

# **2024 Bee County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

"Under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000 or "the Act"), Bee County (County) is required to have a Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") - approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan ("the Plan") in order to be eligible for certain pre- and post-disaster mitigation funds. Adoption of this Plan by the County and approval by FEMA will serve the dual objectives of providing direction and guidance on implementing hazard mitigation in the County, and qualify the County to obtain federal assistance for hazard mitigation. Solely to help achieve these objectives, the Plan attempts to systematically identify and address hazards that can affect the County. Nothing in this Plan is intended to be an admission, either expressed or implied, by or on behalf of the County, of any County obligation, responsibility, duty, fault or liability for any particular hazard or hazardous condition, and no such County obligation, responsibility, duty, fault or liability should be inferred or implied from the Plan, except where expressly stated."

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## **1. Introduction and Background**

### **1) Participating Jurisdictions**

The 2024 Bee County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is an update of the County's most recent 2017 plan that expired in July 2022. This 2024 Plan Update includes three participating jurisdictions: Bee County, the City of Beeville, and Coastal Bend College.

### **2) Hazards to be Addressed**

Previously, the expired 2017 plan identified 13 natural hazards facing the County: hurricanes and tropical storms, drought, hailstorm, flooding, tornados, severe winds, wildfire, severe winter storm, lightning, extreme heat, earthquakes, expansive soils, land subsidence. During that time, Bee County and the City of Beeville submitted and received approval for a standalone flood mitigation plan. As of now, all participants will address and profile flooding hazards within this 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

The mitigation planning regulation of the Disaster Mitigation Act<sup>1</sup> requires that mitigation plans be reviewed and updated every five years to maintain eligibility for mitigation grant funding. As part of this plan, Bee County will develop a schedule to ensure that its hazard mitigation plan is regularly updated.

The 2023 Bee County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update will address the following natural hazards identified in the State of Texas' 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan as threats throughout the state. Each participating jurisdiction will address the following natural hazards listed below in Table 1.

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<sup>1</sup> 44 CFR §201.6(d)(3)

**Table 1: List of Hazards Addressed**

Hazard	Jurisdiction		
	Bee County	City of Beeville	Coastal Bend College
Flooding	x	x	x
Hurricanes, Tropical Storms, and Depressions	x	x	x
Wildfire	x	x	x
Tornados	x	x	x
Drought	x	x	x
Extreme Cold	x	x	x
Extreme Heat	x	x	x
Hailstorm	x	x	x
Winter Weather	x	x	x
Severe Winds	x	x	x
Lightning	x	x	x
<b>Additional Optional Hazards</b>			
Coastal Erosion			
Inland Erosion			
Land Subsidence/Sinkhole	x	x	x
Earthquakes	x	x	x
Expansive Soils	x	x	x
Dam / Levee Failure			

### ***Omission Statements***

Bee County and the participating jurisdictions will not be addressing the following hazards: Coastal/Inland Erosion and Dam/Levee Failure. The history of impacts for all the omitted hazards have been negligible (or non-existent), therefore the County and participating jurisdictions expects that future impacts will be negligible as well, nor do the County and participating jurisdictions anticipate applying for grant funding to address any of them.

## 2. Planning Process

The Bee County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi-jurisdiction plan. Representatives for the local planning team were selected by each jurisdiction. Planning team members represented the following offices and departments:

**Table 2: Local Planning Team Representatives**

Title	Jurisdiction
County Judge	Bee County
Emergency Management Director	
Grant Administrator	
Mayor	City of Beeville
City Manager	
City Secretary	
Director of Physical Plant Facilities	Coastal Bend College

Once the planning team was established, members developed a schedule with specific goals and proposed meeting dates over the planning period.

The hazard mitigation planning team (HMPT) members contributed to the following activities throughout the planning process:

1. Providing technical assistance and necessary data to the HMPT.
2. Scheduling, coordinating, and facilitating community meetings.
3. Providing necessary materials for public planning meetings.
4. Collecting and analyzing data.
5. Developing mitigation goals and implementation strategies.
6. Preparing the first draft of the plan and providing technical writing assistance for review, editing, and formatting.

Each member of the HMPT participated in the following activities associated with development of the plan:

1. Identifying, contacting, coordinating, and implementing input from stakeholders.
2. Attending, conferencing in, or providing meeting support and information for regular HMPT meetings.
3. Identifying hazards and estimating potential losses from future hazard events.
4. Developing and prioritizing mitigation actions to address identified risks.

5. Coordinating public meetings to develop the plan.
6. Identifying community resources available to support planning effort.
7. Submitting proposed plan to all appropriate departments for review and comment and working with the County to incorporate the resulting comments into the proposed plan.



Table 3: Plan Schedule

TIMELINE											
Planning Tasks	2022					2023					COMPLETED
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Organize Resources and Identify Planning Team											
Create Outreach Strategy											
Review Community Capabilities											
Conduct Risk Assessment											
Identify Mitigation Goals and Actions											
Develop Action Plan for Implementation											
Identify Plan Maintenance Procedures											
Review Plan Draft											
Submit Plan to State and FEMA											
Adopt Plan											2/12/2024
MEETINGS											
Planning Team			10/12/22	11/16/22							
Public Outreach – Online Surveys											
Stakeholder Outreach											

## 1) Existing Plans, Reports, Ordinances, and Technical Information Sources

Each planning team member worked to collect and provide the input and information necessary to develop the hazard mitigation strategy. Research was coordinated and conducted by local planning team members. The local planning team reviewed the following documents during the planning process:

Table 4: Planning Team Data Sources

Data Source	Data Incorporation	Purpose
National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)	Hazard occurrences	Previous event occurrences, damage dollars, and mapping for all hazards
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Historic Weather Data	Previous event occurrences, damage dollars, and mapping for all hazards
National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL)	Historic Weather Data	Previous event occurrences, damage dollars, and mapping for all severe storms
National Weather Service (NWS), Shreveport, LA Office	Historic Weather Data	Previous event occurrences, damage dollars, and mapping for all hazards
<a href="#">Bee County Appraisal District Data</a>	Property values and parcel counts	Population counts, parcel data, and land use data
Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2017-2022	Previous planning approach, hazards addressed, and mitigation actions	Previous planning team representatives, plan maintenance, hazard histories, and mitigation actions
State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018 Update	Hazard Descriptions	Official descriptions of hazards and their potential impacts
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Zones	Flood Zones maps	GIS mapping of flood zones
City of Beeville Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance	Flood damage prevention requirements	Identifying building requirements and restrictions for structures in the floodplain

Additional information sources included: USDA Census of Agriculture, United States Geological Survey, Vaisala, and specific details about previous natural hazard events from planning team participants. Sources are noted throughout the document. Report titles and links to the most recently accessed websites hosting the related information are also noted, where appropriate.

Area stakeholders contacted to participate in the planning process included the following offices and departments within the participating jurisdictions and neighboring jurisdictions. In

many cases of non-participation, the title listed is reflective of the office the planning team tried to contact.

**Table 5: Local Stakeholders Contacted**

Stakeholder	Title	Participated
Karnes County	Emergency Management Coordinator	N
Goliad County	Emergency Management Coordinator	N
Refugio County	Administrative Assistant	N
San Patricio County	Emergency Management Coordinator	N
Live Oak County	Emergency Management Coordinator	N
United Way of the Coastal Bend	Vice President of Community Impact	Y

Area stakeholders were contacted by phone and email. In an effort to increase participation, each stakeholder was contacted at least twice. Community based- and or non-profit organizations were contacted in order to reach a diverse group of stakeholders. Those organizations were United Way of the Coastal Bend, The Beeville Vineyard, Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend and the Bee County Adult Literacy Council. These organizations focus on multiple community needs such as education, food, health and safety, and financial stability. Area stakeholders who chose to participate provided important supplemental input and information that helped shape mitigation strategies for each hazard, in particular by making the planning team aware of actions neighboring communities were successful in implementing, and what actions they think should take priority.

## **2) Project Meetings**

The local planning team met on two separate occasions. Additional communication was regularly carried out via email and over the phone.

The first local planning team meeting was held virtually on October 12, 2022. During this meeting, the planning team decided which hazards needed to be addressed in the mitigation plan and which were not relevant. To make these decisions, a hazard handout was produced to show previous occurrences of each hazard, associated deaths and injuries, and total dollar damages. The team agreed to use the collected hazard data, as the foundation for its hazard risk assessment and ongoing research into hazard extent, impact, and vulnerability. At the end of the meeting, planning team members were tasked with compiling relevant data, including city ordinances; court orders and regulations; identifying critical facilities; and providing a status update on previous mitigation actions.

The second planning team meeting was held virtually on November 16, 2022. To stay on schedule, the planning team needed to meet the following objectives: Finalize the hazards list, collect relevant ordinances and plans, review and refine the critical facilities list, and identify

area stakeholders, as well as review possible mitigation actions and potential eligible projects for each participant. The planning team discussed and identified new mitigation actions, discussed changes to the plan drafts, and agreed to work on completing all deliverables for the plan. Additional work was done over email in preparation for submitting the plan for official review in April 2023.

### **3) Public Input**

Members of the public were invited to participate in two public comment periods to provide input and feedback during the planning process, both comment periods were held virtually. The first public comment period took place at the end of October 2022. A Google Form survey was posted to the County website for a period of two weeks for members of the public to fill out. A newspaper ad was placed to announce to the public for the opportunity to provide input via online survey. In an effort to reach the widest audience possible, especially socially vulnerable populations, the County and participating jurisdictions actively announced the online survey through newspaper ads, on their own websites, and social medias. The planning team appreciated receiving responses to the survey which helped inform them when identifying and prioritizing new mitigation actions for this plan update. The survey received 40 anonymous responses.

#### The survey asked nine questions:

1. Where do you live?
2. Do you own or rent?
3. Bee County is looking at addressing the following hazards. Which hazards do you believe impact the County and/or participating cities the most? Please select all that apply (multiple choice answer).
4. Which of the above hazards have affected you directly within the past five years? Please select all that apply (multiple choice answer).
5. How have you been affected by the hazards selected above? (Open-ended question)
6. Have you taken any actions to reduce your risk to these hazards? If so, what actions have you taken? (Open-ended question)
7. What is the best means of communication for you? Please select all that apply (multiple choice answer).
8. Which of the following mitigation project types do you believe local government agencies should focus on to reduce disruptions of services and to strengthen the community? Please check all that apply (multiple choice answer).
9. Do you have any other thoughts or concerns relating to the Hazard Mitigation Plan? (Open-ended question).

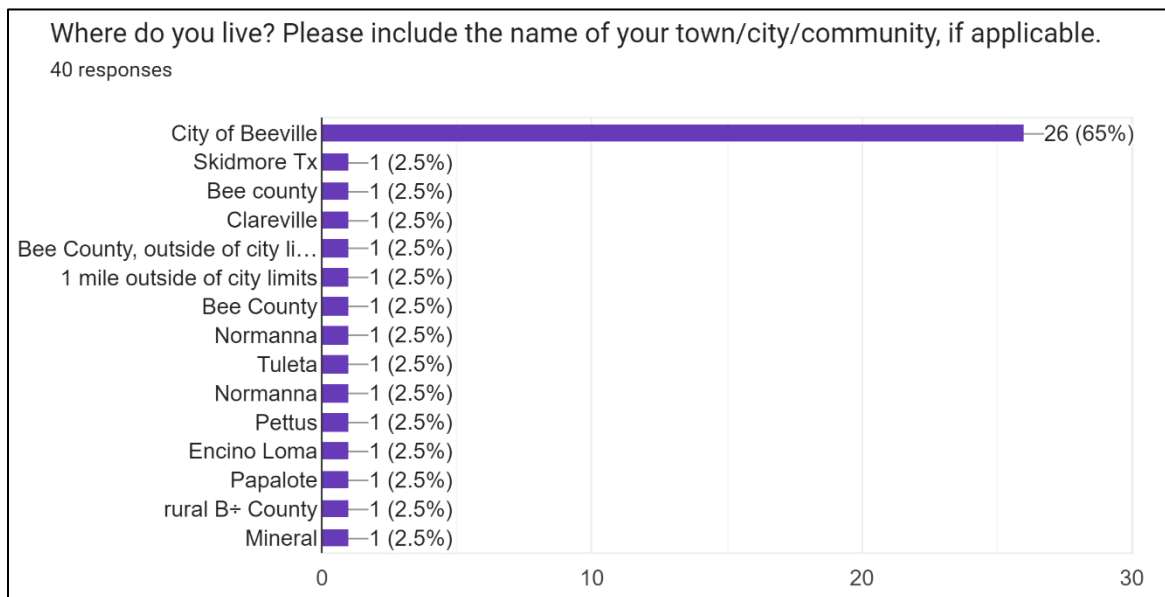


Figure 1: Survey Responses for Question 1

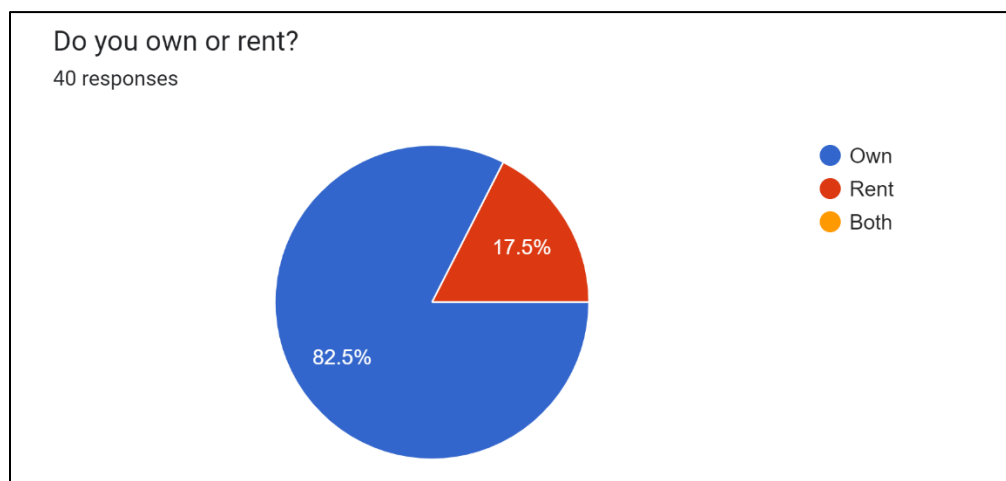


Figure 2: Survey Responses for Question 2

As Figure 1 above shows, majority of the respondents live in the City of Beeville. About 82.5% of respondents own their home as shown in Figure 2.

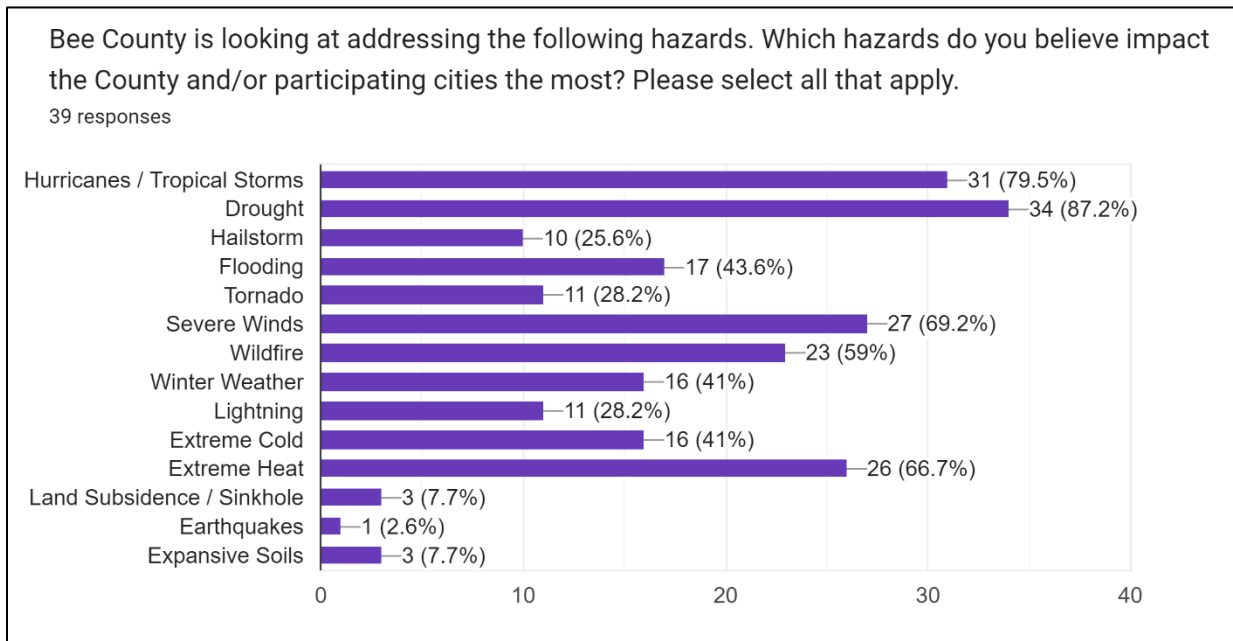


Figure 3: Survey Response for Question 3

The chart in Figure 3 above shows the breakdown of responses for survey question three. The answer choices were Hurricanes/Tropical Storms/Depressions, Drought, Hailstorm, Flooding, Tornado, Severe Winds, Wildfire, Winter Weather, Lightning, Extreme Cold, Extreme Heat, Land Subsidence/Sinkholes, and Expansive Soils.

Of the 14 hazards addressed, Hurricanes/Tropical Storms, Severe Winds, Wildfire, and Extreme Heat ranked the highest out of all the hazards addressed in the plan, with each choice getting more than or about 50% of the votes.

Which of the following mitigation project types do you believe local government agencies should focus on to reduce disruptions of services and to strengthen the community? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Provide better information about hazard risk and high-hazard areas
- ☐ Reinforce essential facilities such as police, fire, emergency medical services, hospitals, schools, etc
- ☐ Educate property owners on ways they can reduce risk and mitigate damage to their properties
- ☐ Replace or improve inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways
- ☐ Reinforce or improve infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems
- ☐ Work on mitigating risk to utilities (electricity, communications, water/wastewater facilities, etc)
- ☐ Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls or levees
- ☐ Buyout flood-prone properties and maintain as open space
- ☐ Strengthen codes, ordinances, and plans to require higher hazard risk management strategies
- ☐ Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate impacts to their property(ies)
- ☐ Work with schools, churches, local community groups to educate and reduce hazard risks
- ☐ Other...

*Figure 4: Survey Choices for Question 8*

Figure 4 shows the choices for Question 8: Which of the following mitigation project types do you believe local government agencies should focus on to reduce disruptions of services and to strengthen the community? Please check all that apply. Respondents could choose from 11 answers such as “Provide better information about hazard risk and high-hazard areas,” “Reinforce or improve infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems,” “Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls or levees,” or input their own answer.

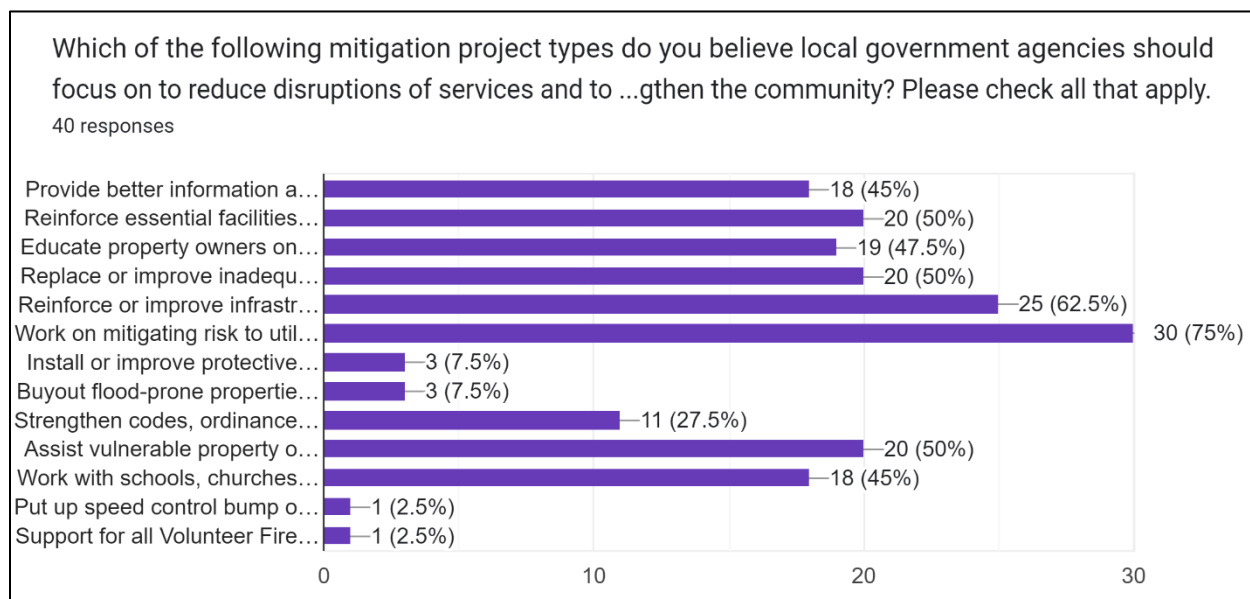


Figure 5: Response Breakdown for Question 8

Figure 5 shows the breakdown of responses to Question 8. The most popular answer was “Work on mitigating risk to utilities (electricity, communications, water/wastewater facilities, etc.),” with 75% of respondents voting for it. Other inputs that residents added in the survey include improved road infrastructure and increase support for all volunteer firefighters and emergency services in rural communities.

The second public comment period took place in May 2023. A copy of the in-progress plan draft was posted to the County website for two weeks for the public to review and comment or provide suggestions. This public comment period was advertised in the newspaper and shared on social media. No responses were received.

