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City of Picayune Mitigation Action Plan

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<b>Prevention</b>							
P-1	Develop a Stormwater Management Plan for Pearl River County.	Flood	High	County Planning and Development; Board of Supervisors; Picayune City Council	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	2022	(Action 1.1 in previous plan) The county has not developed a formal Stormwater Management Plan. Although stormwater management regulations are in place and being enforced, the county will keep this action in place as it works towards an official plan.
P-2	Develop a capital improvement program that includes drainage.	Flood	Moderate	Board of Supervisors; Poplarville Board of Alderman; Picayune City Council	Local funding	2022	(Action 1.2 in previous plan) The county has developed a capital improvement program and some drainage projects have been included in this program in the past. However, there are a number of drainage projects the county would like to implement that are not part of the program currently, so the county will continue to attempt to include these in the future.

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P-3	Establish a policy of extra-territorial review of subdivisions adjacent to jurisdictional boundaries to insure a comprehensive review of cumulative impacts within the watershed.	All	High	Board of Supervisors; Poplarville Board of Alderman; Picayune City Council	Local budget	2022	(Action 1.5 in previous plan) The county has worked with the cities to allow extra-territorial review of subdivisions outside jurisdictional boundaries, but as development continues within the county, this action will need to be retained to ensure comprehensive watershed impacts are addressed.
P-4	Establish a comprehensive drainage model.	Flood	Moderate	Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development; City of Picayune Engineering Department; City of Poplarville Public Works; Pearl River County Tax Office	Dues to regional planning agency (SMPDD)	2022	(Action 2.1 in previous plan) The county and cities have worked with the regional planning agency to establish a comprehensive drainage model, however, as conditions change in the watershed and development takes place, this model will need to be updated, so this action will stay in the plan.
P-5	Provide updated information to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through a grant program entitle planning assistance to states.	Flood	Moderate	Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development; Pearl River County Mapping Office; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	USA Planning Assistance to States	2022	(Action 2.3 in previous plan) The city has worked with USACE and provided local information when needed. The city will continue to work with the USACE to try to help with this program and future planning efforts so this action will remain in place.

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P-6	Establish pre-disaster maintenance procedures for right of way along county roadways.	Flood	High	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; Pearl River County Road Department; Pearl River County Engineer	Local budgets	2022	(Action 2.4 in previous plan) The county has established some pre-disaster maintenance procedures, but these procedures will need to be reviewed and updated and new procedures may need to be added. Therefore, the action will be kept in place.
P-7	The county will establish and adopt a policy on maintaining drainage ways. This policy will include regularly scheduled maintenance and the establishment of written tracking policy.	Flood	High	Pearl River County Road Manager	Local budgets	2022	(Action 2.5 in previous plan) The county has established a policy on maintaining drainage ways, but these policies will need to be reviewed and updated in the coming years, so this action will be retained.
P-8	Continue an ordinance and policy to determine and require the correct size culverts.	Flood	High	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development	Local funds	2022	(Action 2.6 in previous plan) The county has established an ordinance/policy to determine and require the correct size culverts, but this program will need to be re-evaluated in the coming years, so this action will be retained.
P-9	Establish a policy of extra-territorial review of subdivisions adjacent to jurisdictional boundaries to insure a comprehensive review of cumulative impacts within the watershed.	Flood	High	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; City of Picayune Mayor and City Council; City of Poplarville Mayor and Board of Alderman	Local funding	Deleted	(Action 2.7 in previous plan) This action was combined with P-3.

