



Section 1: Introduction

Historically, the City of Nacogdoches has experienced numerous flooding events, tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, industrial accidents, storms and urban interface wildfire. With the growing City population these events have an increased significance as to risk exposure.

The City of Nacogdoches lies between the LaNana and Banita Creeks, which throughout history have caused localized flooding events. The last federally declared disaster due to flooding occurred in the wake of Tropical Storm Allison in April 2001. An estimated 25 businesses were impacted; 15 of which sustained uninsured losses. In addition, over 30 families were displaced due to flood damage to their homes. An estimated \$50,000 was claimed in damages by the City of Nacogdoches for debris removal, damage to parks and buildings, shelter operations, road and bridge damage and additional emergency personnel. Of this amount, FEMA paid over \$40,000 in reimbursement.

Since Tropical Storm Allison, significant flooding events have occurred within the city's limits on two additional occasions. Thus, the City of Nacogdoches is acutely aware of the importance of a Mitigation Action Plan and has also become proactive in its efforts for risk-reduction. Rising recovery costs from hazardous events have motivated the City of Nacogdoches to formulate strategies to reduce risks. The City of Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Action Plan will identify valuable resources, relay vital information and present carefully orchestrated strategies to help guide the community into implementing necessary steps to lessen devastating effects of natural and/or manmade disasters.

Information contained in the City of Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Action Plan is based on information gathered from a variety of resources including but not limited to the following:

- Citizen input
- Nacogdoches Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
- City of Nacogdoches
- Nacogdoches Convention & Visitor's Bureau
- Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
- Nacogdoches County
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce
- Industry and Business

- Nacogdoches Independent School District
- Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Homeland Security
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Forest Service
- Clackamas County Mitigation Plan

The contents of this plan are organized into three Chapters. Chapter I includes an Executive Summary, Introduction, Community Profile and Risk Assessment. Chapter II provides information regarding five identified hazards and Chapter III contains appendices referenced in the first two chapters.

For the purpose of assessing hazards in all areas, the City of Nacogdoches has been divided into six (6) separate sectors. The following *Map 1-1* defines these sectors for reference throughout this document.

Map 1-1

City Sectors