#### 4) Plan Maintenance

The hazard mitigation plan is not a static document. As conditions change and mitigation actions are implemented, the plan will need to be updated to reflect new and changing conditions in each jurisdiction.

The planning team has identified specific departments to oversee action implementation in each jurisdiction. The planning team has also identified potential funding sources and an implementation timeframe for each mitigation action. The expected timeframes will be an important component in determining whether actions are implemented efficiently. The departments or persons identified for each jurisdiction include but are not limited to:



**Table 6: Maintenance Responsibility**

Title	Jurisdiction	Agency or Department
County Judge	Bee County	County Judge's Office
Emergency Management Director		Bee County Auditor's Office
Grant Administrator		Office of Emergency Management
Mayor	Beeville	City Council
City Manager		City Administration
City Secretary		City Administration
Director	Coastal Bend College	Physical Plant Facilities

Within one year of adoption of this plan, each department or agency will review and, as appropriate, integrate implementation of their respective mitigation actions with their existing internal plans and policies relating to capital improvements, land use, design and construction, and emergency management.

On a biannual basis, representatives from each jurisdiction serving as the planning team will evaluate progress on implementing the plan's mitigation actions. The planning team will review departmental / agency findings, public input, and future development plans to evaluate the effectiveness and appropriateness of the plan.

Considering changing funding sources, hazard vulnerability, and local mitigation priorities, the planning team will identify changes to plan goals and priorities for their respective jurisdictions, and they will report their findings to the rest of the planning team. It will be the planning team's responsibility to identify relevant reasons for delay or obstacles to completing the plan's mitigation actions, along with recommended strategies to overcome any deficiencies.

Any significant change to the plan, including but not limited to changing mitigation actions, abandoning mitigation actions, or pursuing new mitigation actions, will require the County and participating jurisdictions to provide opportunities for the public to make its views and concerns known. Bee County and the participating jurisdictions will provide notice to the public through announcements in the local paper, fliers posted at City and County offices, and on the County's and each participant's website and/or social media accounts.

## **5) Plan Monitoring**

The Bee County Emergency Management Director (EMD) will be responsible for the overall continued coordination and monitoring of the mitigation plan in its entirety, including but not limited to the planning process, risk assessment, strategy, and the actions assigned for each hazard. The agency or department identified above in Table 6 shall serve as the responsible party for each respective jurisdiction. The plan monitoring worksheet outlined below will serve as the basis for revision of the plan.

At a minimum, the mitigation plan will be reviewed by the EMC and planning team representatives from each jurisdiction quarterly, during budget workshops, and as other plans are being developed or revised including comprehensive plans, capital improvement project plans, and emergency plans.

Regularly monitoring the plan implementation process in each participating jurisdiction will ensure that every component of the plan gets reviewed for potential amendments.

After adoption of this plan, it will be posted to each participating jurisdiction's website or Facebook page, and a printed copy will be available for review in the Office of Emergency Management. The goal is to create the opportunity for constant and continued feedback from local officials, stakeholders, and the public.

## **6) Plan Evaluation**

Proper evaluation will measure the progress and effectiveness of the mitigation actions identified in the plan. On a bi-annual basis the Emergency Management Coordinator along with the planning team representatives from each jurisdiction will use the following criteria, along with additional metrics as necessary, to assess the effectiveness of the plan in its entirety, including but not limited to the planning process, risk assessment, strategy, and the actions:

- Do the specified goals and objectives still address current and expected conditions?
- Has the nature, magnitude, and/or risk of any hazard changed?
- Have there been changes in land development that the plan needs to address?
- Are available resources suitable for implementing the plan?
- Is funding budgeted or available to successfully implement prioritized mitigation actions?
- Are there opportunities in the local budgeting process or local, state, and national grant funding cycles to increase funding to implement mitigation actions?

Other steps will include site visits to completed mitigation projects in each jurisdiction to measure and ensure their success. The planning team will evaluate the causes of the shortcoming in the event that a mitigation project fails to meet its goal. The planning team will use their assessment to amend the project and related projects in other jurisdictions, allocate additional resources to achieve the desired outcome for the project and related projects in

other jurisdictions, or replace the project and similar projects in other jurisdictions with better projects.

The EMD and planning team members will also work to implement any additional revisions required to ensure that the plan and their respective jurisdiction is in full compliance with federal regulations and state statutes.

The approved plan will be hosted on the County website to allow the public to view and provide feedback during the 5-year lifespan of the plan.

## **7) Plan Update**

The plan is designed to address a five-year period. In accordance with 44CFR Section 201.6, it will be updated every five years to maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations. However, at least every two years from the date of approval, and quarterly on the fifth and final year of the plan, the EMC and planning team representatives from each participating jurisdiction will thoroughly review any significant changes in their respective jurisdictions that might impact the plan update.

During the update process, planning team representatives will do the following for their respective jurisdictions: collect data on recent occurrences of each natural hazard identified in the plan, record how each natural hazard impacted their jurisdiction during the preceding years, determine whether or not implemented mitigation actions produced the desired outcomes in their jurisdiction, and determine whether or not to modify their jurisdiction's list of hazards to be addressed in the update.

Additional considerations to address on a jurisdictional level include but are not limited to changes in local development, changes in exposure to natural hazards, the development of new mitigation capabilities or techniques, and revisions to state or federal legislation.

The update process will provide continued opportunity for the public and elected officials to determine which actions succeeded, failed, or are no longer relevant. It is also an opportunity for each jurisdiction to identify recent losses due to natural hazards and to consider whether any of those losses could have been avoided.

### 3. Determining Risk

#### 1) Risk Assessment

Throughout the plan, each hazard addressed will be considered in light of its history, likelihood of future events, extent, jurisdictional vulnerability, location and impact.

**Likelihood of Future Events** is measured based on a hazard's expected frequency of occurrence in terms of previous frequency. Each hazard's likelihood of future events will be considered using the following standardized parameters:

- **Highly likely** – event probable in the next year
- **Likely** – event probable in the next three years
- **Occasional** – event possible in the next five years
- **Unlikely** – event possible in the next 10 years

Given this plan's five-year duration, hazards likely to occur during that period will be given priority when selecting and prioritizing mitigation actions. Vulnerability risk of each hazard has risen as population fluctuates in conjunction with new development and growth in the County; for example, an addition of over 100 housing units were recorded by the Census since 2015. Furthermore, the effects of climate change have increased the frequency and intensity of hazard events; for example, Bee County has experienced multiple ice storms and winter weather, and flooding. Climate change is expected to exacerbate hazard events in the future.

The City of Beeville has experienced a steady population growth over the last five years. New development and climate change continue to increase vulnerability to natural hazards in the jurisdictions. While the Coastal Bend College may not have officially recorded history of certain natural hazards, it's location with the County and the City of Beeville presents valid assumptions of high risk and impacts as the area continues to grow.

#### *Major Disaster Declarations*

The following table outlines all major disaster declarations that have occurred in Bee County since the 2017 HMAP.

Table 7: Disaster Declarations in Bee County

Bee County Major Disaster Declarations		
Disaster	Incident Period	Declaration Date
DR-4586 Texas Severe Winter Storm	February 11, 2021 – February 21, 2021	February 19, 2021
DR-4485 Texas Covid-19 Pandemic	January 20, 2020 - Present	March 25, 2020
DR-4332 Texas Hurricane Harvey	August 23, 2017 – September 15, 2017	August 25, 2017

## 2) Distribution of Property by Housing Density and Potential Damage Values

Table 8: Estimated Values by Location<sup>2</sup>

Category	Bee County <sup>3</sup>	City of Beeville
Total Housing Units	10,723	5,963
Housing Unit Density (per square mile)	12 units/sq. mi	935 units/sq. mi
Median Housing Value <sup>4</sup>	\$88,700	\$74,500
Estimated Value of Housing Units <sup>5</sup>	\$951.1 million	\$444.2 million

## 3) Distribution of Vulnerable Populations

The planning team identified a set of indicators it could use to identify each jurisdiction's vulnerable population. The indicators include demographic data like age and income, as well as geographic data including the location of low income or subsidized housing units, concentrations of manufactured and mobile homes, and concentrations of homes in substandard condition.

### *Age, Disability, and Income*

The populations of each jurisdiction were broken down into four categories: young residents, elderly residents, disabled residents, and low-income residents. Residents falling into these categories were deemed most likely to suffer disproportionate losses due to natural hazards because of their potentially limited means to prepare for and recover from a hazard event.

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<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Table [B25001](#) 2020 ACS Housing unit information for Bee County includes totals for cities and unincorporated areas.

<sup>4</sup> Table [B25077](#) 2020 ACS

<sup>5</sup> Total value of housing units derived from median value multiplied by number of units

Table 9: Age, Disability, and Poverty Level Percentages by Jurisdiction<sup>6</sup>

Demographic Category	Bee County	City of Beeville	Texas	U.S.
Total Population	32,609	14,261	28,635,442	326,569,308
Population Under Age 56 <sup>7</sup>	5.8%	7.9%	7%	6%
Population Over Age 65	12.3%	12.6%	12.5%	16%
Disability Status <sup>8</sup>	12.5%	15.5%	11.5%	12.7%
Individuals Below Poverty Level <sup>9</sup>	19.4%	24%	14.2%	12.8%

### *Distribution of Vulnerable Populations*

The following vulnerable populations maps is based on a social vulnerability index created specifically for the planning area. The index considers six relevant Census Block Group-level factors: poverty rate, population of residents 65 years old and older, population of residents younger than 18, the population of residents without a high school diploma or GED, the population of residents with a low English proficiency, and the number of homes constructed before 1980.

To create the index, each factor is re-scaled by assigning the largest population in each category a score of 1. The remaining population counts for each category are then given a score based the ratio of the relevant population to the largest population. Once each factor has a re-scaled score, the scores for each factor are totaled to create an overall index number for each Census Block Group. The vulnerable populations map is representative of each Census Block Group's overall vulnerability, based on the six factors outlined above, relative to the other Census Block Groups in the planning area.

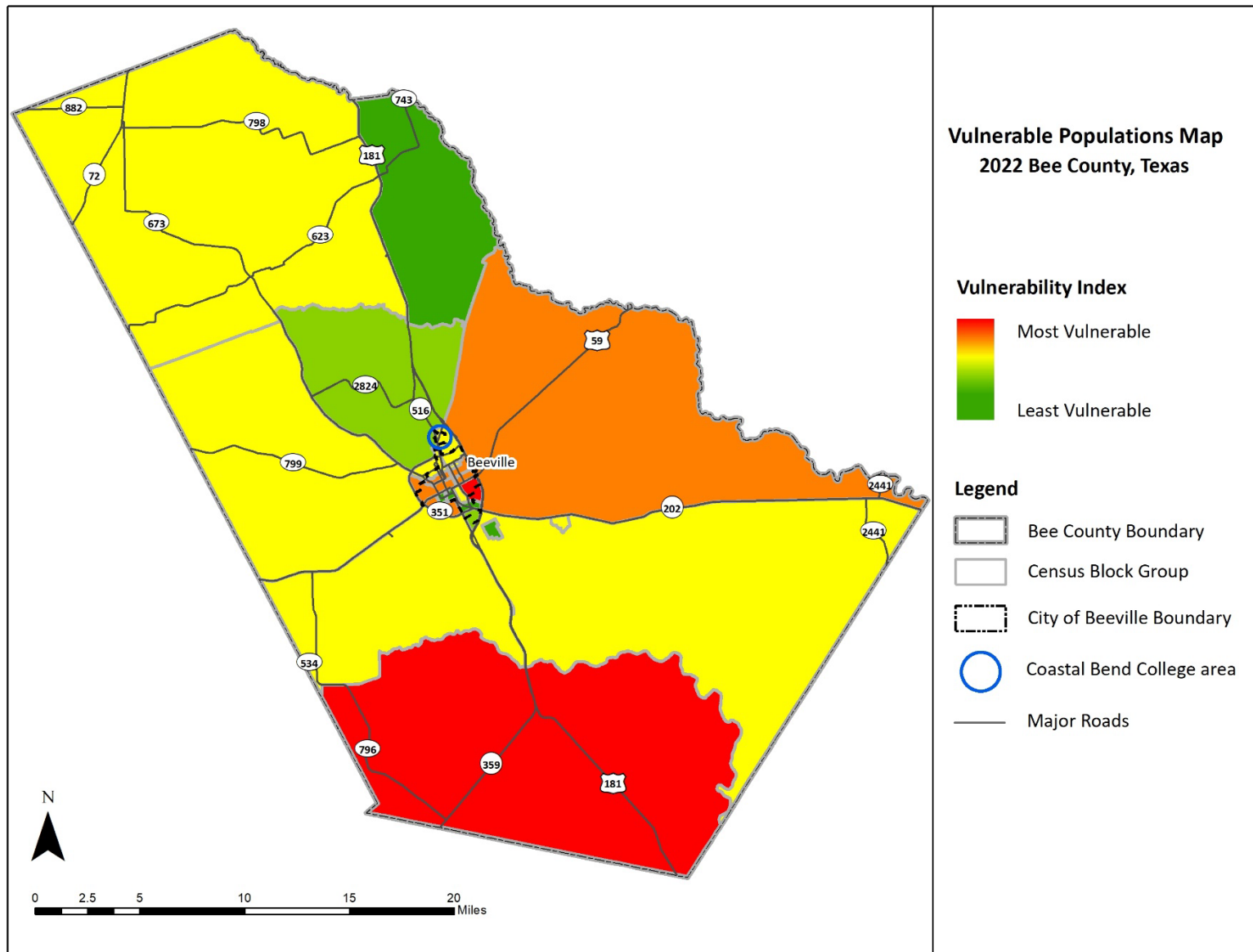
<sup>6</sup> Source: U.S. Census 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

<sup>7</sup> [Table S0101](#), Age and Sex, 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates

<sup>8</sup> [Table S1810](#), Disability Characteristics. The U.S. Census defines a person as having a work disability if one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. Persons with a health problem or disability which prevents them from working or which limits the kind or amount of work they can do
2. Persons who have retired or left a job for health reasons
3. Persons currently not in the labor force because of a disability.
4. Persons who did not work at all in the previous year because of illness or disability
5. Under 65 years old and covered by Medicare in previous year.
6. Under 65 years old and received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in previous year.
7. Received VA disability income in previous year.

<sup>9</sup> [Table DP03](#), Selected Economic Characteristics, 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates



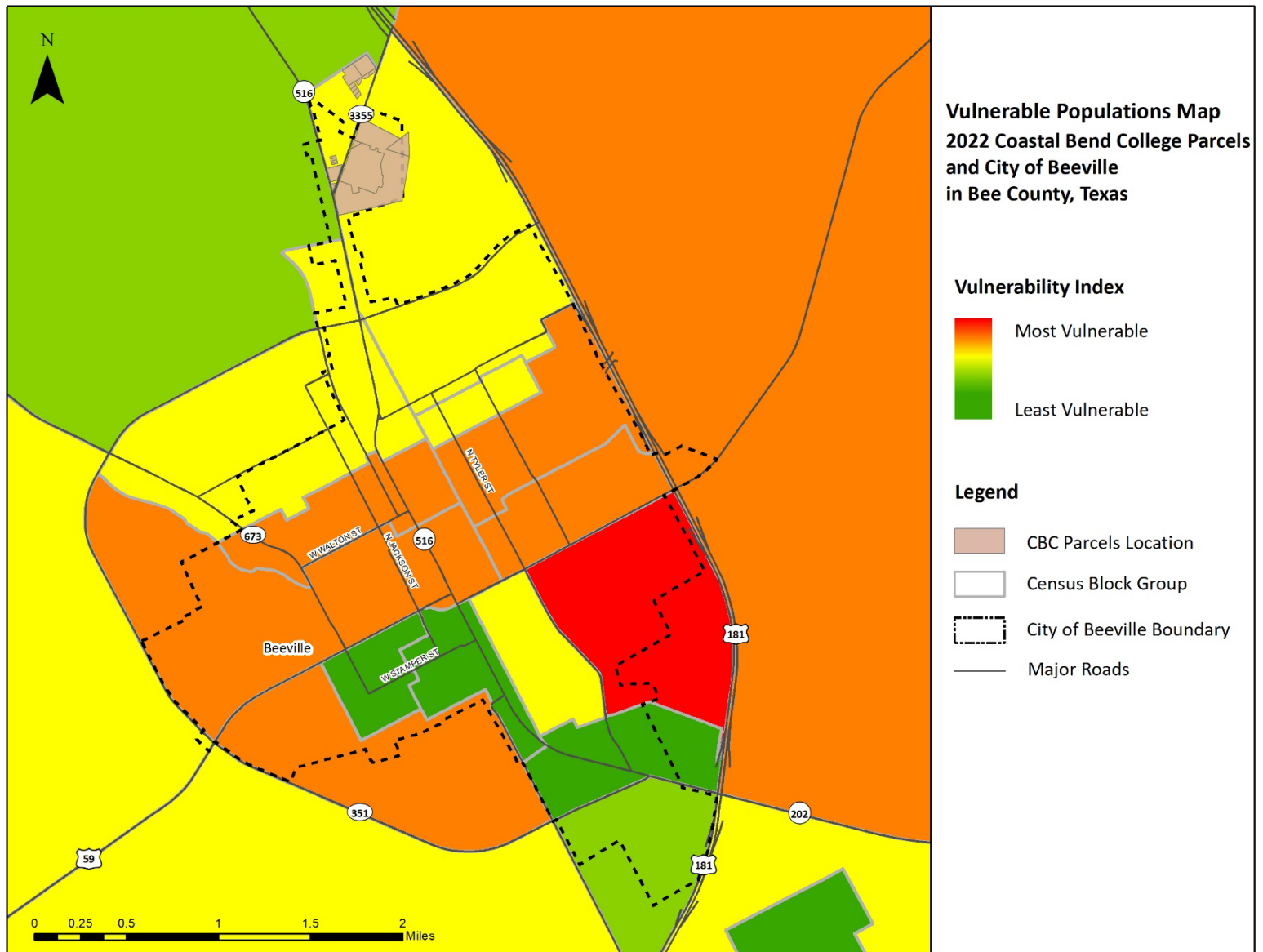


Figure 7: City of Beeville & Coastal Bend College Social Vulnerability Index



### *Low Income and Subsidized Housing*

Low-income residents in Bee County are primarily served through rental assistance programs and low-income housing. The Beeville Housing Authority is the primary operator of low-income housing in the County<sup>10</sup>. There are six affordable apartment communities offering 430 units in Bee County, the majority of which are in the City of Beeville; furthermore, there are 186 low-income apartments that do not offer direct rental assistance but are still considered affordable for low-income families<sup>11</sup>.

Residents of low-income housing and/or subsidized housing facilities are expected to suffer disproportionate losses due to natural hazards because of their potentially limited means to prepare for and recover from a hazard event.

### *Housing Type and Condition*

The participating jurisdictions have used housing type and housing conditions to identify additional vulnerable areas and concentrations of vulnerable residents.

#### *I. Manufactured / Mobile Homes*

In particular, the jurisdictions have identified areas with large numbers of mobile/manufactured housing as being disproportionately vulnerable to certain hazards including but not limited to hurricanes and tropical storms, floods, tornados, droughts, and severe winds.

Mobile and manufactured homes can be found throughout Bee County, including several RV parks. These parks' populations fluctuate on a seasonal basis. Due to the express portability of RVs, most of these structures are expected to evacuate ahead of hazard events with significant warning times. However, RVs may not have enough time to evacuate ahead of less predictable hazard events like tornados.

Locations with clusters of three or more mobile / manufactured homes, including named mobile home parks, are shown in Figure 8 below.