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P-10	Minimize damage to structure through code enforcement.	All	Moderate	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; City of Picayune Mayor and City Council; City of Poplarville Mayor and Board of Alderman	Local funds and revenues	2022	(Action 2.10 in previous plan) The county has worked to minimize damage to structures through code enforcement, but implementation of this action likely needs to be more vigorous, so this action will be retained.
P-11	Adopt and implement a regulation requiring building owners to retrofit their structures for flood damage if the structure's insured loss exceeds 50% or more of the structure's value.	Flood	Moderate	Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development; City of Picayune Planning Department	Local funding	2022	(Action 2.11 in previous plan) The county has implemented a regulation requiring building owners to retrofit structures if their losses exceed the structure's value by more than 50%.
P-12	Establish a formal policy to invite countywide staff to attend site plan review for projects that are immediately adjacent to the jurisdiction or will impact the jurisdiction.	All	Moderate	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; City Council of Picayune; Poplarville Board of Alderman	Local revenues	2020	(Action 3.1 in previous plan) A formal policy has not been established to invite countywide staff to attend site plan reviews, but the county will work with the cities to develop and implement this action going forward.
P-13	File an amendment to the Community Rating System application requesting additional CRS credit to further lower the city's NFIP CRS application.	Flood	High	Picayune Planning and Building Code	FEMA/MEMA HMGP Planning Grant	2020	(Action A.1 in previous plan) The city has been participating in the CRS, but it would like to continue to lower its rating and so will continue to address items to gain more credits and improve its score.

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P-14	Request funding to prepare a repetitive loss plan for the city, identifying and cataloging all repetitive loss properties, ownership, and whether or not owner is interested in mitigation activities.	Flood	High	Picayune Planning and Building Code	FEMA/MEMA HMGP Planning Grant	2022	(Action A.2 in previous plan) The city has taken a number of steps to plan for and implement a program that will reduce the number of repetitive loss properties in the city. This plan is still being enacted, so this action will remain in place.
P-15	Adopt the International Building Codes.	Wind, Flood, Earthquake, Tornado	High	Picayune Planning and Building	Local General Funds	2022	(Action A.4 in previous plan) The city has adopted the IBC and will continue to enforce this code, although it will also want to continue to improve enforcement of this code going forward, so this action will remain in place.
<b>Property Protection</b>							
PP-1	Reduce the number of repetitive loss properties within the county by elevating and where elevation is not an option, purchase properties at owner's request.	Flood	High	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; Picayune Board of Alderman; Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development; Picayune Planning and Development Department	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants (FMA), Severe Repetitive Loss Grants (SRL), MEMA Planning Funds	2022	(Action 2.9 in previous plan) The county has implemented mitigation projects to address a number of repetitive loss properties, but there are still a number of these properties throughout the county so this action will be retained as the county attempts to further reduce its number of repetitive loss properties.
PP-2	Reduce the number of repetitive loss properties by requesting grant funding to acquire or to mitigate additional repetitive loss structures.	Flood	High	Picayune Planning and Building Code	FEMA/MEMA HMGP Planning Grant	Deleted	(Action A.3 in previous plan) This action was combined with PP-1.

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<b>Natural Resource Protection</b>							
NRP-1	Continue and expand stream protection and preservation programs to secure easements to protect riparian areas.	Flood	High	Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Parks; Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development	Department of Interior; Soil and Water Conservation	2022	(Action 1.3 in previous plan) The county has worked to secure easements to protect many riparian areas in the county, but going forward, the county will want to continue this program and expand riparian protection in other areas, so this action will remain in place.
NRP-2	Continue to preserve green spaces.	Flood	High	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; Poplarville Board of Alderman; Picayune City Council	Private	2022	(Action 1.4 in previous plan) The county has worked to preserve green spaces in many areas, but as continual growth and development take place, the county will need to continue to work towards preserving green spaces, so this action will be retained.
<b>Structural Projects</b>							
SP-1	Follow through with Alligator Branch improvements.	Flood	Moderate	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	2022	(Action 2.8 in previous plan) The county has not carried out the Alligator Branch improvements, so this action will be retained in the plan.

