

# Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

## PDHM Survey of Community and Partners

### Introduction

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, set guidelines for local jurisdictions to complete a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. This planning process looks at how to reduce or eliminate types of loss of life (or injury incurred) and property damage resulting from natural disasters. Mitigation planning involves risk assessment, estimated losses, and strategies to reduce risk before a natural disaster occurs. Please complete this survey to help provide input and ideas.

### Describe yourself, please.

Please mark all that apply.

- Enrolled Tribal member  
 Registered as family member of enrolled Tribal member  
 Employee List type of enterprise employed within:

Approximate Age Range of Person Completing this Survey

- <18 years  18-25 years  26-45 years  46-65 years  >65 years

Size of Household \_\_\_\_\_

### Communication

Who would you most trust to provide you with information about how to make your family and home safer from natural disasters? (Please mark all that apply.)

- Tribal Council  news media/ads  other government agency  insurance company/agent  
 American Red Cross/ non-profit  Other? Please list. \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Household \_\_\_\_\_

What is the most effective manner in which you receive and provide information on how to make your family and home safer from natural disasters?

- Tribal email/facebook "blast"  news media/ads  schools  brochures/books  
 mail/magazine  public workshop/meeting

### Provide Hazard Experiences

Within the last five years, which of these have you experienced at an extent that would cause you concern for the potential vulnerability of persons, pets or property to be impacted – and at what extent? \_\_\_\_\_

These natural hazards were identified as part of an assessment using the LSU Stephenson Disaster Management Institute for Avoyelles Parish geography.

Natural Disaster	Extremely Concerned	Very Concerned	Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned
<input type="checkbox"/> Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thunderstorms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tornadoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Cyclones/Hurricanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (list)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Did your household/family experience any injuries or financial loss as a result?

Please list the time period of the natural disaster experienced (by year and/or month) and describe the hardship endured and cost.

Do you feel you are adequately prepared and insured for the value of your property and personal items in the event of a loss due to a natural disaster?

Describe.

Which of these hazards do you think would cause the greatest risk to the Tribe?

Flooding    Thunderstorms    Tornadoes    Tropical Cyclones/Hurricanes    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Also, please describe how you came to this conclusion. \_\_\_\_\_

Experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Likelihood based on exposure? \_\_\_\_\_

Scenario envisioned? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana has adequate policies, protocols, and levels of assistance to deal with natural disasters for which you are concerned, very concerned, and/or extremely concerned?

Describe. \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the above concerns, what should be done? What would make the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana more resilient in the event of a natural disaster?

Describe. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel the expense involved for accomplishing mitigation projects would outweigh the benefit?

Describe. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMPLES OF Possible Goals to be considered for Mitigation Strategy Development**

- Goal 1: Maintain public services and critical facilities at the time of an impending hazard or during and immediately after a hazard event in order to protect people’s lives and quality of life
- Goal 2: Create general awareness of location of mitigation information
- Goal 3: Improve effectiveness of communication with the public
- Goal 4: Preserve the Tribe’s natural geography, reclaim and restore natural areas, and prevent damage to higher elevations
- Goal 5: Maintain public services and safety by training personnel to be effective in addressing hazardous and industrial events
- Goal 6: Create safe environments in which to assist evacuees and our more distantly residing Tribal members who may seek refuge
- Goal 7: Establish ability for public facilities for water and wastewater to have access to emergency power to serve the Tribe and its populous and visitors to its facilities
- Goal 8: Maintain and improve shelter(s) by equipping and adequately staffing with trained volunteers

Are there Others?

Describe. \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for Participating and Assisting with the Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

If you do not wish to remain anonymous, please include your contact information.

Name	Address	Telephone/Cell	Email address

Estimated time to complete this survey: \_\_\_\_\_

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