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<sup>10</sup> Affordable Housing Online, 2021. <https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-authorities/Texas>

<sup>11</sup> Affordable Housing Online, 2021. <https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Texas/Bee-County>

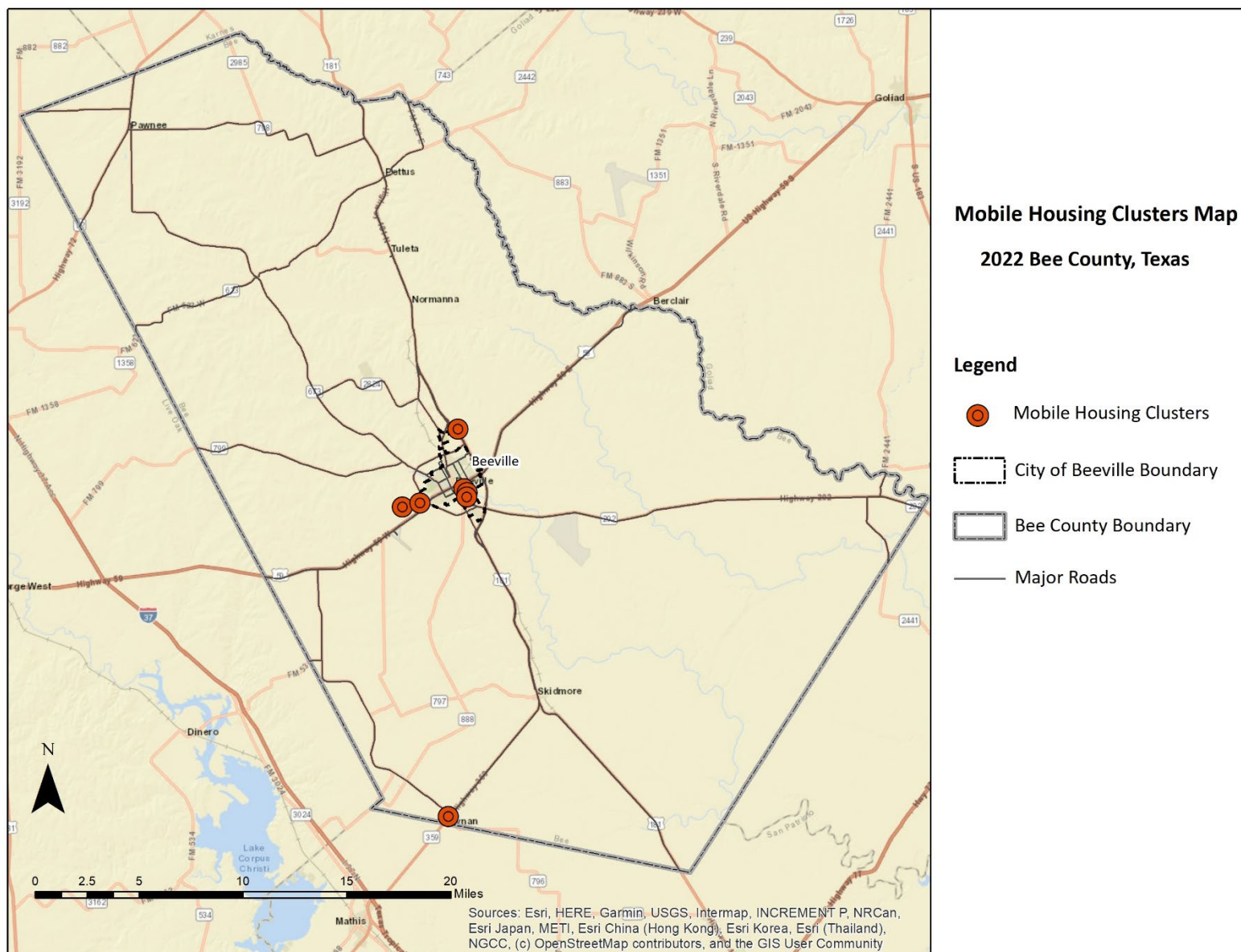


Figure 8: Mobile and Manufacturing Clusters in Bee County and the Participating Jurisdiction

## II. Homes in Substandard Condition

The jurisdictions have determined that homes in sub-standard condition, regardless of structure type, may indicate that residents are low-income or otherwise means-limited and thus more vulnerable to certain hazards.

To be considered standard condition, a home must show few or no minor visible exterior defects such as:

- cracked, peeling, or missing paint
- cracked, sagging, rotting, or missing siding, steps, porch planks, or other wooden surfaces
- cracked or broken windowpanes
- cracked masonry, brick, or mortar surfaces
- missing or damaged roof shingles
- small rust spots on mobile homes

Structures in sub-standard condition may provide less protection to residents during certain hazard events like tropical storms, tornados, or hurricanes. Furthermore, because they're already in a state of disrepair, additional damages due to hazard events may compound existing ones and potentially make these homes uninhabitable.

## 4. Floods

According to the Texas State Hazard Mitigation Plan, Floods are defined as:

[T]he accumulation of water within a water body and the overflow of excess water into adjacent floodplain lands.

In hydrologic analysis, runoff is that portion of rainfall which, in combination with other factors, contributes to the stream flow of any surface drainage way. When runoff exceeds the carrying capacity of the stream or drainage, flooding occurs. Runoff is a product of two major groups of factors, climate and physiographic. Climatic factors may include precipitation, evaporation, transpiration, and interception. Physiographic factors would include the characteristics of the watershed such as size, shape and slope of the basin's drainage area, the general land use within the basin. Average annual runoff decreases unevenly moving east to west across Texas, the localized variations based on these factors listed above.

When surface water runoff enters streams, rivers, or dry creek beds, riverine flooding conditions occur whenever the water carrying capacity of the water channel is compromised by excess runoff.

If the local basin drainage area is relatively flat, shallow, slow-moving floodwater can last for days. In drainage areas with substantial slope, or the channel is narrow and confined, rapidly moving and extreme high-water conditions, called a flash flood, can occur.

### 1) Flood History

The planning team relied on data from the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) to develop a flood history for the County and each participating jurisdiction.

According to the 2017 Bee County Flood Mitigation Plan, the County and City of Beeville reported 51 flood events between 1996 and 2013. Flood damages during this time reach about \$623,756, adjusted to \$2022. The 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan reported 14 flood events within the City of Beeville during the last 20 years. Coastal Bend College is expected to experience the same extent as the City. Both the 2017 Flood Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Plans found that the frequency of flood occurrences is high.

The following tables identify the most comprehensive list available of flood events and associated damages in the participating jurisdictions from 2014 to present. No participating jurisdiction has recorded a flood event more recently than April 2022.

**Table 10: Bee County Recent Flood History**

Location	Date Range	Number of Flood Events	Flood Types	Local Fatalities	Local Injuries	Local Property Damage \$2022	Local Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	4/18/2015 – 4/25/2022	7	Flash Flood, Flood	0	0	\$262,504.21	0

**Table 11: City of Beeville Recent Flood History**

Location	Date Range	Number of Flood Events	Flood Types	Local Fatalities	Local Injuries	Local Property Damage \$2022	Local Crop Damage \$2022
Beeville	5/15/2015 – 7/06/2021	8	Flash Flood	0	0	\$113,865.79	0

Flood data is generally recorded at the county or city level, so there are no specific data regarding flood events for Coastal Bend College. However, the College's flood history is known to be similar to the County and its surrounding areas given that it is located within Beeville, Texas boundaries. While flood impacts are not limited to jurisdictional boundaries, they can easily impact part or all of the surrounding County.

#### ***A) National Flood Insurance Program***

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is administered by FEMA to provide flood insurance coverage to the nation. Bee County and the City of Beeville are listed as participating NFIP communities in the FEMA Community Status Book Report. Coastal Bend College is considered ineligible to participate in the NFIP since they are an education institution.

Currently, Bee County does not have Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances in place, however they do have an appointed Floodplain Administrator. The Community Affairs Director acts as the County's Floodplain Administrator. Mitigation actions have been added to Chapter 18 to address NFIP compliance for the County.

The City of Beeville has adopted and enforced flood damage prevention ordinance in their jurisdiction. The City of Beeville's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance designates the City Manager as the Floodplain Administrator responsible for implementing its floodplain management regulations and ensuring regulations meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

Floodplain management ordinances and any future updates will guide each jurisdiction as it continues to comply with NFIP requirements through permitting, inspection, and recordkeeping, especially for new and substantially redeveloped construction. Each jurisdiction will continue to encourage residents to purchase flood insurance to reduce their flood risk.

The flood mitigation actions outlined in Chapter 18 below were developed with flood mitigation and NFIP compliance in mind. Public engagement will be an ongoing effort in each participating jurisdiction to reduce future losses due to flooding and will continue even after recommended corrective actions have been implemented.

A Repetitive Loss (RL) property is any insurable building for which two or more claims of more than \$1,000 were paid by the NFIP within any rolling ten-year period, since 1978. According to the best information available, there were four RL properties in unincorporated Bee County and are single family residences; meanwhile, there was one RL property in the City of Beeville and is a non-residential property.

A severe repetitive loss (SRL) property is: a single family property (consisting of 1 to 4 residences) that is covered under flood insurance by the NFIP and has incurred flood-related damage for which 4 or more separate claims payments have been paid under flood insurance coverage, with the amount of each claim payment exceeding \$5,000 and with cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeding \$20,000; or for which at least 2 separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the reported value of the property. According to the best information available, there is one SRL property in unincorporated Bee County and is a single-family residence.

## 2) Likelihood of Future Events

In the case of the FEMA 100-year floodplain there is a 1% annual chance, while in the 500-year floodplain there is a 0.02% annual chance. Thus, the likelihood of a 100-year flood event is occasional and the likelihood of a 500-year flood event is unlikely. However, based on the frequency of previous flood events, every jurisdiction can expect to experience some type of flooding that may or may not meet the definition of a 100-year or 500-year event on a more regular basis.

The local planning team determined it is probable that Bee County and the participating jurisdictions will experience a flood event in the next three years, meaning an event is likely.

## 3) Extent

Flood magnitude is generally measured by depth of flood waters in feet or inches. Throughout Bee County and the participating jurisdictions, the worst flood events have been associated with flooding due to combinations of heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and riverine flooding. A flood event in 2015 resulted in the several flood city streets with multiple vehicles stalled in high water along with many flooded homes; additionally, heavy rain within Poesta Creek watershed led to severe flooding causing road closures. The worst flooding events in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions involved about 2" to 9" of heavy rainfall, with 2 to 3 feet of flood water<sup>12</sup>. The Aransas River near Skidmore has shown to flood and crest near 25 feet<sup>13</sup>. Multiple events have cause flooded roads and damages since then. Furthermore, the worst flooding events in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have inflicted as high as \$376,370 in property damages since the previous plan. No crop damages have been reported as a result of flooding in NCEI data for Bee County.

Future worst-case flood events in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may meet or exceed previous worst-case 3' flood depths.

## 4) Location and Impact

The maps below were developed to demonstrate potential risk areas (Zones A and Zones X). Roughly 12% (70,433 acres out of 563,428) of Bee County is in the FEMA 100-year floodplain. In contrast, about 86% (489,236 acres out of 563,428) of Bee County is in the FEMA 500-year floodplain.

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<sup>12</sup> Incident date: 5/15/2015 and 6/17/2015 NOAA Data

<sup>13</sup> Incident date: 7/8/2021, NOAA Data

## A) Location

### I. Bee County

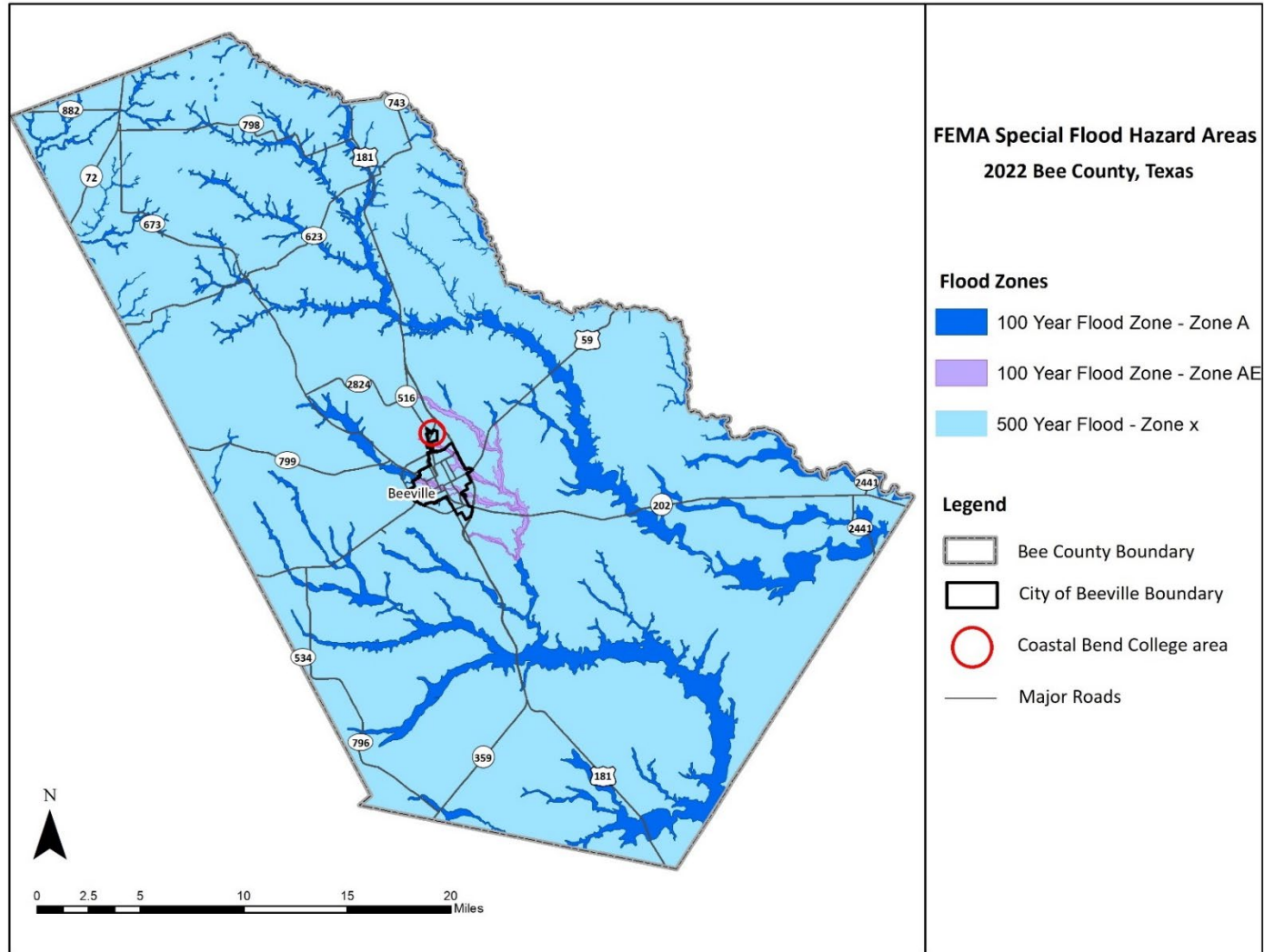


Figure 9: Bee County FEMA SFHA



## II. City of Beeville & Coastal Bend College

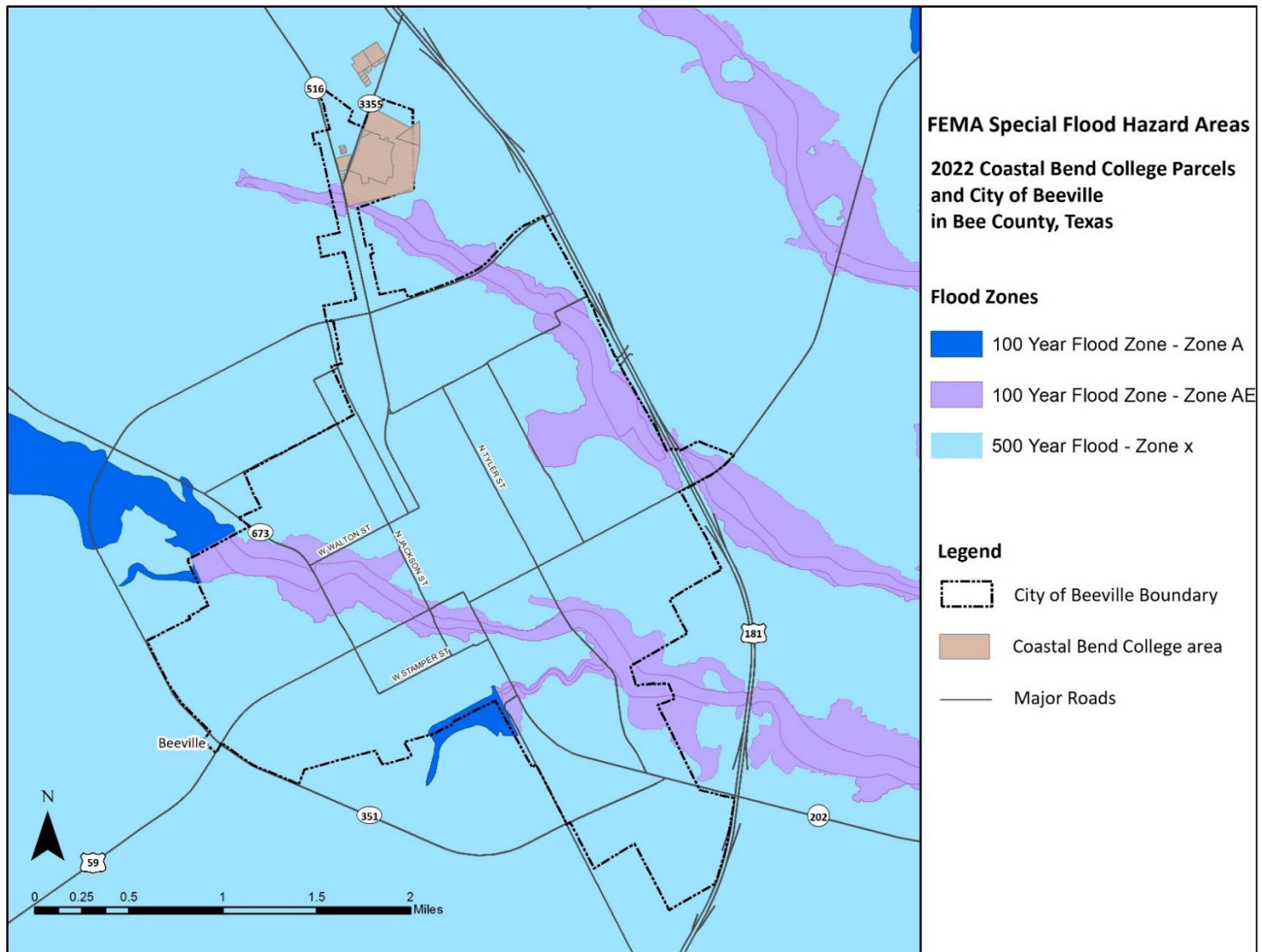


Figure 10: City of Beeville & Coastal Bend College FEMA SFHA

## **B) Impact**

Flood impact in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions will vary depending on the location, size of the affected area, and number of structures affected. Although the likelihood of a FEMA 100-year flood event remains occasional, 1% in any given year, the floodplain crosses all of Bee County's major thoroughfares, potentially limiting travel across, within, and around the County.

Residents in the participating jurisdictions may temporarily lose power due to downed power lines. Motorists and residents may be left stranded and needing rescue. Affected structures may be flooded, damaged by foodborne contaminants, damaged by debris flow, or even completely washed away. Crops may be damaged or destroyed. Estimated damage totals to vulnerable parcels affected during a 100-year flood event may meet the totals outlined in Tables 11 through 17.

Despite the unlikely probability of a so-called 500-year flood, 0.02% in any given year, the danger is not negligible. Moreover, the relatively limited information on the 500-year flood zone should not be interpreted to mean that a 500-year flood will only occur in the areas depicted within the 500-year flood zones. Similar to 100-year flood events, parts of the County may temporarily lose power due to downed power lines; motorists and residents may be left stranded and needing rescue; affected structures may be flooded, damaged by flood borne contaminants, damaged by debris flow, or even completely washed away; crops may be damaged or destroyed. Estimated damage totals to vulnerable parcels affected during a 500-year flood event may meet the totals outlined in Tables 12 - 14.

In addition to flooding's direct effects, the participating jurisdictions may be subject to indirect effects. These may include but aren't limited to loss of power, limited travel due to flooded and/or washed-out roads, and limited access to nearby emergency care centers.

## **5) Vulnerability**

### **A) Population**

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors including but not limited to age, physical ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap. The participating jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may need additional help preparing for and recovering from a flood.

Residents of mobile / manufactured housing are of particular concern. These structures are never considered safe during a flood, and depending on tie-down methods, may threaten surrounding structures.

Residents of sub-standard structures are also of particular concern. Structures in sub-standard condition ahead of a flood, whether due to structural damages, missing windows or doors, holes in exterior walls or the roof, may be less safe during a flood than structures in standard condition. Existing structural weaknesses may mean increased damages, injuries, or loss of life.

### ***B) Critical Facilities***

The planning team identified 61 critical facilities spread across the County and participating jurisdictions. All 61 critical facilities were located in a known FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA); therefore, all critical facilities are considered vulnerable to flooding and have been listed below.

**Table 12: Bee County & Jurisdictions Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Flooding**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Critical Facilities</b>
<b>Bee County</b>	Bee County Expo Center
	Bee County Courthouse
	Blanconia VFD
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)
	Normanna Post Office
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School
	Pawnee Post Office
	Pawnee VFD
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD
	Pettus Elementary School
	Pettus High School
	Pettus Post Office
	Pettus Station (Electricity)
	Skidmore Post Office
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)
	Skidmore VFD
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary / Junior High School / High School
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center
	Tuleta Post Office
	Tynan Post Office
	Tynan VFD
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab
<b>City of Beeville</b>	A.C. Jones High School
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)
	Bee County Sheriff
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building
	Beeville Art Museum
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville
	Beeville City Hall

	Beeville Community Center
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility
	Beeville Police Department
	Beeville Post Office
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank
	Beeville Water System Facility
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station
	Chase Field
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville
	Coastal Plains Community Center
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School
	H-E-B Pharmacy
	IBC Beeville
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center
	Moreno Junior High School
	Prosperity Bank Beeville
	R.A. Hall Elementary School
	Rialto Theater
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy
	Arden Place of Beeville
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building
	Central Plant Building
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)

### ***C) Vulnerable Parcels<sup>14</sup>***

The planning team developed a parcel inventory estimate to identify potential damage values during a flood event. Parcels vulnerable to flooding have been identified by their complete or

<sup>14</sup> County Parcel Count Includes All Parcels in Bee County

partial location within the FEMA 100-year floodplain and the FEMA 500-year floodplain. Actual damages will vary based on the location and extent of flooding.

