

FEMA: Week in Review

Louisiana Recovery Office
New Orleans, LA



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Announcements

DFIRM Mapping Process Incorporates Improvements in Greater New Orleans Area



On Sept. 9, 2011, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was recognized for its delivery of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) that will defend the Greater New Orleans area against a 1% probability storm.

Building on the Corps' achievements in reduction to flood risk made through the construction of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), FEMA has begun the process of

incorporating the HSDRRS improvements to update the current Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs).

Once the updates are complete, the flood hazard maps that cover the HSDRRS area within Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles and Plaquemines parishes will reflect the new flood defense improvements. FEMA will then begin the post-preliminary phase of the parish-wide mapping effort with a formal appeal and protest period. Communities will receive updated flood hazard maps for their area of the parish and are encouraged to take an active role in the mapping process. FEMA hopes to have these updates completed and enter the post-preliminary phase by mid-2012. It is FEMA's objective to work with local community officials, local levee districts, parish flood protection staff and floodplain administrators from the beginning of this update through the entire post-preliminary process ending with the map adoptions.

For more information, please contact your local parish floodplain administrator.

Gustav and Ike Three Years Later

Three years after hurricanes Gustav and Ike first affected Louisiana, FEMA continues to work closely with the state of Louisiana, providing approximately \$1.2 billion across the agency's three program areas to help residents, local governments and nonprofits recover.

"FEMA's local recovery office is still committed to helping the state's citizens and communities rebuild from the destruction brought on by these two storms," said FEMA Louisiana Recovery Office Acting Executive Director Joseph Threat.

In response to hurricanes Gustav and Ike, approximately \$280 million in FEMA's Individuals and Households Program funding has been provided for 83,494 individuals and families in Louisiana.

Additionally, in support of helping Louisiana's communities rebuild, more than \$939.7 million in FEMA Public Assistance grants has been provided to date for Gustav and Ike projects.

To date, through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, projects have been approved for a total of \$31.3 million in obligated funds.

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Sept. 22-25: NAACP
Conference—Louisiana
Preparedness

Sept. 24: Hurricane Rita 6th
Anniversary

Sept. 30: FEMA Region 6
Youth Preparedness
Workshop

Oct. 7: LA School Facility
Managers Association
Conference

Sparking the Discussion on National Preparedness

In case you haven't had a chance, visit our new collaboration community at fema.ideascale.com.

It's a place where you can view, contribute and comment on conversations about emergency preparedness, disaster response and recovery, and other emergency management topics.

We're currently looking for your input and ideas about building a more secure, resilient nation through a nation-wide preparedness goal.

Housing Update

Katrina/Rita: 32 units

Gustav/Ike: 16 units