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<b>Emergency Services</b>							
ES-1	Through a Mississippi/Louisiana Partnership, establish a first responders shelter to house personnel and parking space for necessary equipment until the emergency has passed and personnel and equipment can be returned to Louisiana. Also, establish and man an information center to pass on critical information to returning evacuees where evacuees can temporarily remain until it is safe to return to their homes.	Hurricane	Moderate	Pearl River County Civil Defense Agency; Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; Louisiana Emergency Management Agency; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency	FEMA Grants, local emergency management funding	2022	(Action 3.2 in previous plan) The county has worked with surrounding states and counties to establish partnerships for sheltering responders and an information center for returning evacuees. This action will need to be reviewed in the coming years to ensure that these operations are ready for disaster implementation so this action will be kept in the plan.
<b>Public Education and Awareness</b>							
PEA-1	Provide easily accessible tax map information to the municipalities in the county, insurance agents, realtors, banking interest, and individuals.	Flood	High	Pearl River Mapping Office; Pearl River County Tax Office	Local funds	2022	(Action 2.2 in previous plan) The county has provided tax map information that is easily available to the public via its online tax map viewer. This information will need to be continually updated as changes are made to the tax map, so this action will remain in place.

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PEA-2	Establish monthly educational programs for local government and staff.	All	High	Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development; Picayune Planning and Development Office	Salaries	2022	(Action 4.1 in previous plan) The county has carried out educational programs for local governments and staff, but these programs have not always been held on a monthly basis so the county will work on improving this program so it is more consistent and will retain this action.
PEA-3	Continue outreach to the community, including local officials, about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and requirements of elevation and purchase programs.	Flood	High	Pearl River County Board of Supervisors; Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development	HMGP	2022	(Action 4.2 in previous plan) The county has reached out to the public and city officials to keep them informed about HMGP and other grant programs, but there will likely be a need for continued output of information as officials change and as many officials may need refreshers on the subject. As such, this program will be kept in place.
PEA-4	Establish a hazard mitigation library at the public library.	All	High	Picayune CRS Coordinator; Pearl River County Library System; Pearl River County Department of Planning and Development	Local funding	2020	(Action 4.3 in previous plan) The county has established a hazard mitigation library at the public library, but these materials are in need of updating, so this action will be left in place to ensure materials are current.



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PEA-5	Develop a brochure "Hazards in Pearl River County" that will detail hazards within the county.	Flood, Hurricane, Tornado, Wind	High	Pearl River County Emergency Management	Local funding	2020	(Action 4.4 in previous plan) The county has developed a number of materials for public outreach, but these materials will need to be updated in the coming years, so this action will remain in place.
PEA-6	Develop three programs for "Focus on Pearl River County" on WRJW.	Hurricane, Flood, Tornado, Wind	High	Pearl River County Emergency Management; Pearl River County Planning and Development; WRJW	Local funds	2022	(Action 4.5 in previous plan) The county has developed some programs for WRJW in the past, but during the next several years, additional programs may need to be developed to provide more current data, so this action will remain in place.
PEA-7	Establish a speaker's forum.	Hurricane, Tornado, Flood, Wind Storm	High	Pearl River County Emergency Management	Local funds	2022	(Action 4.6 in previous plan) The county will need to work on establishing a speaker's forum as this has not yet been consistently established yet. This action will remain in place.
PEA-8	Establish a hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness booth at the Blueberry Festival and the Picayune Street Fair.	Flood, Hurricane, Tornado, Wind Storm	High	Pearl River County Emergency Management; Picayune CRS Coordinator	Local funding	2022	(Action 4.7 in previous plan) In the past, the county has had a hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness booth at these festivals and this has been a successful public outreach event, so this action will be kept in place as the county continues to implement this action and consider other public events for outreach.

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PEA-9	Encourage the Chambers of Commerce, PRCDA, and Civil Defense to develop a program on business continuity planning for businesses.	Hurricane, Flood, Tornado	Low	Picayune and Poplarville Chamber of Commerce	Local	2022	(Action 4.8 in previous plan) The county has encouraged the development of a program on business continuity planning and some outreach has been done to try to get local businesses to think about continuity plans, but these is still a great deal of work to be done as many businesses do not have this in place. This action will remain in the plan.
PEA-10	Advise school officials and teachers of availability of education materials for children.	Hurricane, Flood, Tornado, High Wind, Thunderstorm	Moderate	Pearl River Emergency Management; Picayune CRS Coordinator	Local revenues	2022	(Action 4.9 in previous plan) The county has reached out to many school officials to try to promulgate educational materials to children and this has been successful, but additional efforts are needed to continue and improve the program's reach going forward so this action will remain in place.