Table 13: Vulnerable Parcels by Flood Zone in Bee County

Jurisdiction	Total Parcels	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<u>FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone A</u>		
Countywide	1,227	\$548,119,292
<u>FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone X</u>		
Countywide	17,256	\$3,925,872,063

Table 14: Vulnerable Parcels by Flood Zone in the City of Beeville

Jurisdiction	Total Parcels	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<u>FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone A</u>		
Citywide	765	\$91,164,283
<u>FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone X</u>		
Citywide	6,382	\$950,565,120

Table 15: Vulnerable Parcels by Flood Zone for the Coastal Bend College

Jurisdiction	Total Parcels	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<u>FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone A</u>		
CBC	0	\$0
<u>FEMA 500-Year Flood Zone X</u>		
CBC	18	\$39,820,550

## 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what

extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Climate change may cause river floods to become larger or more frequent than they used to be in some places yet become smaller and less frequent in other places. As warmer temperatures cause more water to evaporate from the land and oceans, changes in the size and frequency of heavy precipitation events may in turn affect the size and frequency of river flooding.”<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-river-flooding>

## 5. Hurricanes / Tropical Storms

Once a tropical depression has intensified to the point where its maximum sustained winds are between 35-64 knots (39 – 73 mph), it becomes a tropical storm. At these wind speeds the storm becomes more organized and begins to become more circular in shape – resembling a hurricane. The rotation of a tropical storm is more recognizable than for a tropical depression. Tropical storms can cause many problems without becoming a hurricane. However, most of the problems a tropical storm causes stem from heavy rainfall and high winds.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a hurricane is an intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher. Hurricanes are categorized according to the strength of their winds using the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the highest. These are relative terms, because lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring. In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

The ingredients for a hurricane include a pre-existing weather disturbance, warm tropical oceans, moisture, and relatively light winds aloft. If the right conditions persist long enough, they can combine to produce the violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains, and floods associated with this phenomenon.

### 1) Hurricanes / Tropical Storms History

The planning team relied on data from the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) to develop a history for the County and each participating jurisdiction.

According to Bee County's 2017 plan, the County and surrounding jurisdictions reported 11 previous occurrences between 1961 and 2010. There was about \$66.8 million in property damages during this time, adjusted to \$2022. During Hurricane Beulah (1967) 5 fatalities were reported, while 12 injuries were reported during 1961 and 1970 events. Historically, Bee County and participating jurisdictions have reported unlikely frequency of hurricane occurrences.

NCEI data shows that the participants experienced two hurricane events since the 2017 plan, Hurricane Harvey (2017) and Hurricane Hanna (2020). During both events, Bee County received heavy rains and major flooding which impacted homes, roads, and businesses; additionally, power lines were blown which caused power outages throughout the County.

Table 16: County Hurricane History

Location		Date Range	Category Range	Maximum Wind Speed Range	Local Fatalities	Local Injuries	Local Property Damage \$2022	Local Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	Hurricane Harvey	8/26/2017	Hurricane (Cat 4)	50 – 110 MPH	0	0	\$12,086.98	\$0
	Tropical Storm/Hurricane Hanna	7/25/2022 – 7/26/2020	TS (Cat 1)	20 – 90 MPH	0	0	\$0	\$0

No crop damage, injuries, or deaths due to hurricanes, tropical storms, or tropical depressions have been reported since the previous plan. However, Hurricane Harvey caused about \$12,000 in property damage.

## 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Hurricanes occur in seasonal patterns between June 1 and November 30. Based on historical frequency of hurricanes and tropical storms in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions outlined above, the likelihood of a hurricane or tropical storm affecting any or all of the participating jurisdictions is occasional, meaning an event is possible in the next five years.

## 3) Extent

Storms with winds less than 39 miles an hour are called Tropical depressions. Tropical storms have wind speeds between 39 – 74 miles an hour. Storms maintaining winds of 74 or more miles an hour are called hurricanes. The Saffir-Simpson Scale categorizes hurricane intensity linearly based upon maximum sustained winds, barometric pressure, and storm surge potential. Wind, pressure, and surge are combined to estimate potential damage. Categories 3, 4 and 5 are classified as “major” hurricanes. Major hurricanes comprise only 20 percent of total tropical cyclone landfalls, but they account for over 70 percent of the damage in the United States. Damage from hurricanes can result from spawned tornados, coastal flooding from storm surge, and inland flooding from heavy rainfall.

Table 17: Saffir-Simpson Scale

Category	Maximum Sustained Wind Speed (MPH)	Minimum Surface Pressure (Millibars)	Storm Surge (Feet)
1	74-95	Greater than 980	3-5
2	96-110	979-965	6-8
3	111-130	964-945	9-12
4	131-155	944-920	13-18
5	155+	Less than 920	19+



Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are located far enough from the coast that storm surge is unlikely to have a local impact<sup>16</sup>. The worst hurricanes and tropical storms in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have measured as high as a Hurricane Category 4, dropped up to 10" in rainfall<sup>17</sup> and cause property damages of more than \$12,000.

Future hurricanes and tropical storms may meet or exceed previous worst-case Hurricanes and Tropical Storms in terms of strength, rainfall, flooding, damage dollars, injuries, and deaths. Based on historical events, the planning area could expect up to a Category 4 event in the future.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

Location is often referred to in terms of Tier I and II counties, designated by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) for windstorm insurance purposes, to represent differing levels of loss exposure to coastal counties and adjacent counties. Tier I are those counties adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and Tier II are those counties adjacent to Tier I counties. Bee County is listed as a Tier II County.

Although tropical storm and hurricane effects begin to diminish as they move inland, the winds alone from Hurricane Harvey reached as far as 140 miles from the eye of the storm. The County and all participating jurisdictions are considered especially susceptible to indirect impacts from hurricanes and tropical storms including high winds and flooding.

##### **B) Impact**

The planning team determined that Bee County is uniformly exposed to tropical storms and hurricanes.

Impacts from a hurricane or tropical Storm in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may include but are not limited to loss of power due to downed lines caused by flying debris or fallen trees, flooding, flooding due to damaged or destroyed roofs, damaged or broken windows, damage due to flying debris, wind damage, escaped livestock and pets, injured or killed livestock and pets, crop damage or destruction. In the worst storms, people may be injured or killed.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

##### **A) Population**

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors

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<sup>16</sup> <https://coast.noaa.gov/floodexposure/#-10890143,3286457,10z>

<sup>17</sup> Incident date: 8/26/2017 Hurricane Harvey

including but not limited to age, physical ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap.

The participating jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may need additional help preparing for and recovering from a hurricane or tropical storm.

Residents of mobile / manufactured housing are of particular concern. These structures are never considered safe during a hurricane, and depending on tie-down methods, may also be unsafe during strong tropical storms. The participating jurisdictions also recognize that subdivisions or neighborhoods with only a single entrance may be cut off due to Hurricane/Tropical Storm impacts and therefore unable to obtain supplies or receive emergency services.

Residents of sub-standard structures are also of particular concern. Structures in sub-standard condition ahead of a tropical storm or hurricane, whether due to structural damages, missing windows or doors, holes in exterior walls or the roof, may be less safe during a hurricane or tropical storm than structures in standard condition. Existing structural weaknesses may mean increased damages, injuries, or loss of life.

### ***B) Critical Infrastructure***

One major hurricane evacuation route runs through Bee County, U.S. Highway 181<sup>18</sup>. The route runs directly through the Town of Skidmore, City of Beeville, Town of Normanna, Town of Tuleta, and the Town of Pettus.

Flooding along any of these routes during a hurricane evacuation could strand motorists trying to escape the storm. These drivers may need to be rescued and could be injured or killed.

### ***C) Critical Facilities***

The planning team identified 61 critical facilities spread across the County and participating jurisdictions. The planning team determined that all critical facilities, no matter their jurisdictional location, are equally vulnerable to a hurricane or tropical storm due to the County's proximity to the Gulf coast.

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<sup>18</sup> <https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot-info/trv/evacuation/corpus.pdf>

Table 18: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Tropical Storms and Hurricanes and Potential Impacts

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Hurricane / Tropical Storm Impacts									
		Loss of Power	Flying Debris	Uprooted Trees	Flooding	Flooding Due to Physical Damages	Damaged or Destroyed Roofs	Damaged or Broken Windows	Wind Damage	Injuries	Death
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Bee County Courthouse	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Blanconia VFD	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Normanna Post Office	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pawnee Post Office	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pawnee VFD	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus Elementary School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus High School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus Post Office	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore Post Office	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore VFD	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary / Junior High School / High School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Tuleta Post Office	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Tynan Post Office	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Tynan VFD	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

<b>Beeville</b>	A.C. Jones High School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Bee County Sheriff	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Art Museum	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville City Hall	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Community Center	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Police Department	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Post Office	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank	x	x	x	x	x			x		
	Beeville Water System Facility	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Chase Field	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Coastal Plains Community Center	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	H-E-B Pharmacy	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	IBC Beeville	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Moreno Junior High School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Prosperity Bank Beeville	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	R.A. Hall Elementary School	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Rialto Theater	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Arden Place of Beeville	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Central Plant Building	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building		x						x		
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

#### ***D) Vulnerable Parcels***

TNRIS and County Appraisal District datasets were used to estimate potential damage values for each participating jurisdiction. Given the broad nature of vulnerability, damage values were calculated on the jurisdictional level.

**Table 19: Estimated Potential Damage Values by Jurisdiction**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Parcel Count</b>	<b>Estimated Potential Damage Value</b>
<b>Bee County</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>\$4,565,795,568</b>
City of Beeville	7,397	\$262,915,110
Coastal Bend College	18	\$39,820,550

#### **6) Climate Change**

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Climate change is expected to affect tropical cyclones by increasing sea surface temperatures, a key factor that influences cyclone formation and behavior. The U.S. Global Change Research Program and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.<sup>19</sup> project that tropical cyclones will become more intense over the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with higher wind speeds and heavier rains.”<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> <https://science2017.globalchange.gov/www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-tropical-cyclone-activity#ref1>

## 6. Wildfire

Wildfire is defined as a sweeping and destructive conflagration and can be further categorized as wildland, interface, or intermix fires.

Wildland fires are fueled almost exclusively by natural vegetation wildland/urban interface (WUI) fires include both vegetation and the built environment. The wildfire disaster cycle begins when homes are built adjacent to wildland areas. When what would have been rural wildfires occur, they advance through all available fuels, which can include homes and structures.

### 1) Wildfire History

The Texas A&M Forest Service Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal provides wildfire data on fires that occurred as recently as 2020. Additional data came from local planning team members.

In the 2017 plan, the County and participating jurisdictions looked at Texas A&M Forest Service Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal data to determine wildfire risk across Bee County. The 2017 plan reported 260 wildfire ignitions within the County, 15 were located within the City of Beeville between 2005 and 2009.

None of the participating jurisdictions have data available on fires past 2020, though it is likely that some small fires have gone unreported.

The following tables show the wildfire history of each participant as recorded by the Texas A&M Forest Service from 2010 to present. No participating jurisdiction has recorded a damaging flood more recently than 2020.

Table 20: Bee County Recent Wildfire History

Location	Date Range	Number of Wildfire Events	Range of Acres Burned	Total Acres Burned
Countywide	1/06/2010 – 12/24/2020	378	.01 - 600	6,361.15

Table 21: City of Beeville Recent Wildfire History

Location	Date Range	Number of Wildfire Events	Range of Acres Burned	Total Acres Burned
Beeville	1/24/2010 – 5/05/2019	193	.1 - 300	2,760.65

While Coastal Bend College does not have specific information about wildfire history, the histories are assumed to be the same as Beeville, Texas community area and the County. Wildfire history isn't broken down beyond the city level. Therefore, given the participating jurisdictions' locations within the planning area, and specifically the number of their facilities

located in the wildfire hazard area, the College determined they are vulnerable to the hazard despite lacking a specific history of previous wildfire events.

## 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Although the County and participating jurisdictions haven't recorded a wildfire since 2020, given the prior frequency of wildfire events, a wildfire event in any of the jurisdictions addressing the hazard is likely, meaning an event is probable within the next three years.

## 3) Extent

The Texas A&M Forest Service's Characteristic Fire Intensity Scale (FIS) specifically identifies areas where significant fuel hazards and associated dangerous fire behavior potential exist. The FIS is a fire behavior output, which is influenced by three environmental factors - fuels, weather, and topography. According to Texas A&M Forest Service data, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are rated between Class 1 and Class 3.

Table 22: Characteristic Fire Intensity Scale.<sup>21</sup>

<b>Class 1</b> Very Low	Very small, discontinuous flames, usually less than one foot in length; very low rate of spread; no spotting. Fires are typically easy to suppress by firefighters with basic training and non-specialized equipment.
<b>Class 2</b> Low	Small flames, usually less than two feet long; small amount of very short-range spotting possible. Fires are easy to suppress by trained firefighters with protective equipment and specialized tools.
<b>Class 3</b> Moderate	Flames up to 8 feet in length; short-range spotting is possible. Trained firefighters will find these fires difficult to suppress without support from aircraft or engines, but dozer and plows are generally effective. Increasing potential for harm or damage to life and property.
<b>Class 4</b> High	Large flames, up to 30 feet in length; short-range spotting common; medium range spotting possible. Direct attack by trained firefighters, engines, and dozers is generally ineffective, indirect attack may be effective. Significant potential for harm or damage to life and property.
<b>Class 5</b> Very High	Very large flames up to 150 feet in length; profuse short-range spotting, frequent long-range spotting; strong fire-induced winds. Indirect attack marginally effective at the head of the fire. Great potential for harm or damage to life and property.

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<sup>21</sup> <https://www.texaswildfirerisk.com>



The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) provides an additional way to measure extent by accounting for fire size. Based on Texas A&M Forest Service data, the average fire in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions is a Class E event.

**Table 23: National Wildfire Coordinating Group Size Class of Fire.**<sup>22</sup>

<b>Class A</b>	¼ acre or less
<b>Class B</b>	More than ¼ acre, but less than 10 acres
<b>Class C</b>	10 acres or more, but less than 100 acres
<b>Class D</b>	100 acres or more, but less than 300 acres
<b>Class E</b>	300 acres or more, but less than 1,000 acres
<b>Class F</b>	1,000 acres or more, but less than 5,000 acres
<b>Class G</b>	5,000 acres or more

Future fire events in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may meet previous worst-case Class E (NWCGSCF) and Class 3 (FIS) wildfires in terms of intensity, acreage burned, and inflicted damage.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

Due to wildfire's ability to inflict damage to both structures and landscapes, wildfire location has been assessed by parcel, rather than by structure. Parcels have been determined to be either partially or completely vulnerable to wildfire based on TxWRAP's Wildland Urban Interface boundaries.

Because wildfires are dynamically unpredictable, the following maps and tables may not be representative of every location and parcel at risk of wildfire.

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<sup>22</sup> <http://www.nwcg.gov/term/glossary/size-class-of-fire>

