002 until April 17, 2003. Smaller subcommittees were formed to complete a hazard profile and risk assessment for the City. Utilizing the data gathered and public input, the Committee then developed procedures and action items to be implemented by the City to reduce the risk for future loss of life and property from these hazards.

Activities to develop the hazard profile and risk assessment included (but were not limited to) visual observations, interviews and historical data research. Various subcommittee members made actual site visits to potential hazard locations.

Additionally, numerous local public safety responders (both in the public and private sectors) were interviewed. In conjunction with information gleaned from these interviews, extensive data research – particularly via the Internet – was conducted to complement both the site visits and interviews.

## **Mission**

The City of Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Plan serves as a primary guidance document for identifying potential hazards occurring within the City and for establishing mitigation strategies to foster sound public policy. Ultimately, this plan creates a safer community by increasing public awareness and by providing the necessary resources to lessen the risk for certain hazards.

## **Goals**

This plan provides a coordinated roadmap for governments, businesses, agencies, organizations and City of Nacogdoches citizens to implement in order to mitigate risks of hazardous events and associated outcomes.

## **Protect Life and Property**

- Improve the City's ability to protect citizens by implementing strategies that lessen risk of loss due to hazardous events at homes, businesses and critical facilities.
- Refine the City's development policies/building codes as necessary to ensure the highest standards are met in areas identified as vulnerable.
- Implement mitigation strategies to reduce repetitive losses and damages.

## **Public Awareness**

- Solicit public involvement to develop outreach programs to inform the citizens of Nacogdoches of the identified risks and hazards.
- Maintain a list of resources to assist the public in implementing any of the identified mitigation strategies.

## **Partnerships and Implementation**

- Encourage formation of partnerships through enhanced dialogue that will elicit involvement of all segments of the community.
- Develop leadership skills within public and private sector entities in order to implement the City's mitigation strategies.

## **Emergency Services**

- Adopt policies that will ensure implementation of mitigation strategies at all critical facilities.
- Utilize public involvement to help strengthen emergency management operations.
- Incorporate all information in the MAP to update appropriate emergency management plans and annexes.

## **Implementation / Evaluation**

The Nacogdoches City Commission has formally adopted by Ordinance the City of Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. The City of Nacogdoches Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) will be responsible for ensuring the upkeep and maintenance of this plan. The City of Nacogdoches

Hazard Mitigation Action Plan will be reviewed annually and revisions will be made as necessary. The EMC will assign representatives from various City departments and current Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee members to oversee this formal process as appropriate. In addition to the plan itself, the City of Nacogdoches will incorporate the strategies contained herein into its policies and procedures pertaining to land use, capital equipment improvements and building codes.