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STATE ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ACTION PLAN FOR SPENDING \$1.2 BILLION IN FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDS

The state is accepting public comments on its [proposed Action Plan](#) for spending \$1.2 billion in Community Development Block Grant mitigation funds. The proposed Action Plan outlines the state's approach to funding projects, data collection, modeling and policy measures that align with the [Louisiana Watershed Initiative's](#) long-term resilience objectives.

The 45-day formal public comment period for the proposed Action Plan, which is available online in [English and Spanish](#), begins today and continues until **5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29**. In addition to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's required public comment period, the state has solicited feedback and accepted comments for several weeks, including at two public hearings held during September. All comments and the state's responses will be included in the plan the state submits to HUD for approval.

The state is accepting comments [online](#) or via [email, mail or fax](#), as well as during one of the following public hearings. Each hearing will be livestreamed on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative's [Facebook page](#).

1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24

Ouachita Parish Emergency Operations Center
Fire Department Training Center
1000 New Natchitoches Road
West Monroe, LA 71292

6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29

Council Chambers, Building A
St. Tammany Parish Government
Administrative Complex
21490 Koop Drive
Mandeville, LA 70471

To request special accommodations for an upcoming hearing, email watershed@la.gov or call 225.219.9600. For more information, [click here](#).

Se pondrán a disposición los materiales en idioma español cuando se los solicite. Envíe las solicitudes a watershed@la.gov.

About the Louisiana Watershed Initiative

Gov. John Bel Edwards established the **Council on Watershed Management** in 2018, which serves as the coordinated, interagency organization at the state level for watershed-based flood risk reduction. The **Louisiana Watershed Initiative** serves as the Council's programmatic arm under which all related efforts operate.