## I. Bee County Location

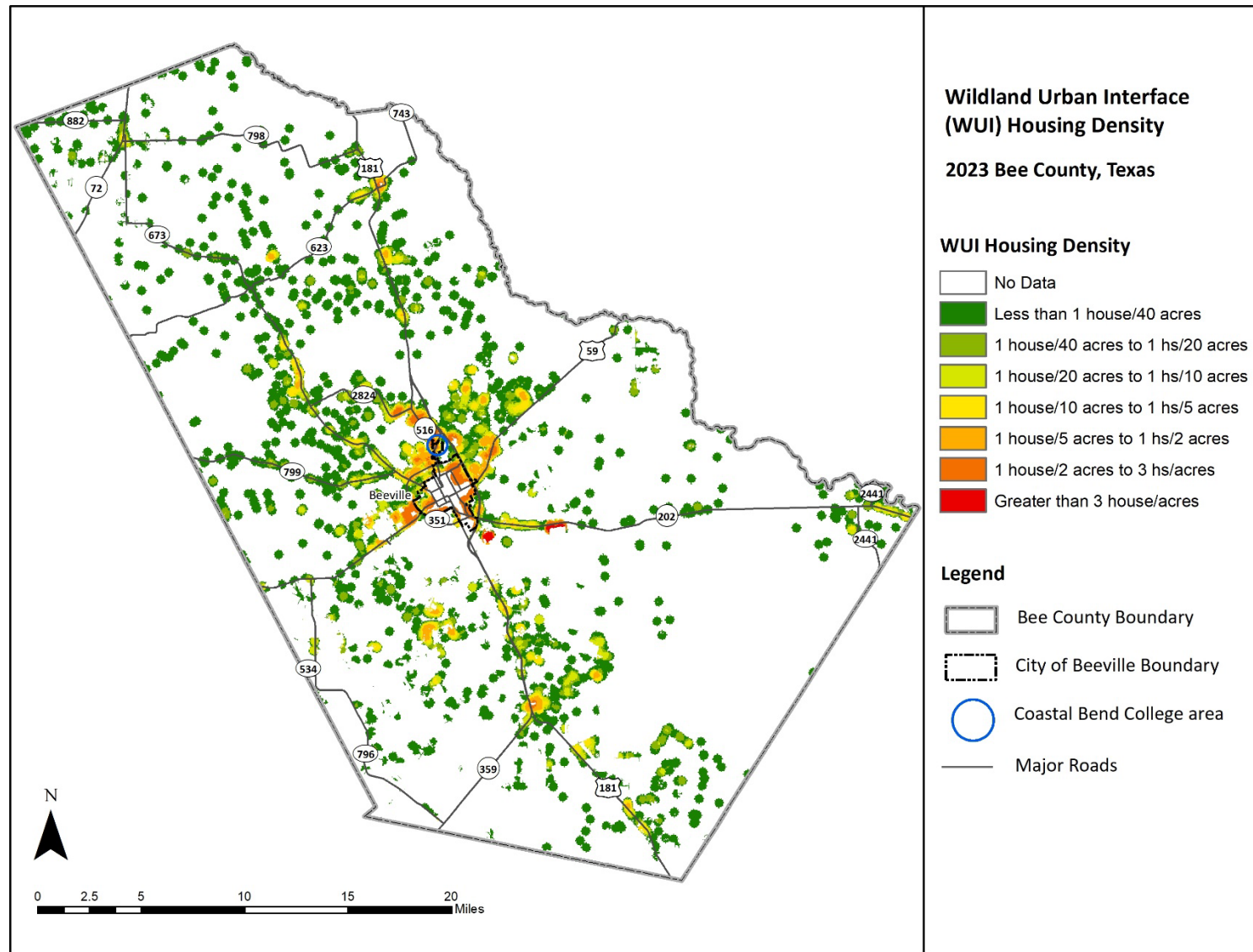


Figure 11: Bee County Wildland Urban Interface

## II. City of Beeville & Coastal Bend College Location

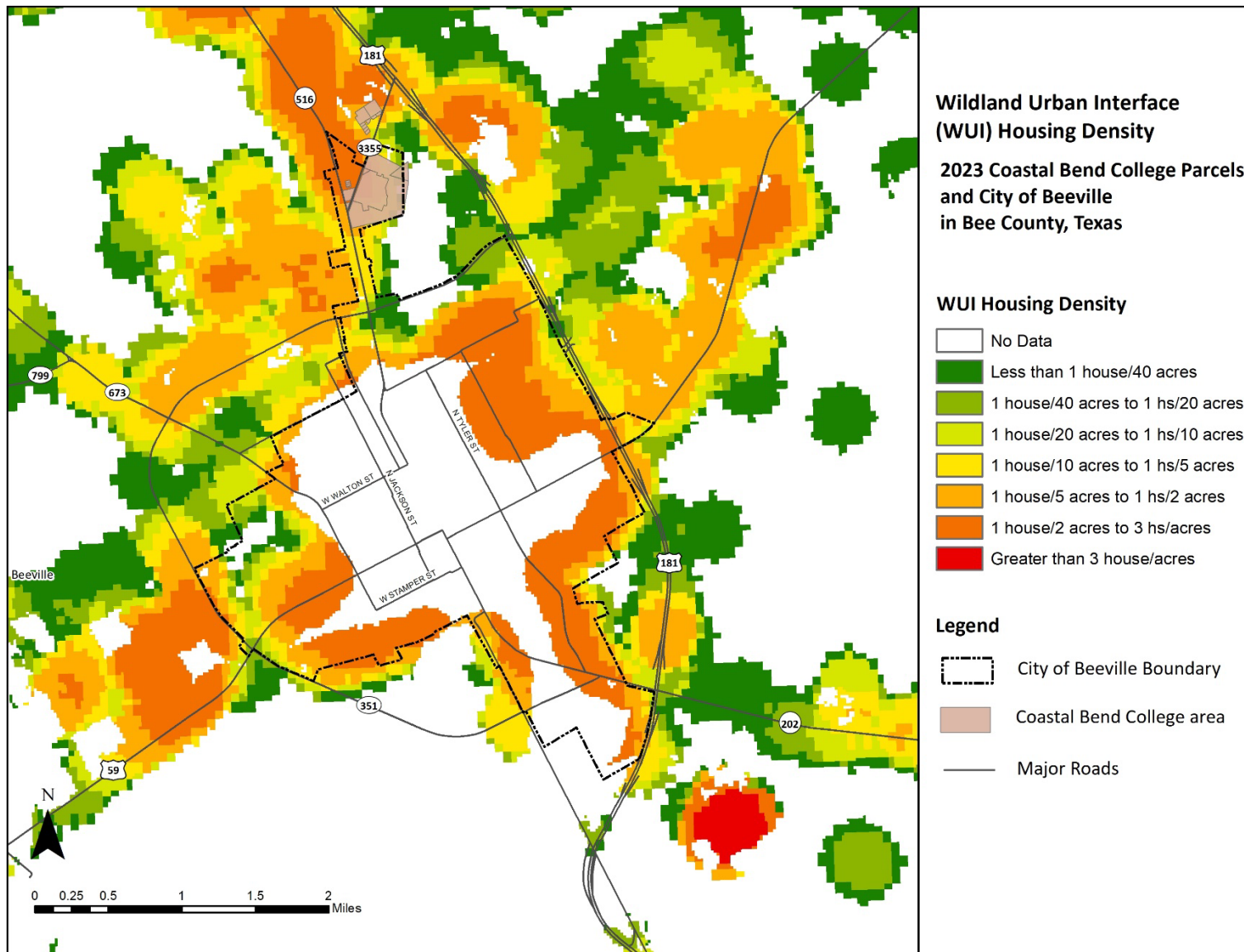


Figure 12: City of Beeville & Coastal Bend College Wildland Urban Interface

### III. Coastal Bend College Location

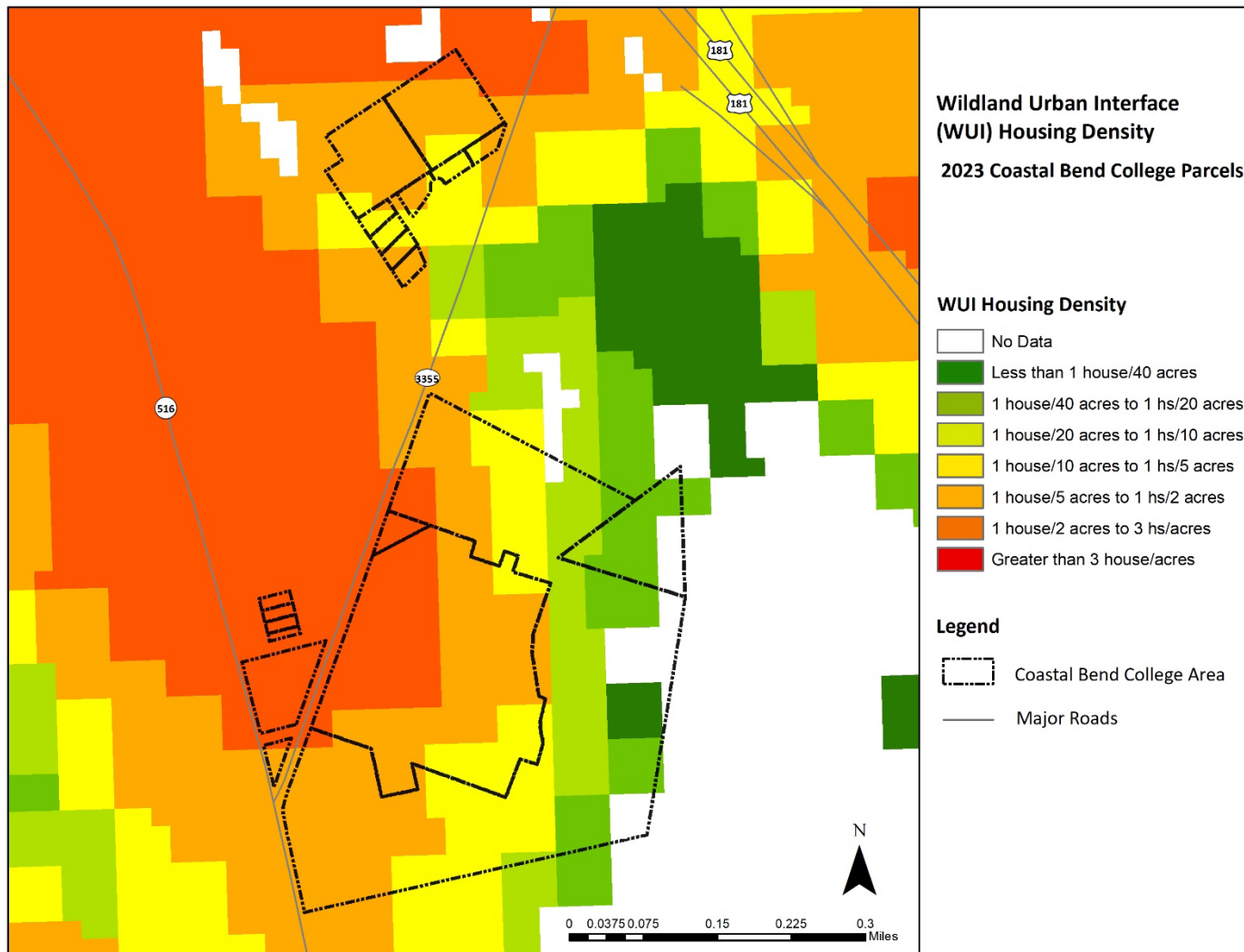


Figure 13: Coastal Bend College Wildland Urban Interface

## ***B) Impact***

Impacts from a wildfire in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may include but are not limited to: crop damage or destruction, damaged or destroyed agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, escaped, lost, injured or killed livestock and pets. In the worst cases, residents may be injured or killed.

## **5) Vulnerability**

### ***A) Population***

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors including but not limited to age, physical ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap.

The jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may need additional help preparing for and recovering from wildfire.

Residents of mobile homes, specifically those built before HUD's Manufactured Housing and Standards requirements were introduced in 1976, are of particular concern.<sup>23</sup> These structures are more prone to fire and have a higher incidence of occupant death than modern manufactured homes.

Residents of sub-standard structures are also of particular concern. Structures in sub-standard condition ahead of a wildfire, whether due to structural damage, missing windows or doors, holes in exterior walls or the roof, may be less safe during a wildfire than structures in standard condition. Exterior damage may make the homes more prone to fire by more readily exposing flammable materials to flame. Missing windows and other exterior gaps may leave residents and structures prone to smoke inhalation and smoke damage.

All of these issues may increase damages and lead to injuries or loss of life.

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<sup>23</sup> <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/statistics/rural.pdf>

### B) Critical Facilities

There are 61 critical facilities located throughout the County and participating jurisdictions. 32 of the 61 critical facilities are located within the wildland urban interface (WUI), as defined by the Texas A&M Forest Service. Because of their location in the WUI, the density of development, and proximity to wildland areas, these facilities are believed to be particularly susceptible to future wildfire threats.

**Table 24: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Wildfire and Potential Impacts**

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Wildfire Impacts				
		Destruction	Partial Destruction	Heat Damage	Smoke Damage	Water Damage
Bee County	Bee County Sheriff	x	x	x	x	x
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	x	x	x	x	x
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	x	x	x	x	x
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	x	x	x	x	x
	Normanna Post Office	x	x	x	x	x
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	x	x	x	x	x
	Pawnee Post Office	x	x	x	x	x
	Pawnee VFD	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus Elementary School	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus High School	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus Post Office	x	x	x	x	x
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore-Tynan Junior High School / High School	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore Post Office	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore VFD	x	x	x	x	x
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	x	x	x	x	x
Beeville	A.C. Jones High School	x	x	x	x	x
	Arden Place of Beeville	x	x	x	x	x
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank- College	x	x			x

	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	x	x	x	x	x
	Moreno Junior High School	x	x	x	x	x
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	x	x	x	x	x
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	x	x	x	x	x
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	x	x	x	x	x
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	x	x	x	x	x
	Central Plant Building	x	x	x	x	x
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	x	x	x	x	x
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	x	x	x	x	x



### C) Vulnerable Parcels

Table 25: Bee County Parcels Vulnerable to Wildfire

Jurisdiction	Total	Estimated Potential Damage Value
Countywide	10,185	\$1,992,862,343

Table 26: City of Beeville Parcels Vulnerable to Wildfire

Jurisdiction	Total	Estimated Potential Damage Value
City of Beeville	2,832	\$465,480,147

Table 27: Coastal Bend College Parcels Vulnerable to Wildfire

Jurisdiction	Total	Estimated Potential Damage Value
CBC	18	\$39,820,550

### 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Research shows that changes in climate create warmer, drier conditions, leading to longer and more active fire seasons. Increases in temperatures and the thirst of the atmosphere due to climate change have increased aridity of forest fuels during the fire season. These drivers were found to be responsible for over half the observed decrease in the moisture content of fuels in western U.S. forests from 1979 to 2015, and the doubling of forest fire burned area over the period 1984 to 2015. For much of the U.S. West, projections show that an average annual 1 degree C temperature increase would increase the median burned area per year by as much as 600%.”<sup>24</sup>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.noaa.gov/noaa-wildfire/wildfire-climate-connection#:~:text=Research%20shows%20that%20changes%20in,fuels%20during%20the%20fire%20season.https://www.c2es.org/content/wildfires-and-climate-change/#:~:text=For%20much%20of%20the%20U.S.,in%20some%20types%20of%20forests.>



## 7. Tornado

A tornado is defined as a rapidly rotating vortex or funnel of air extending ground-ward from a cumulonimbus cloud. Most of the time, vortices remain suspended in the atmosphere and are visible as a funnel cloud. However, when the lower tip of a vortex touches the ground, the tornado becomes a force of destruction. Tornado strength is currently measured using the Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale. Like the previously used Fujita scale, the EF Scale uses damage to estimate tornado wind speeds and assign a number between 0 and 5. A rating of EF0 represents minor to no damage whereas a rating of EF5 represents destruction of buildings.

### 1) Tornado History

In the 2017 HMAP, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions reported 50 tornadoes between September 1961 and May 2012. The following tables identify tornado events and associated damages in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions from 2013 to present, as reported in the NCEI database.

Table 28: Bee County Recent Tornado History

Location	Date Range	Number of Tornadoes	F / EF Magnitude Range	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	4/07/2019	1	EF0	0	0	\$1,448,601.06	\$0

No tornadoes have been recorded in Bee County or either participating jurisdiction since 2019. According to the best information available, there have been no tornado events in the City of Beeville since the previous plan. While Coastal Bend College does not have recorded history of tornadoes, its hazard risk is assumed to be similar to the Beeville, Texas area as well as the County.

### 2) Likelihood of Future Events

The likelihood of future tornadoes will be determined in consideration of all tornadoes in Bee County. Tornado events in Bee County are considered a likely hazard given the frequency of previous tornadoes in the County and participating jurisdictions, meaning one is possible in the next three years.

### 3) Extent

Before 2007, the Fujita Scale was used for rating tornado strength. The Fujita Scale is based on damage intensity instead of wind speed, with estimated wind speed ranges based on the extent of observed damage.

Table 29: Fujita Scale

Fujita Scale			
Fujita Category	Wind Speed (MPH)	Character	Potential Damage
F0	40-72	Weak	Light Damage. Some damage to chimneys; branches broken off trees, shallow-rooted trees uprooted, sign boards damaged.
F1	73-112	Weak	Moderate damage. Roof surfaces peeled off; mobile homes pushed foundations or overturned; moving autos pushed off road.
F2	113-157	Strong	Considerable damage. Roofs torn from frame houses; mobile homes demolished; boxcars pushed over; large trees snapped or uprooted; light objects become projectiles.
F3	158-206	Strong	Severe damage. Entire stories of well-constructed houses destroyed; severe damage to large buildings such as shopping malls; trains overturned; trees debarked; heavy cars lifted off the ground and thrown; structures with weak foundations blown away some distance.
F4	207-260	Violent	Devastating damage. Well-constructed houses and whole frame houses completely leveled; cars thrown and small missiles generated.
F5	260-318	Violent	Incredible damage. Strong frame houses leveled off foundations and swept away; automobile-sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 m (109 yds.); high-rise buildings have significant structural deformation; incredible phenomena will occur.

Adopted after 2007, the Enhanced Fujita Scale, or EF Scale, is the scale for rating the strength of tornadoes via the damage they cause. Six categories from zero to five represent increasing degrees of damage. The scale considers how most structures are designed and is thought to be an accurate representation of the surface wind speeds in the most violent tornadoes.

Table 30: Enhanced Fujita Scale.<sup>25</sup>

Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale		
Enhanced Fujita Category	Wind Speed (MPH)	Potential Damage
EF0	65-85	Light damage. Peels surface off some roofs; some damage to gutters or siding; branches broken off trees; shallow-rooted trees pushed over.

<sup>25</sup> Texas State Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2018 Update.

EF1	86-110	Moderate damage. Roofs severely stripped; mobile homes overturned or badly damaged; loss of exterior doors; windows and other glass broken.
EF2	111-135	Considerable damage. Roofs torn off well-constructed houses; foundations of frame homes shifted; mobile homes completely destroyed; large trees snapped or uprooted; light-object missiles generated; cars lifted off ground.
EF3	136-165	Severe damage. Entire stories of well-constructed houses destroyed; severe damage to large buildings such as shopping malls; trains overturned; trees debarked; heavy cars lifted off the ground and thrown; structures with weak foundations blown away some distance.
EF4	166-200	Devastating damage. Well-constructed houses and whole frame houses completely leveled; cars thrown and small missiles generated.
EF5	200+	Incredible damage. Strong frame houses leveled off foundations and swept away; automobile-sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 m (109 yds.); high-rise buildings have significant structural deformation; incredible phenomena will occur.

The most recent tornados in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have been classified as EF0 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. Bee County sits within Zone III (200 mph winds) according to the IIBEC<sup>26</sup>. Future tornados in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may meet up to EF5 on the Enhanced Fujita Category.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

Tornados are not constrained by any distinct geographic boundary. Tornados can occur across all participating jurisdictions and may freely cross from one jurisdiction into another.

##### **B) Impact**

Impacts from a tornado may include but are not limited to damaged or destroyed personal property including vehicles, damaged or destroyed agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, and loss of power. Crops may be damaged or destroyed. Pets and livestock may be injured or killed by tornados or flying debris. Pets and livestock may escape due to damaged or destroyed structures and fences.

In the worst cases, tornados may cause injuries and/or be deadly.

<sup>26</sup> <https://iibec.org/giving-tornados-their-due/>

## 5) Vulnerability

Tornadoes have the potential to impact the entire planning area. All existing and future buildings, critical facilities, critical infrastructure, improved property, and the population of the participating jurisdictions are considered vulnerable to this hazard.

### *A) Population*

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors including but not limited to age, physical ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap.

The participating jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may need additional help preparing for and recovering from a tornado. Residents of mobile / manufactured homes are of particular concern. These structures are never considered safe during a tornado.

Residents of sub-standard structures are also of particular concern. Structures in sub-standard condition ahead of a tornado, whether due to structural damage, missing windows or doors, holes in exterior walls or the roof, may be less safe during a tornado than structures in standard condition. Existing structural weaknesses, due to housing type or existing damages, may lead to compounded damages, injuries, or loss of life.

### *B) Critical Facilities and Infrastructure*

Certain critical facilities and infrastructure in each jurisdiction may be particularly vulnerable to tornados. These facilities have been identified for reasons including: the number of people who use the facility or infrastructure, the facility's role in providing basic services to begin the cleanup process and get the jurisdictions running again, and the facility's ability to offer goods and materials residents will need to resume normalcy as quickly as possible. The selected critical facilities are built from a variety of materials with varying levels of resistance to tornadic damage. Additionally, their varying ages may mean they weren't constructed to uniform building standards. Given tornados' violent nature, these facilities may experience increased levels of vulnerability to the hazards. Damage to any of these facilities may have a disproportionately negative impact on each jurisdiction's recovery from a tornado if that damage affects the facility's ability to reopen and resume normal business right away.

Table 31: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Tornadoes and Potential Impacts

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Tornado Impacts									
		Loss of Power	Flying Debris	Uprooted Trees	Flooding	Flooding Due to Physical Damages	Damaged or Destroyed Roofs	Damaged or Broken Windows	Wind Damage	Injuries	Death
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Courthouse	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Blanconia VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Normanna Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Elementary School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary / Junior High School / High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tuleta Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tynan Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tynan VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beeville	A.C. Jones High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Sheriff	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Art Museum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville City Hall	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Community Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Police Department	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank		X	X					X		
	Beeville Water System Facility	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Chase Field	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Coastal Plains Community Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	H-E-B Pharmacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	IBC Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Moreno Junior High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Prosperity Bank Beeville		X						X		
	R.A. Hall Elementary School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

	Rialto Theater	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Arden Place of Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Central Plant Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

### C) Vulnerable Parcels

Table 32: Parcels Vulnerable to Tornadoes

Jurisdiction	Parcel Count	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<b>Bee County</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>\$4,565,795,568</b>
City of Beeville	7,397	\$262,915,110
Coastal Bend College	18	\$39,820,550

### 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Scientists must attempt to predict how climate change might affect the individual weather ‘ingredients’ that support the development of supercell thunderstorms (the type that produce tornadoes). These weather ingredients are:

- warm, moist air;
- an unstable atmosphere; and
- wind at different levels moving in different directions at different speeds, a phenomenon known as wind shear.

Some studies predict that climate change could provide the opportunity for more severe thunderstorms to form. However, this does not necessarily mean that more tornadoes will occur, especially in light of the fact that only about 20 percent of supercell thunderstorms produce tornadoes.”<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/tornadoes-and-climate-change/>



## 8. Drought

Drought is defined as the consequence of a natural reduction in the amount of precipitation expected over an extended period, usually a season or more in length.

Droughts are one of the most complex natural hazards to identify because it is difficult to determine their precise beginning or end. In addition, droughts can lead to other hazards such as extreme heat and wildfires. Their impact on wildlife and area farming is enormous, often killing crops, grazing land, edible plants and even in severe cases, trees. A secondary hazard to drought is wildfire because dying vegetation serves as a prime ignition source. Therefore, a heat wave combined with a drought is a very dangerous situation.

Table 33: Drought Classifications

<b>Meteorological Drought</b>	The degree of dryness or departure of actual precipitation from an expected average or normal amount based on monthly, seasonal, or annual time scales.
<b>Hydrologic Drought</b>	The effects of precipitation shortfalls on stream flows and reservoir, lake, and groundwater levels.
<b>Agricultural Drought</b>	Soil moisture deficiencies relative to water demands of plant life, usually crops.
<b>Socioeconomic Drought</b>	The effect of demands for water exceeding the supply as a result of a weather-related supply shortfall.

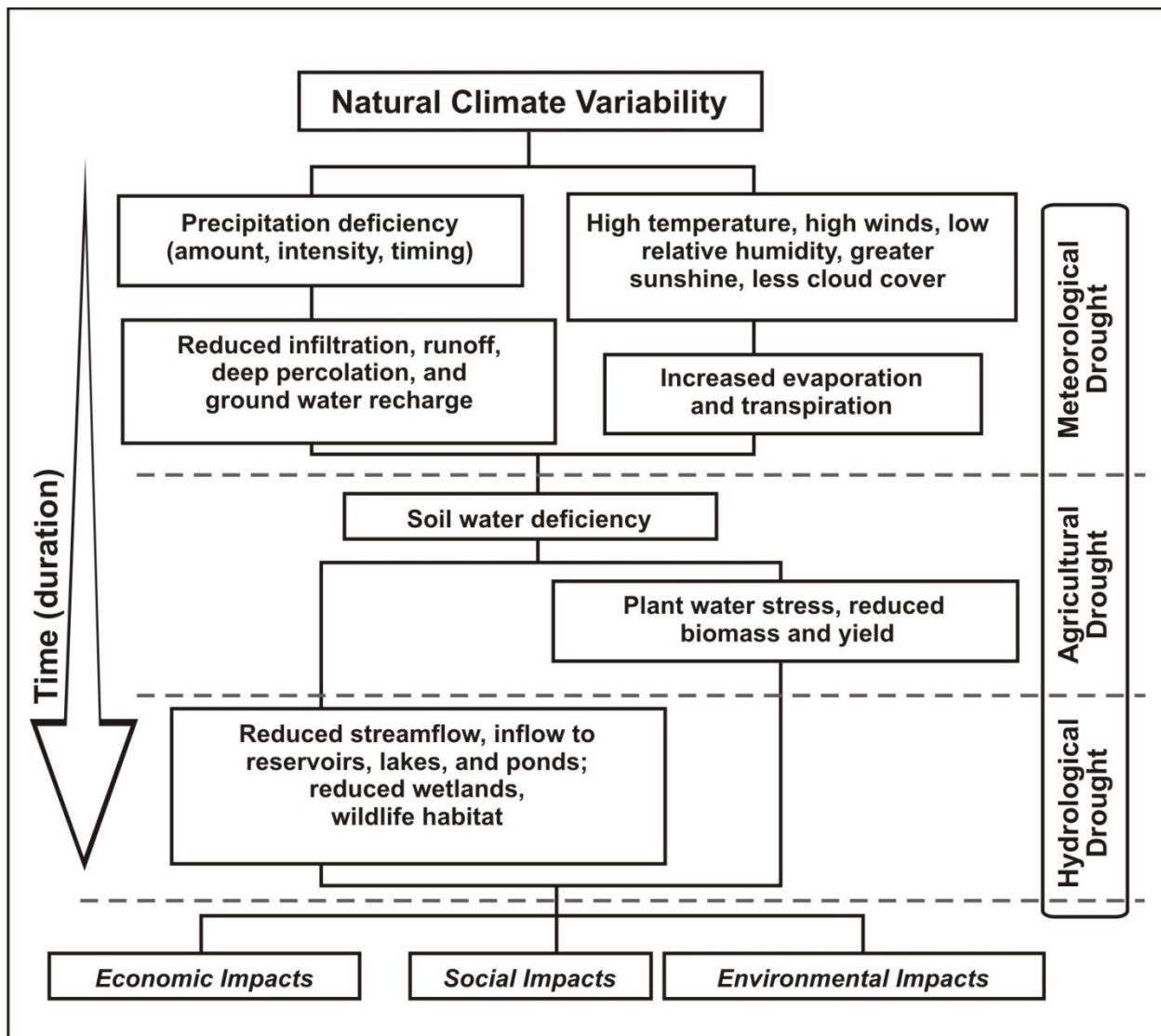


Figure 14: Sequence of Drought Occurrence and Impacts for Commonly Accepted Drought Types.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>28</sup> Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, <http://drought.unl.edu/DroughtBasics/TypesofDrought.aspx>

## 1) Drought History<sup>29</sup>

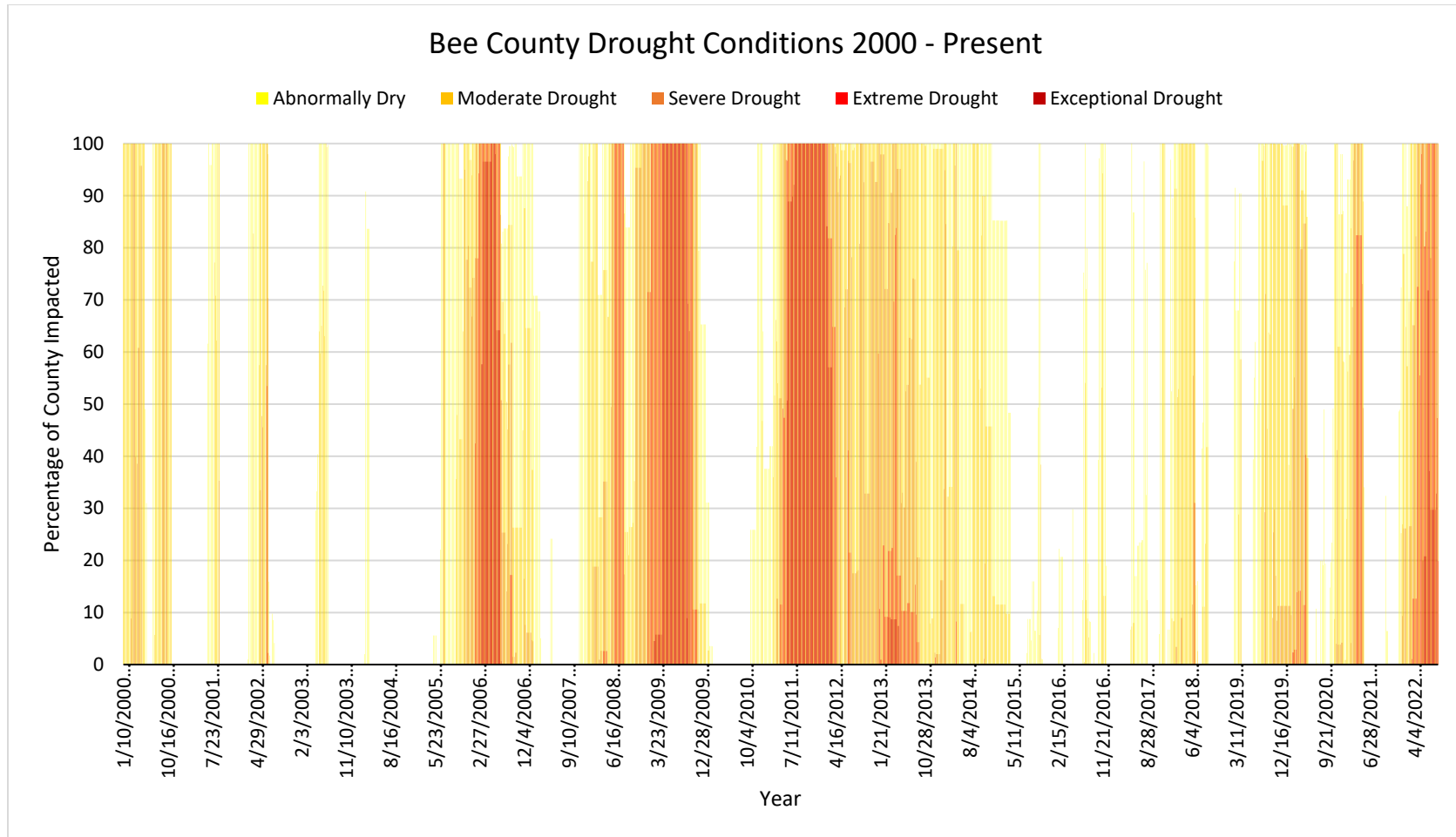


Figure 15: Bee County Drought History

<sup>29</sup> Source: United States Drought Monitor <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Data.aspx>

Drought history is recorded at the county level. However, the data is measured by the percentage of the county affected by drought. Although no specific data regarding drought's occurrences in the individual cities is available, it's possible to use the data in Figure 14 to infer when the participating jurisdictions addressing the hazard previously experienced drought conditions due to the fact that the conditions impacted 100% of the county. According to the data, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have regularly experienced drought conditions since 2000.

In the 2017 plan, the participating jurisdictions recorded 2 drought events, one in 1977 and another in 1898. The 2017 Plan found that the frequency of drought conditions occurs on a nearly annual basis.

The following table identifies drought events and associated damages in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions from 2006 to present, as reported in the NCEI database. There have been no recorded drought events prior to 2006 according to the best information available.

**Table 34: Bee County Drought History**

Location	Date Range	Number of Drought Events	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	1/01/2006 – 7/01/2022	89	0	0	\$0	\$0

## 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Based on historical drought in Texas and Bee County, it is highly likely that a future drought will affect Bee County and the participating jurisdictions, meaning an event affecting any or all the participating jurisdictions is probable in the next year, and a major drought every 20 years.

## 3) Extent

Since 2000, Bee County has regularly experienced county-wide droughts classified as periods ranging from abnormal dryness to exceptional drought. Between 2010 and 2013, the entire County, including all participating jurisdictions, was in a state of extreme or exceptional drought, the most severe drought categories.

The Palmer Drought Index is used to measure the extent of drought by measuring the duration and intensity of long-term drought-inducing circulation patterns. Long-term drought is cumulative, with the intensity of drought during the current month dependent upon the current weather patterns plus the cumulative patterns of previous months. The hydrological impacts of drought (e.g., reservoir levels, groundwater levels, etc.) take longer to develop.

Table 35: Palmer Drought Index

Drought Index	Drought Conditions Classifications						
	Extreme	Severe	Moderate	Normal	Mostly Moist	Very Moist	Extremely Moist
Z Index	-2.75 and below	-2.00 to -2.74	-1.25 to -1.99	-1.24 to +.99	+1.00 to +2.49	+2.50 to +3.49	n/a
Meteorological	-4.00 and below	-3.00 to -3.99	-2.00 to -2.99	-1.99 to +1.99	+2.00 to +2.00	+3.00 to +3.00	+4.00 and above
Hydrological	-4.00 and below	-3.00 to -3.99	-2.00 to -2.99	-1.99 to +1.99	+2.00 to +2.00	+3.00 to +3.00	+4.00 and above

Table 36: Palmer Drought Category Descriptions.<sup>30</sup>

Category	Description	Possible Impacts	Palmer Drought Index
D0	Abnormally Dry	Going into drought: short-term dryness slowing planting, growth of crops or pastures; fire risk above average. Coming out of drought: some lingering water deficits; pastures or crops not fully recovered.	-1.0 to -1.9
D1	Moderate Drought	Some damage to crops, pastures; fire risk high; streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortages developing, or imminent, voluntary water use restrictions requested.	-2.0 to -2.9
D2	Severe Drought	Crop or pasture losses likely; fire risk very high; water shortages common; water restrictions imposed.	-3.0 to -3.9
D3	Extreme Drought	Major crop/pasture losses; extreme fire danger; widespread water shortages or restrictions.	-4.0 to -4.9
D4	Exceptional Drought	Exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses; exceptional fire risk; shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells, creating water emergencies.	-5.0 or less

Drought is monitored nationwide by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC). Indicators are used to describe broad scale drought conditions across the U.S. Indicators correspond to the intensity of drought.

Based on the historical occurrences of drought, Bee County and all participating jurisdictions should anticipate experiencing droughts ranging from abnormally dry to exceptional drought or D0 to D4 based on the Palmer Drought Category. Given varying conditions, droughts may start

<sup>30</sup> [www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

on the low end of the Index but will intensify with duration and ongoing lack of precipitation. Future drought events may reach the intensity of D4 on the Palmer Drought Index.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

Drought has no distinct geographic boundary. Drought can occur across all participating jurisdictions.

##### **B) Impact**

General impacts may include water shortage, risk to public safety due to wildfire risk increases, respiratory impacts to the public due to affected air quality, and degradation of fish and wildlife habitat. Economic impacts may include increased prices for food, unemployment for farm workers and ranch hands, livestock mortality from limited grazing availability, and reduced tax revenues because of reduced supplies of agriculture products and livestock that are dependent on rainfall, along with other supply shortages.

Bee County and the City of Beeville do not have drought contingency plans.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

Because drought has the potential to impact every jurisdiction equally, all improved property and the entire population is exposed to this hazard. General impacts may include water shortage, risk to public safety due to wildfire risk increases, respiratory impacts to the public due to affected air quality, and degradation of fish and wildlife habitat.

Economic impacts may include increased prices for food, unemployment for farm workers and ranch hands, livestock mortality from limited grazing availability, and reduced tax revenues because of reduced supplies of agriculture products and livestock that are dependent on rainfall.

Lower income populations who may not have the resources to buy large quantities of bottled water in the event of a shortage may be more vulnerable than other populations.

##### **A) Population**

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors including but not limited to age, physical ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap.

The jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may need additional help preparing for and recovering from a drought. Lower income populations who may not have the resources to

buy large quantities of bottled water in the event of a shortage may be more vulnerable than other populations.

### ***B) Critical Facilities***

In addition to triggering various components of participating jurisdictions' Drought Contingency plans, drought conditions may affect local critical facilities. Area fire departments may see increased demand for controlling wildland fire due to dry conditions. Drought is likely to require increased output from the local power companies to keep up with electrical demand.

Depending on factors like time of year, temperature, and duration, increased electrical demand may cause brownouts that would impact critical facilities.

Table 37: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Drought and Potential Impacts

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Drought Impacts	
		Increased Demand for Services	Economic Damages
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	X	
	Bee County Courthouse		
	Blanconia VFD	X	
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	X	
	Normanna Post Office	X	X
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	X	X
	Pawnee Post Office	X	
	Pawnee VFD	X	
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	X	
	Pettus Elementary School	X	
	Pettus High School	X	
	Pettus Post Office	X	
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	X	X
	Skidmore Post Office	X	
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	X	X
	Skidmore VFD	X	
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	X	X
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary / Junior High School / High School	X	
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	X	
	Tuleta Post Office	X	
	Tynan Post Office	X	
	Tynan VFD	X	
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.	X	X
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	X	
Beeville	A.C. Jones High School	X	
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)		



	Bee County Sheriff	X	
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building	X	
	Beeville Art Museum	X	
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X
	Beeville City Hall	X	
	Beeville Community Center	X	X
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility	X	X
	Beeville Police Department	X	
	Beeville Post Office	X	
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility	X	X
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant	X	X
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank	X	X
	Beeville Water System Facility	X	
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station	X	
	Chase Field	X	
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X
	Coastal Plains Community Center	X	
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School	X	
	H-E-B Pharmacy	X	
	IBC Beeville	X	
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center	X	X
	Moreno Junior High School	X	
	Prosperity Bank Beeville	X	
	R.A. Hall Elementary School	X	
	Rialto Theater	X	
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.	X	
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	X	
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	X	

	Arden Place of Beeville	X	
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	X	
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	X	
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	X	
	Central Plant Building	X	
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	X	
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	X	

### C) Vulnerable Parcels

Given drought's geographic reach, all parcels within the participating jurisdictions are equally vulnerable to the hazard. However, given the limited damages inflicted by previous droughts, future damages are expected to be similarly limited.

Table 38: Parcels Vulnerable to Drought

Jurisdiction	Parcel Count	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<b>Bee County</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>\$4,565,795,568</b>
City of Beeville	7,397	\$262,915,110
Coastal Bend College	18	\$39,820,550

### I. Agricultural Production

According to the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture<sup>31</sup>, the total market value of agricultural products sold, including direct sales, in Bee County was \$37,704,000. About \$68,946,670 in indemnities was paid to farmers in Bee County between 1995 and 2021<sup>32</sup>. That is roughly \$2,651,795 per year. Although the proportion of indemnities paid to cover losses due to drought isn't identifiable, given Bee County's recent drought history, it is likely that at least some of the dollars paid were related to drought-caused damages.

Given agriculture's role in the County, drought-caused losses will have impacts beyond any individual and may lead to contraction in the wider economy. However, because the data is recorded at the county level, there is no specific information regarding agricultural losses to due drought for the individual participating jurisdictions.

### 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

<sup>31</sup>[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/Full\\_Report/Volume\\_1,\\_Chapter\\_2\\_County\\_Level/Texas/st48\\_2\\_0001\\_0001.pdf](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_2_County_Level/Texas/st48_2_0001_0001.pdf)

<sup>32</sup> [https://farm.ewg.org/cropinsurance.php?fips=48419&summpage=IN\\_REGPAGE](https://farm.ewg.org/cropinsurance.php?fips=48419&summpage=IN_REGPAGE)

“As average temperatures have risen because of climate change, the Earth’s water cycle has sped up through an increase in the rate of evaporation from soil and transpiration from plants. An increase in evapotranspiration makes more water available in the air for precipitation, but contributes to drying over some land areas, leaving less moisture in the soil. As the climate continues to change, many historically wet areas are likely to experience increased precipitation and increased risk of flooding, while historically dry areas are likely to experience less precipitation and increased risk of drought.”<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>33</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-drought>

## 9. Extreme Cold

Extreme cold can happen anywhere in the state, although its levels can range extensively. In the panhandle extreme cold means days below zero Fahrenheit while in the Rio Grande Valley it means reaching temperatures below freezing. Extreme cold is an issue any time winter temperatures drop significantly below normal and make staying warm and safe a challenge.

Extreme cold can accompany winter weather, but it can also be independent of those storms. For that reason, the impacts of extreme cold are presented here separately from the impacts of winter weather.

### 1) Extreme Cold History

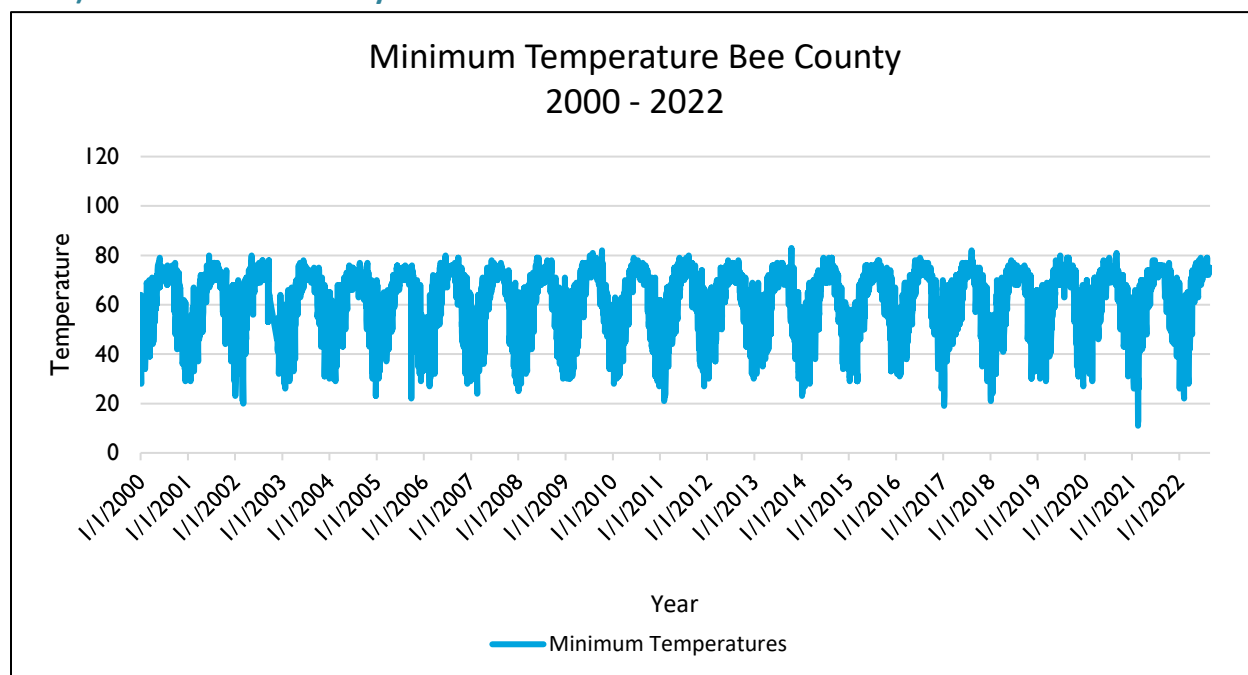


Figure 16: Minimum Recorded Daily Temperature 2000-2022.<sup>34</sup>

Bee County and the jurisdictions addressing the hazard have not previously included extreme cold in their mitigation plan as a standalone hazard. Prior to the 2018 update to the State of Texas mitigation plan, extreme cold was considered part of the winter weather hazard.

Between 2000 and 2021, Bee County experienced 220 days with a minimum temperature of 32°F or colder. At least 2 of those days had a maximum temperature of 32°F or below. During the same timeframe, the coldest temperature recorded was 11°F on February 15, 2021. Temperature data is recorded at the county level. However, given the nature of extreme cold and the proximity of all jurisdictions to each other, the jurisdictions addressing the hazard experienced the same extreme cold events. The following table are the only events recorded in

<sup>34</sup> Source: National Centers for Environmental Information, <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/datasets>

the NCEI database from 2000 – 2022, although it is likely that more events have gone unreported.

Table 39: Bee County Extreme Cold History

Location	Date Range	Number of Extreme Cold Events	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	1/08/2010-2/04/2022	3	0	0	\$218,678.08	0

During these extreme cold events, the County and participating jurisdictions experienced freezing temperatures with long durations of cold spells leading to power outages and issues with water pressures. The risk of frozen pipe bursts is high for homes and critical facilities.

## 2) Likelihood of Future Occurrence

Based on historic weather data, extreme cold in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions is likely, meaning an event affecting any or all the participating jurisdictions is probable in the next three years.

## 3) Extent

The magnitude or intensity of an extreme cold event is measured according to temperature in relation to wind speed. The relationship is referred to as the “Wind Chill,” and is depicted in Figure 17.



## Wind Chill Chart

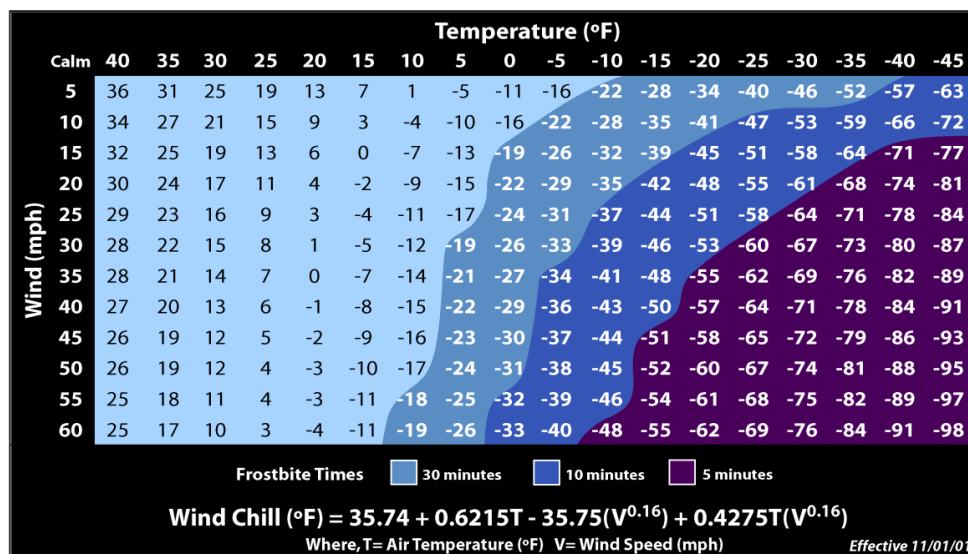


Figure 17: NOAA's NWS Wind Chill Index

As displayed in Figure 16, the wind chill temperature is a measurement of how cold the wind makes the air feel to the human body. Since wind can dramatically accelerate heat loss from the body, a 20° day could feel just as cold as a calm day with 0° temperatures. The Wind Chill Chart factors the wind chill; it is not applicable in calm winds or when the temperature is over 50°.

The coldest temperatures in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may meet the current record temperature of 11°F. Future extreme cold events may be as intense, long-lasting, and dangerous as previous ones.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

Extreme cold has no distinct geographic boundary. Extreme cold can occur across the entire planning area and uniformly affect all participating jurisdictions.

##### **B) Impact**

The potential impact of extreme cold is normally minor, resulting in few, if any, injuries. No property or crop damage specifically tied to extreme cold events has been recorded in any of the participating jurisdictions. No deaths related to extreme cold have ever been reported in the participating jurisdictions. However, based on the hazard's potential, in the worst cases, especially if combined with winter weather, the hazard may inflict property or crop damage, and it can even be deadly. Any shutdown of facilities due to extreme cold is expected to be temporary.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

##### **A) Population**

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Areas with concentrations of young, elderly, and low-income residents may feel greater impacts from extreme cold due to those populations' limited ability to properly address the hazard. Deficiencies may include but aren't limited to lack of heating in their homes or vehicles, lack of access to heated public spaces during the coldest part of the day or night, and frozen pipes that may jeopardize access to drinking water, and in the worst cases, lead to severe structural damage that can render a home unlivable. The consequences for these populations' exposure to extreme cold may include but are not limited to complications for those suffering from hypertension, hypothyroidism, and diabetes, as well as exhaustion, hypothermia, trench foot, or death.

## **B) Critical Facilities**

While all the jurisdictions are exposed to extreme temperatures, existing buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities are not considered vulnerable to damages significant enough to interrupt or stop normal operations. Therefore, any estimated property losses associated with the hazard are anticipated to be minimal across the area.

## **6) Climate Change**

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Stretching of the Arctic polar vortex—a strong band of winds in the stratosphere surrounding the North Pole— has increased with Arctic amplification, and is linked with extreme cold across parts of Asia and North America. Climate change is favorable for increasing Arctic polar vortex stretching events..<sup>35</sup> When the Arctic polar vortex is strong and stable, the polar air remains in place over the North Pole; when the polar vortex weakens or stretches, extremely cold air can dip south. Results show that stronger Arctic polar vortex conditions are decreasing in frequency, while weaker Arctic polar vortex conditions and stretching disruptions are increasing in frequency for October through February.”<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> <https://cpo.noaa.gov/Divisions-Programs/Earth-System-Science-and-Modeling/MAPP>

<sup>36</sup> <https://cpo.noaa.gov/Divisions-Programs/Communication-Education-and-Engagement/CEE-News/ArtMID/8293/ArticleID/2369/Research-Links-Extreme-Cold-Weather-in-the-United-States-to-Arctic-Warming>



## 10. Extreme Heat

Extreme heat is defined as summertime temperatures that are substantially hotter and/or more humid than average for a given location at that time of year. Humid conditions, which add to the discomfort of high temperatures, occur when a "dome" of high atmospheric pressure traps hazy, damp air near the ground.

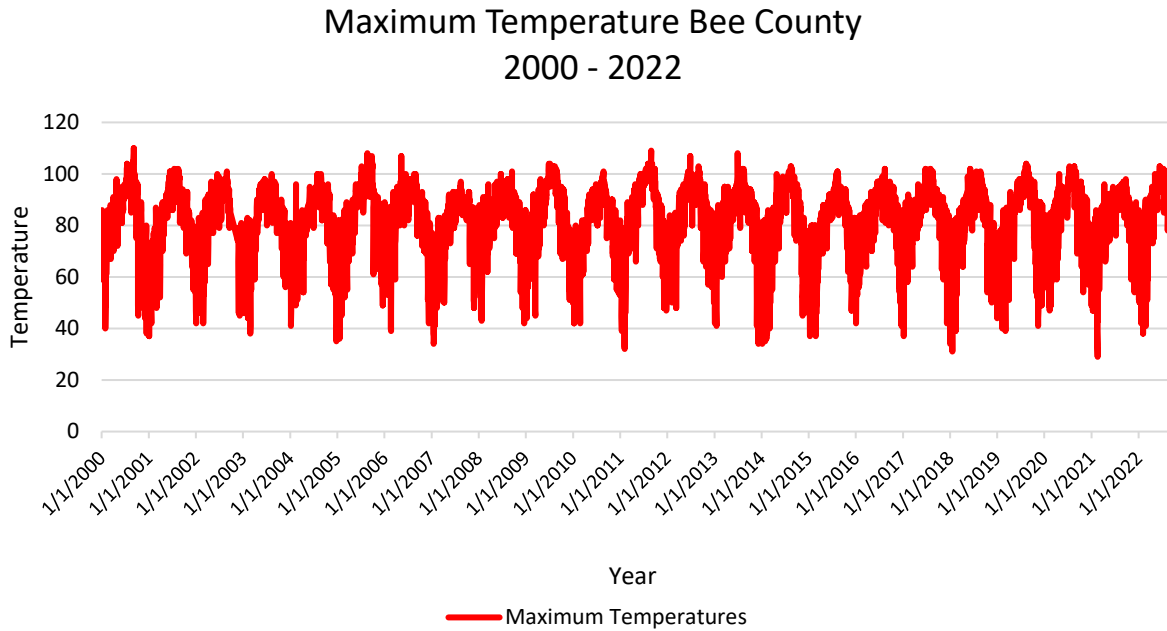
Although heat can damage buildings and facilities, it presents a more significant threat to the safety and welfare of citizens. The major human risks associated with severe summer heat include heat cramps; sunburn; dehydration; fatigue; heat exhaustion; and heat stroke. The most vulnerable population to heat casualties are children and the elderly or infirm, who frequently live on low fixed incomes and cannot afford to run air-conditioning on a regular basis. This population is sometimes isolated, with no immediate family or friends to look out for their wellbeing.

Severe summer heat is an invisible killer. Although a heat wave does not happen with the spectacle of other hazards such as tornados and floods, the National Center for Environmental Health reports that extreme heat caused 7,415 heat-related deaths in the United States from 1999 to 2010.<sup>37</sup> Extreme heat kills more people than hurricanes, floods, tornados, and lightning combined, according to the National Weather Service. In 2001, 300 deaths were caused by excessive heat exposure.

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<sup>37</sup> [http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat\\_guide.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat_guide.asp)

## 1) Extreme Heat History



*Figure 18: Maximum Recorded Daily Temperature 2000-2019.<sup>38</sup>*

In the 2017 HMAP, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions reported that it is highly likely the County will experience extreme heat with urban areas possibly being at greater risk than within rural areas.

Between 2000 to 2022, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions experienced 330 days with a maximum temperature of 100°F or hotter and 410 days where the combination of humidity and moderate-to-high temperatures warranted a heat advisory, if not an extreme heat warning.

Extreme heat data is recorded at the county level. However, given the nature of extreme heat and the proximity of all jurisdictions to each other, every jurisdiction experienced the same extreme heat events. The following table are events reported in the NCEI that have occurred since the 2017 plan. There have been no recorded events past 2009.

<sup>38</sup> Source: National Centers for Environmental Information, <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/datasets>

Table 40: Bee County Extreme Heat History

Location	Date Range	Number of Extreme Heat Events	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	5/10/2006	1	0	0	\$0	\$0

## 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Based on historic weather data, extreme heat in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions is highly likely, meaning an event affecting any or all of the participating jurisdictions is probable in the next year.

## 3) Extent

The magnitude or intensity of an extreme heat event is measured according to temperature in relation to the percentage of humidity. According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), this relationship is referred to as the “Heat Index,” and is depicted in Figure 19. This index measures how hot it feels outside when humidity is combined with high temperatures.

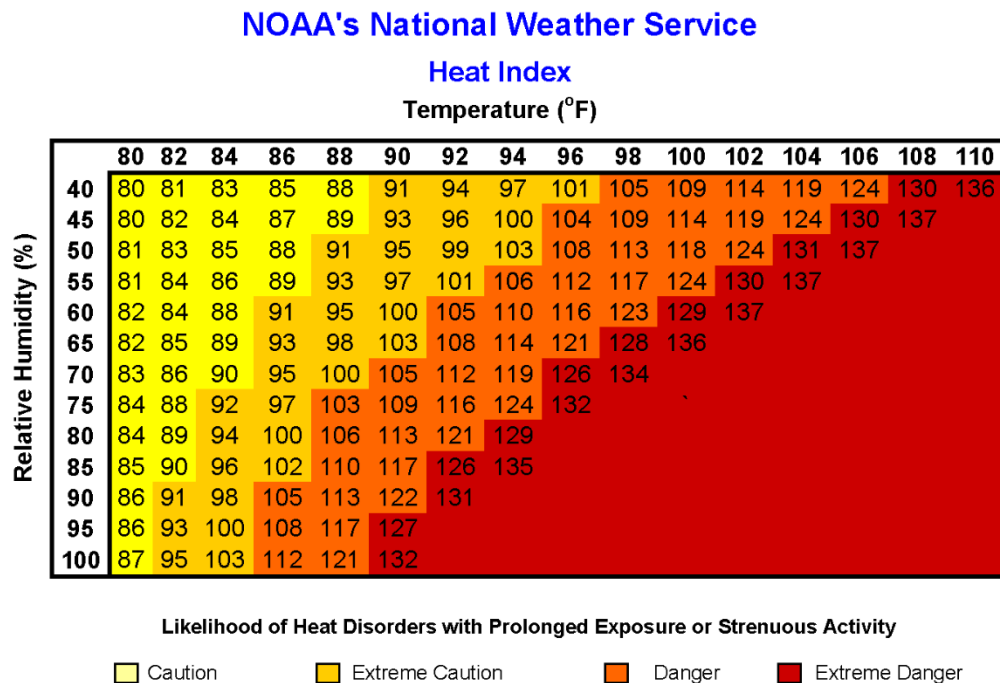


Figure 19: NOAA's NWS Heat Index Chart.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/ht-images/heatindexchart.png>

The extent scale in Figure 18 displays varying degrees of caution depending on the relative humidity combined with the temperature. For example, when the temperature is below 90°F, caution should be exercised if the humidity level is at or above 40 percent.

The shaded zones on the chart indicate varying symptoms or disorders that could occur depending on the magnitude or intensity of the event. “Caution” is the first level of intensity where fatigue due to heat exposure is possible. “Extreme Caution” indicates that sunstroke, muscle cramps or heat exhaustion are possible, whereas a “Danger” level means that these symptoms are likely. “Extreme Danger” indicates that heat stroke is likely.

The National Weather Service (NWS) initiates alerts based on the Heat Index as shown in Table 46.

**Table 41: Heat Intensity**

Intensity	Description
Heat Advisory	Extreme heat index making it feel hot, typically between 105°F to 110°F for 3 hours or more during the day and at or above 75°F at night.
Excessive Heat Warning	Extreme heat index making it feel very hot, typically above 105°F for 3 hours or more during the day and at or above 80°F at night.

Given an estimated daily average relative humidity level of 76%<sup>40</sup>, highs as low as 89°F can produce a heat index temperature of 106°F. The combination of high humidity and moderate temperatures creates an environment that reaches the Danger Zone on NOAA’s Heat Index Chart and may trigger an NWS Heat Advisory.

Between 2000 and 2022 Bee County and the participating jurisdictions experienced 674 days with highs of 89°F or hotter and overnight lows of 75°F or hotter. Based on the NWS descriptions in Table 40 above, and the average daily humidity level, these days likely warranted a heat advisory.

The hottest temperature recorded in Bee County in the recent past, 110°F, was reached on September 6, 2000. Based on the NWS descriptions in Table 40 above, at least 14 of the 674 heat advisory days warranted an excessive heat warning based on daytime highs, the average daily humidity level, and overnight lows not falling below 80°F.

<sup>40</sup> Corpus Christi Average Estimate, closest to County - <https://www.currentresults.com/Weather/Texas/humidity-annual.php>

Future extreme heat events may meet the heat index requirements for issuing an Excessive Heat Warning as described in the Heat Intensity scale in Table 40 above. The hottest temperatures in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may meet the current record temperature of 111°F. Future extreme heat events may be as intense, long-lasting, and dangerous as previous ones.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### ***A) Location***

Extreme heat has no distinct geographic boundary. Extreme heat can occur across the entire planning area and uniformly affect all participating jurisdictions.

##### ***B) Impact***

The potential impact of excessive summer heat is normally minor, resulting in few, if any, injuries. No property or crop damage specifically tied to extreme heat events has been recorded in any of the participating jurisdictions. No deaths related to extreme heat have ever been reported in the participating jurisdictions. However, based on the hazard's potential, in the worst cases, especially if combined with drought conditions, the hazard may inflict property or crop damage, and it can even be deadly. Any shutdown of facilities due to extreme heat is expected to be temporary.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

##### ***C) Population***

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Vulnerable populations may feel greater impacts from extreme heat due to these populations' limited ability to properly address the hazard due to deficiencies including but not limited to lack of air conditioning in their homes or vehicles, lack of access to air-conditioned public spaces during the hottest part of the day, insufficient numbers of box or ceiling fans, or lack of access to other means of cooling. The consequences for these populations' exposure to extreme heat can include but are not limited to heat cramps, sunburn, dehydration, fatigue, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or death.

##### ***D) Critical Facilities***

While all of the jurisdictions are exposed to extreme temperatures, existing buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities are not considered vulnerable to damages significant enough to interrupt or stop normal operations. Therefore, any estimated property losses associated with the hazard are anticipated to be minimal across the area.

## 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Record-setting daily temperatures, heat waves, and cold spells are a natural part of day-to-day variation in weather. As the Earth’s climate warms overall, however, heat waves are expected to become more frequent and more intense. Higher heat index values (which combine temperature and humidity to describe perceived temperature) are expected to increase discomfort and aggravate health issues.”<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-high-and-low-temperatures>  
<https://science2017.globalchange.gov/>

## 11. Hailstorm

Early in the developmental stages of a hailstorm, ice crystals form within a low-pressure front due to the rapid rising of warm air into the upper atmosphere and subsequent cooling of the air mass. Frozen droplets gradually accumulate into ice crystals until they fall as precipitation that is round or irregularly shaped masses of ice. The size<sup>42</sup> of hailstones is a direct result of the size and severity of the storm.

High velocity updraft winds are required to keep hail in suspension in thunderclouds. The strength of the updraft is a byproduct of heating on the Earth's surface. Higher temperature gradients above Earth's surface result in increased suspension time and hailstone size.

Texas officials estimate that up to 40 percent of all homeowners' insurance claims in the state result from hail damage.

### 1) Hailstorm History

The 2017 plan reported that Bee County and the participating jurisdictions experienced 78 hail events between 1957 and 2016; of those events, about 19 events of hail were at least 1.75" in diameter. There were no injuries or fatalities associated with hailstorms for these events. The 2017 plan recorded over \$400,000 in property damages during that time adjusted to \$2022. Historically, the County reported high probability of hailstorms, particularly in association with seasonal patterns during the spring and early fall.

The following tables identify the most comprehensive list available of hailstorm events and associated damages in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions from 2016 to present. No participating jurisdiction has recorded a hailstorm more recently than what is listed below.

Table 42: Bee County Hailstorm History

Location	Date Range	Number of Hailstorms	Hail Diameter in inches	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	4/19/2017 - 5/27/2020	8	1 - 2	0	0	\$47,600.66	\$0

According to the best information available, there have been no hail events within the City of Beeville and therefore no recorded events affecting Coastal Bend College since the 2017 HMAP.

### 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Based on the history of hailstorms, a hailstorm in Bee County and each of the participating jurisdictions is likely, meaning that an event is probable within the next three years.

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<sup>42</sup> As of January 5, 2010, the national minimum size for severe hail increased from ¾" to 1".

### 3) Extent

The severity of hail events ranges based on the size of the hail, wind speed, and the number and types of structures in the path of the hailstorm. Storms that produce high winds in addition to hail are most damaging and can result in numerous broken windows and damaged siding.

When hail breaks windows, water damage from accompanying rains can also be significant. A major hailstorm can easily cause damage running into the millions of dollars. Nationwide hail is responsible for over \$1 billion in property and crop damage per year. The scale showing intensity categories in

Table 42 was developed by combining data from National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) and the Tornado and Storm Research Organization (TORRO).

Table 43: Hailstorm Intensity.<sup>43, 44</sup>

Size Code	Intensity Category	Size (Diameter in inches)	Descriptive Term	Typical Damage
H0	Hard Hail	Up to 0.33	Pea	No damage
H1	Potentially Damaging	0.33-.060	Mothball	Slight damage to plants and crops
H2	Significant	.060-.080	Penny	Significant damage to fruit, crops, and vegetation
H3	Severe <sup>35F45</sup>	0.80-1.20	Nickel – Half dollar	Severe damage to fruit and crops, damage to glass and plastic structures, paint and wood scored
H4	Severe	1.2-1.6	Half dollar – Ping pong ball	Widespread glass damage and vehicle bodywork damage
H5	Destructive	1.6-2.0	Ping pong ball – hen egg	Wholesale destruction of glass, damage to tiled roofs, and significant risk of injuries
H6	Destructive	2.0-2.4	Hen egg – tennis ball	Bodywork of grounded aircraft dented, and brick walls pitted
H7	Destructive	2.4-3.0	Tennis ball – Baseball	Severe roof damage and risk of serious injuries
H8	Destructive	3.0-3.5	Hockey puck	Severe damage to aircraft bodywork
H9	Super Hailstorms	3.5-4.0	Softball	Extensive structural damage could cause fatal injuries

<sup>43</sup> <http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/cmb/extremes/sccec/reports/SCEC-Hail-Guide.pdf>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.torro.org.uk/hyscale.php>

<sup>45</sup> Hail must be 1" or larger to be classified as severe



H10	Super Hailstorms	4.0+	Greater than softball-sized	Extensive structural damage could cause fatal injuries
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According to NCEI data, the worst hailstorms in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have produced hail up to 2” in diameter, H6 on the Hailstorm Intensity Scale.

Future hailstorms may meet previous worst-case H6 storms in terms of strength, intensity, hailstone size, damage dollars inflicted, and the number of residents injured or killed.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

Hailstorms vary in terms of size, location, intensity, and duration but are considered frequent occurrences in the planning area. Each jurisdiction is uniformly exposed to hail events just as each is uniformly exposed to the thunderstorms that typically produce the hail events.

##### **B) Impact**

The severity of a hailstorm’s impact is considered limited since they generally result in injuries treatable with first aid, shut down critical facilities and services for 24 hours or less, and less than ten percent of affected properties are destroyed or suffer major damage. All existing and future buildings, facilities, and populations in the participating jurisdictions are considered exposed to this hazard and could potentially be impacted.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

##### **A) Population**

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors including but not limited to age, ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap.

Since hailstorms arise with little to no warning, the participating jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may primarily need additional help recovering from a hailstorm. Residents of sub-standard structures are of particular concern. Structures in sub-standard condition ahead of a hailstorm, whether due to structural damage, missing windows or doors, holes in exterior walls or the roof, may sustain more damage than structures in standard condition. Existing weaknesses, especially those related to the condition of a structure’s roof, due to housing type or existing damages, may lead to compounded damage, injuries, or loss of life.

##### **B) Critical Facilities**

The presence of older structures that have not been hardened against hailstorms, and / or the presence of metal buildings that may be more susceptible to hail. Thus, the following critical

facilities were determined to be especially vulnerable to hailstorms due to the presence of structures with flat roofs and its increased vulnerability.

**Table 44: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Hailstorms and Potential Impacts**

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Hailstorm Impacts		
		Damaged or Destroyed Roof	Damaged Windows	Water damage due to Physical Damages
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	X	X	X
	Bee County Courthouse	X	X	X
	Blanconia VFD	X	X	X
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)			X
	Normanna Post Office	X	X	X
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	X	X	X
	Pawnee Post Office	X	X	X
	Pawnee VFD	X	X	X
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	X	X	X
	Pettus Elementary School	X	X	X
	Pettus High School	X	X	X
	Pettus Post Office	X	X	X
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	X	X	X
	Skidmore Post Office	X	X	X
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	X	X	X
	Skidmore VFD	X		X
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	X		X
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary / Junior High School / High School	X	X	X
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	X	X	X
	Tuleta Post Office	X		X
	Tynan Post Office	X	X	X
	Tynan VFD	X		X
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.			X
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	X	X	X
Beeville	A.C. Jones High School	X	X	X
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)	X	X	X
	Bee County Sheriff	X	X	X
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building	X	X	X
	Beeville Art Museum	X	X	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X
	Beeville City Hall	X	X	X

	Beeville Community Center	X	X	X
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility	X	X	X
	Beeville Police Department	X	X	X
	Beeville Post Office	X	X	X
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility	X	X	X
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant	X	X	X
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank			X
	Beeville Water System Facility	X	X	X
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station	X	X	X
	Chase Field			X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X
	Coastal Plains Community Center	X	X	X
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School	X	X	X
	H-E-B Pharmacy	X	X	X
	IBC Beeville	X	X	X
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center	X	X	X
	Moreno Junior High School	X	X	X
	Prosperity Bank Beeville	X	X	X
	R.A. Hall Elementary School	X	X	X
	Rialto Theater	X	X	X
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.	X	X	X
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	X	X	X
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	X	X	X
	Arden Place of Beeville	X	X	X
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	X		X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	X	X	X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	X	X	X
	Central Plant Building	X	X	X
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	X	X	X
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	X	X	X

### ***C) Vulnerable Commercial Structures***

Every structure is vulnerable to damage from hail. However, commercial structures with large and/or flat roofs are especially vulnerable due to the increased exposure that large and/or flat roofs create. According to the Texas State Comptroller's 2021 Property Value Study, Bee County has commercial real property valued at \$122,989,990<sup>46</sup>.

### ***D) Vulnerable Parcels***

**Table 45: All Parcels Vulnerable to Hailstorms**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Parcel Count</b>	<b>Estimated Potential Damage Value</b>
<b>Bee County</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>\$4,565,795,568</b>
City of Beeville	7,397	\$262,915,110
Coastal Bend College	18	\$39,820,550

## **6) Climate Change**

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“As a result of anthropogenic warming, it is generally anticipated that low-level moisture and convective instability will increase, raising hailstorm likelihood and enabling the formation of larger hailstones; the melting height will rise, enhancing hail melt and increasing the average size of surviving hailstones.”<sup>47</sup>

<sup>46</sup> <https://comptroller.texas.gov/data/property-tax/ratio-study/2021/>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.nature.com/articles/s43017-020-00133-9>

## **12. Winter Weather**

Winter weather is defined by extreme cold and heavy concentrations of snowfall or ice. Due to low frequency, severe winter weather storms affect Texas more severely compared to other regions that experience severe winter weather more frequently. The types of severe winter storms which Texans are most familiar with are snowstorms, blizzards, cold waves, and ice storms.

Snowfall with an accumulation of four or more inches in a 12-hour period is considered a heavy snowfall. Snowfall of any amount is rare south of a line from Del Rio to Port Arthur, and it is this rarity of event, coupled with a lack of preparedness for such an event, that creates a severe weather condition.

Blizzards are the most perilous of all winter storms, characterized by low temperatures and strong winds more than 35 mph, bearing large amounts of blowing or drifting snow. Blizzards take a terrible toll on livestock and people caught in the open. In Texas, blizzards are most likely to occur in the Panhandle and South Plains Regions.

The passage of a winter cold front with a drastic drop in temperature heralds the arrival of a cold wave, usually referred to as a “blue north’er.”

An ice storm occurs when rain falls out of the warm and moist upper layers of the atmosphere into a cold and dry layer near the ground. The rain freezes on contact with the cold ground and accumulates on exposed surfaces. If a half inch of rain freezes on trees and utility wires, damage can occur, especially if accompanied by high winds, thus half an inch is used as the criteria before an icing event is categorized as an “ice storm.”

### **1) Severe Winter Storm History**

In the 2017 HMAP, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions reported 17 winter weather events between 1962 and 2014. These events caused \$4.3 million in damages throughout the county adjusted to \$2022. The 2017 plan found that the frequency of occurrences of severe winter storms is occasional, with an event probable in the next five years.

NCEI data shows that Bee County experienced 4 winter storm events between December 2017 and February 2021. None are reported to have caused any injuries or fatalities however some property damage was reported. The most recent winter weather event was Winter Storm Uri in February 2021. During that event, Bee County and surrounding areas received between two to seven inches of snow and sleet, along with a period of freezing rain with up to about a quarter of an inch of ice accretion. During such events, the water supply, tree limbs and power lines are largely impacted due to the weight of accumulated snow and ice causing significant disruptions including power outages and boil bans.

Table 46: Bee County Severe Winter Storm History

Location	Date Range	Number of Severe Winter Storms	Winter Storm Types	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	12/7/2017 – 2/16/2021	4	Heavy Snow, Ice Storm	0	0	\$0	\$0

## 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Future winter storms in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are considered likely due to the significant impacts of the historic winter weather, meaning an event affecting any or all of the participating jurisdictions is probable in the next three years.

## 3) Extent

Table 46 below displays the magnitude of severe winter storms.

Table 47: Winter Weather Extent Scale<sup>48</sup>

<b>Frost Advisory*</b>	Issued when nighttime minimum temperatures are expected to range from 33°F to 36°F in the growing season.
<b>Freeze Warning*</b>	Issued when nighttime minimum temperatures are expected to reach 32°F or lower in the growing season. They are usually issued to highlight the first few freezes of the fall or unusually late freezes in the spring. <i>A Freeze Watch is issued when these conditions may be met 12 to 48 hours in the future.</i>
<b>Snow Advisory</b>	Issued when accumulating snow of 2 to 4 inches is expected. An advisory may still be warranted if lesser accumulations will produce travel difficulties, especially early in the winter season.
<b>Blowing Snow Advisory</b>	Issued when blowing snow is expected to occasionally reduce visibilities to 1/4 mile or less with winds generally 25 to 34 mph. The event should last at least 3 hours.
<b>Snow and Blowing Snow Advisory</b>	Issued when winds of 25 to 34 mph are expected to be accompanied by falling snow and blowing snow, occasionally reducing the visibility to 1/4 mile or less. The event should last at least 3 hours
<b>Freezing Rain / Drizzle Advisory</b>	Issued for freezing rain when ice accumulations are expected to cause travel problems, but not exceed 1/4".
<b>Sleet Advisory</b>	Issued for accumulating sleet of 1/4" to 1". Because sleet usually occurs with other precipitation types, a winter weather advisory will almost always be used in such cases.

<sup>48</sup> Source: National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office; Norman, Oklahoma. <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/?n=spotter-wwa-definitions>

<b>Winter Weather Advisory</b>	Issued for a winter weather event in which there is more than one hazard present, but all precipitation is expected to remain below warning criteria. For example, it would be issued if 2 inches of snow were expected with a small amount of sleet mixing in at times.
<b>Wind Chill Advisory<sup>38F</sup><sup>49</sup></b>	Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be a significant inconvenience to life with prolonged exposure, and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to hazardous exposure.
<b>Wind Chill Warning<sup>39F</sup><sup>50</sup></b>	Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be hazardous to life within several minutes of exposure.
<b>Ice Storm Warning</b>	Issued when a period of freezing rain is expected to produce ice accumulations of 1/4" or greater, or cause significant disruptions to travel or utilities.
<b>Heavy Sleet Warning</b>	Issued when a period of sleet is expected to produce ice accumulations of 1" or greater, or cause significant disruptions to travel or utilities.
<b>Heavy Snow Warning</b>	Issued when snow is expected to accumulate 4 inches or more in 12 hours, or 6 inches or more in 24 hours.
<b>Winter Storm Warning</b>	Issued for a winter weather event in which there is more than one hazard present, and one of the warning criteria listed above is expected to be met. For example, it would be issued if 5 inches of snow were expected in 12 hours, with some sleet mixing in at times. It is commonly issued for heavy snow with strong winds of 25-34 mph that will cause blowing and drifting of the snow. <i>A Winter Storm Watch is issued when these conditions may be met 12 to 48 hours in the future.</i>
<b>Blizzard Warning</b>	Issued for sustained wind or frequent gusts greater than or equal to 35 mph accompanied by falling and/or blowing snow, frequently reducing visibility to less than 1/4 mile for three hours or more. <i>A Blizzard Watch is issued when these conditions may be met 12 to 48 hours in the future.</i>

\* - Non-precipitation watch / warning / advisory

Based on previous winter storm events, future storms in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may see snow accumulation of up to 7" and see ice accumulation of up to .2".

#### 4) Location and Impact

##### A) Location

Severe winter weather has no distinct geographic boundary. Severe winter weather can occur across the entire planning area and uniformly affect all participating jurisdictions.

<sup>49</sup> [https://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/winter\\_weather/windchill.html](https://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/winter_weather/windchill.html)

<sup>50</sup> [https://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/winter\\_weather/windchill.html](https://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/winter_weather/windchill.html)

## **B) Impact**

The potential impact of a severe winter storm is normally minor, resulting in few, if any, injuries. Drivers, especially those unfamiliar with or unable to drive in icy conditions, may be at the highest risk of crashing their vehicle and sustaining injuries.

Beyond accidents caused by icy conditions, severe winter weather has the potential to cause widespread power outages. Trees and other vegetation that grow along or near power lines and utility lines can become overburdened by ice and snow accumulation. Falling limbs or trees can easily take down power and utility lines. Neglected vegetation is especially at risk of failure due to increased weight loads. Power outages can create a cascading effect depending on residents' ability to heat their homes without electricity, especially for those young, elderly, and low-income residents as identified in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above. Although no deaths related to severe winter storms have been reported in the participating jurisdictions, in the worst cases, the hazard has the potential to be deadly.

Severe winter storms will likely cause only minor property damage and minimal disruption to the quality of life in the participating jurisdictions.

Depending on when the event happens, a severe winter storm may damage or destroy crops.

## **5) Vulnerability**

### **A) Infrastructure**

While all of the participating jurisdictions are exposed to extreme temperatures, existing buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities are not considered vulnerable to significant damage caused by severe winter storm events. This determination was made based on the expectation that most roofs can support 20 lbs. / square foot of snow<sup>51</sup>. The worst snowstorm in any participating jurisdiction dropped up to a maximum of 7". Although it's not impossible<sup>52</sup> for that much snow to cause structural damage, given that the snow weight is well below the threshold where damage is likely, structural damages are not expected. Additionally, 1" of ice is roughly equivalent in weight per square foot to 1" of snow. Considering the worst ice storms in the participating jurisdictions cause ice accumulations of .2", it's unlikely, but not impossible, that an ice storm causing structural ice accumulations of less than 4" will cause significant structural damages.

However, significant damages may be incurred indirectly. Examples include, but are not limited to, trees and limbs that fall after being overburdened with snow or ice, building strikes due to

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<sup>51</sup> <https://disastersafety.org/freezing-weather/prevent-roof-collapse-homes/>

<sup>52</sup> [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/7d8c55d1c4f815edf3d7e7d1c120383f/FEMA957\\_Snowload\\_508.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/7d8c55d1c4f815edf3d7e7d1c120383f/FEMA957_Snowload_508.pdf) - The weight of a foot a snow can vary widely based on how wet the snow is, between 3 and 21 lbs. per square foot. However, wet snow primarily affects the East Coast, Pacific Northwest, and southwestern Alaska.



vehicles losing traction on snow or ice-covered roads, and power outages that affect building temperature regulation and allow pipes to freeze and burst.

### **B) Population**

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Areas with concentrations of young, elderly, and low-income residents may feel greater impacts from severe winter weather due to those populations' limited ability to properly address the hazard. Deficiencies may include but aren't limited to lack of heating in their homes or vehicles, lack of access to heated public spaces during the coldest part of the day or night, and frozen pipes that may jeopardize access to drinking water, and in the worst cases, lead to severe structural damage that can render a home unlivable. The consequences for these populations' exposure to severe winter weather can include but are not limited to complications for those suffering from hypertension, hypothyroidism, and diabetes, as well as exhaustion, hypothermia, trench foot, or death.

### **C) Critical Facilities**

Any shutdown of critical facilities due to severe winter weather is expected to be temporary. However, based on the proximity of trees and powerlines on their properties, the following critical facilities may be at a higher risk of losing power due to falling limbs.

**Table 48: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Winter Storms**

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Severe Winter Storm Impacts
		Falling Tree Limbs
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	x
	Bee County Courthouse	x
	Blanca VFD	x
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	x
	Normanna Post Office	x
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	x
	Pawnee Post Office	x
	Pawnee VFD	x
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	x
	Pettus Elementary School	x
	Pettus High School	x
	Pettus Post Office	x
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	x
	Skidmore Post Office	x
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	x
	Skidmore VFD	X
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	X
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary/JR High School/ High School	X

	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	X
	Tuleta Post Office	X
	Tynan Post Office	X
	Tynan VFD	x
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.	x
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	x
<b>Beeville</b>	A.C. Jones High School	x
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)	x
	Bee County Sheriff	x
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building	x
	Beeville Art Museum	x
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	x
	Beeville City Hall	x
	Beeville Community Center	x
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility	x
	Beeville Police Department	x
	Beeville Post Office	X
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility	X
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant	x
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank	X
	Beeville Water System Facility	X
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station	X
	Chase Field	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	x
	Coastal Plains Community Center	x
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School	x
	H-E-B Pharmacy	x
	IBC Beeville	x
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center	x
	Moreno Junior High School	x
	Prosperity Bank Beeville	x
	R.A. Hall Elementary School	x
	Rialto Theater	x
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.	x
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	x
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	x
	Arden Place of Beeville	x
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	x
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	x
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	x
	Central Plant Building	x
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	x
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	x

## 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Warmer temperatures cause more water to evaporate from the land and oceans, which leads to more precipitation, larger storms, and more variation in precipitation in some areas. In general, a warmer climate causes more of this precipitation to fall in the form of rain instead of snow. Some places, however, could see more snowfall if temperatures rise but still remain below the freezing point, or if storm tracks change. Areas near large lakes might also experience more snowfall as lakes remain unfrozen for longer periods, allowing more water to evaporate. In contrast, other areas might experience less snowfall as a result of wintertime droughts.”<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-snowfall>

### 13. Severe Winds

Severe Winds<sup>54</sup> are classified as any wind that is strong enough to cause at least light damage to trees and buildings, which may or may not be accompanied by precipitation. Wind speeds during a windstorm typically exceed 41 knots. Damage can be attributed to gusts or longer periods of sustained winds.

Windstorms may last for just a few minutes when caused by downbursts from thunderstorms, or they may last for hours (and even several days) when they result from large-scale weather systems. A windstorm that travels in a straight line and is caused by the gust front (the boundary between descending cold air and warm air at the surface) of an approaching thunderstorm is called a derecho. Derechos are capable of causing widespread damage and landscape devastation.

#### 1) Windstorm History

In the 2017 plan, Bee County and participating jurisdictions recorded 83 thunderstorm events from 1960 and 2013. There were no injuries or fatalities associated with thunderstorms for these events. The 2017 plan recorded about \$16 million in property damages during that time adjusted to \$2022. Historically, the County reported high probability of damaging windstorms within the next year.

The following tables identify the most comprehensive list available of severe wind events and associated damages in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions from 2014 to present. No participating jurisdiction has recorded a severe wind event more recently than 2021.

Table 49: Bee County Severe Wind History

Incidents	Date Range	Windstorm Events	Windspeed Range (Knots)	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Countywide	4/14/2015 – 5/18/2021	6	52 - 78	0	0	\$6,068,265.67	\$1,208,697.78

Table 50: City of Beeville Windstorm History

Incidents	Date Range	Windstorm Events	Windspeed Range (Knots)	Fatalities	Injuries	Property Damage \$2022	Crop Damage \$2022
Beeville	4/17/2015 – 6/14/2021	12	50 - 70	0	0	\$580,096.45	\$0

Severe windstorm data is generally recorded at the county or city level, so there is no specific information regarding severe windstorm events in Coastal Bend College. However, given that it

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/science/windstorm>

is located within City of the Beeville area, the College's severe wind history is known to be similar to the County and surrounding areas.

## 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Given the frequency of past events in all jurisdictions, a damaging severe wind event in the future is highly likely, meaning that an event is probable in the next year.

## 3) Extent

The generally accepted extent scale for wind events is the Beaufort Wind Scale. The following table lists categories, measurement, classification, and appearance descriptions.

Table 51: Beaufort Wind Scale.<sup>55</sup>

Beaufort Wind Scale				
Force	Wind (Knots)	WMO Classification	Appearance of Wind Effects	
			On the Water	On Land
0	Less than 1	Calm	Sea surface smooth and mirror-like	Calm, smoke rises vertically
1	1-3	Light Air	Scaly ripples, no foam crests	Smoke drift indicates wind direction, still wind vanes
2	4-6	Light Breeze	Small wavelets, crests glassy, no breaking	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle, vanes begin to move
3	7-10	Gentle Breeze	Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps	Leaves and small twigs constantly moving, light flags extended
4	11-16	Moderate Breeze	Small waves 1-4 feet becoming longer, numerous whitecaps	Dust, leaves, and loose paper lifted, small tree branches move
5	17-21	Fresh Breeze	Moderate waves 4-8 feet taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray	Small trees in leaf begin to sway
6	22-27	Strong Breeze	Larger waves 8-13 feet, whitecaps common, more spray	Larger tree branches moving, whistling in wires
7	28-33	Near Gale	Sea heaps up, waves 13-20 feet, white foam streaks off breakers	Whole trees moving, resistance felt walking against wind
8	34-40	Gale	Moderately high (13-20 feet) waves of greater length, edges	Whole trees in motion, resistance felt walking against wind

<sup>55</sup> Source: [www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/beaufort.html](http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/beaufort.html)

			of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam blown in streaks	
9	41-47	Strong Gale	High waves (20 feet), sea begins to roll, dense streaks of foam, spray may reduce visibility	Slight structural damage occurs, slate blows off roofs
10	48-55	Storm	Very high waves (20-30 feet) with overhanging crests, sea white with densely blown foam, heavy rolling, lowered visibility	Seldom experienced on land, trees broken or uprooted, "considerable structural damage"
11	56-63	Violent Storm	Exceptionally high (30-45 feet) waves, foam patches cover sea, visibility more reduced	
12	64+	Hurricane	Air filled with foam, waves over 45 feet, sea completely white with driving spray, visibility greatly reduced	

The worst severe wind events in Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have ranged up to 12 on the Beaufort Wind Scale. No recent severe wind events in any of the participating jurisdictions have caused any injuries or deaths. Future severe wind events may meet previous worst-case Force 12 events in terms of strength and intensity of wind speed.

#### 4) Location and Impact

##### A) Location

Severe winds are not constrained by any distinct geographic boundary. Windstorms can occur across all participating jurisdictions.

##### B) Impact

Impacts from a windstorm may include but are not limited to damaged or destroyed personal property including vehicles, damaged or destroyed agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. Crops may be damaged or destroyed. Pets and livestock may be injured or killed by flying debris. Pets and livestock may escape due to damaged or destroyed structures and fences.

In the worst cases, windstorms may cause injuries and/or be deadly.

#### 5) Vulnerability

Windstorms have the potential to impact all participating jurisdictions. Therefore, each jurisdiction is equally exposed to the hazard. Improved property, critical facilities, critical infrastructure, and the entire population are considered vulnerable to windstorms.

Based on windstorm data collected for the participating jurisdictions, windstorms primarily damage physical structures. However, there is no uniformity with respect to the type of structures that have been damaged by windstorms in any of the participating jurisdictions. Windstorm damage can be directly caused by the wind itself, flying debris, and falling trees, or indirectly by damages like power outages.

#### ***A) Population***

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors including but not limited to: age, physical ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap.

The participating jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may need additional help preparing for and recovering from a windstorm.

Residents of mobile / manufactured homes are of particular concern. These structures may not be safe during a windstorm.

Residents of sub-standard structures are also of particular concern. Structures in sub-standard condition ahead of a windstorm, whether due to structural damage, missing windows or doors, holes in exterior walls or the roof, may be less safe during a windstorm than structures in standard condition.

Existing structural weaknesses, due to housing type or existing damages, may lead to compounded damages, injuries, or loss of life.

#### ***B) Critical Facilities***

Certain critical facilities and infrastructure in each jurisdiction may be particularly vulnerable to severe wind similar to hurricane and tornado events. These facilities have been identified for reasons including: the number of people who use the facility or infrastructure, the facility's role in providing basic services to begin the cleanup process and get the jurisdictions running again, and the facility's ability to offer goods and materials residents will need to resume normalcy as quickly as possible. The selected critical facilities are built from a variety of materials with varying levels of resistance to wind damages. Additionally, their varying ages mean they weren't constructed to uniform building standards. Given wind's potentially violent nature, these facilities may experience increased levels of vulnerability to the hazards. Damage to any of these facilities may have a disproportionately negative impact on each jurisdiction's recovery from a windstorm if that damage affects the facility's ability to reopen and resume normal business right away.

Table 52: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Severe Winds and Potential Impacts

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Severe Wind Impacts									
		Loss of Power	Flying Debris	Uprooted Trees	Flooding	Flooding Due to Physical Damages	Damaged or Destroyed Roofs	Damaged or Broken Windows	Wind Damage	Injuries	Death
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Courthouse	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Blanconia VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Normanna Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Elementary School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary/JR High School/ High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tuleta Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tynan Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tynan VFD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Beeville	A.C. Jones High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Sheriff	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Art Museum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville City Hall	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Community Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Police Department	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Post Office	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank		X	X	X				X	X	X
	Beeville Water System Facility	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Chase Field	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Coastal Plains Community Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	H-E-B Pharmacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	IBC Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Moreno Junior High School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Prosperity Bank Beeville		X						X		
	R.A. Hall Elementary School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

	Rialto Theater	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Arden Place of Beeville	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Central Plant Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

### C) Vulnerable Parcels

Table 53: Parcels Vulnerable to Windstorms

Jurisdiction	Parcel Count	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<b>Bee County</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>\$4,565,795,568</b>
City of Beeville	7,397	\$262,915,110
Coastal Bend College	18	\$39,820,550

### 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“The Arctic has warmed more than lower latitudes, and as a result the temperature difference between the mid-latitudes and the polar regions has become reduced, which has changed the path of the northern hemisphere jet stream so that it now moves north and south over a greater range of latitudes. As the atmosphere continues to warm, we expect to see much deeper north-south waves, which will cause a slowing down, or even blocking, of the jet stream. This could result in weather systems that persist for much longer than would be considered normal over any particular region.”<sup>56</sup>

“Another recent study found that there will be regional and seasonal variability in winds in the United States as carbon dioxide levels increase: by 2100, wind speeds will decrease over most of the western U.S. and the East Coast, but the central U.S. will see an increase.”<sup>57</sup>

<sup>56</sup> <https://ugc.berkeley.edu/background-content/wind/#:~:text=The%20global%20atmospheric%20circulation%20pattern,by%20transporting%20heat%20and%20water.>

<sup>57</sup> <https://e360.yale.edu/features/global-stilling-is-climate-change-slowing-the-worlds-wind#:~:text=Another%20recent%20study%20found%20that,U.S.%20will%20see%20an%20increase.>

## 14. Lightning

Lightning is a massive electrostatic discharge between electrically charged regions within clouds, or between a cloud and the Earth's surface.

Lightning damage can result in electrocution of humans and animals; vaporization of materials along the path of the strike; fire caused by the high temperature produced by the strike; and sudden power surges that can damage electrical and electronic equipment. Millions of dollars of direct and indirect damages result from lightning strikes on electric utility substations and distribution lines. While property damage is the major hazard associated with lightning, it should be noted that lightning strikes kill about 20 people<sup>58</sup> each year in the United States.

### 1) Lightning History

According to NCEI data, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have not experienced any lightning events since the 2017 HMAP. However, lightning events often go unreported, so it is likely that events have occurred since the last plan. There is no data documenting a lightning event more recent than 2009. Bee County and the participating jurisdictions reported 3 lightning events from 1973 to 2009. The 2017 plan recorded about \$29,005.95 in property damages during that time adjusted to \$2022.

### 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Lightning is especially associated with thunderstorms. Despite the lack of officially reported instances of lightning-caused damages, a lightning event is highly likely, meaning an event affecting any or all of the participating jurisdictions is probable in the next year. According to information from VAISALA<sup>59</sup>, most of Bee County can expect about 8 to 10 lightning flashes per square miles per year.

### 3) Extent

The extent for lightning can be expressed in terms of the number of strikes within an interval. Given the lack of lightning history data, it is expected that Bee County and all participating jurisdictions may experience lightning events between LAL 1 and LAL 5. Dry thunderstorms, LAL 6, are not expected.

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<sup>58</sup> <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-victims>

<sup>59</sup> <https://www.vaisala.com/sites/default/files/documents/WEA-MET-Annual-Lightning-Report-2020-B212260EN-A.pdf>; Pg. 15

Table 54: Lightning Activity Levels.<sup>60</sup>

Lightning Activity Level (LAL)		
Activity levels are valuable guidance tools to aid in the preparation for possible fire initiation from cloud-to-ground lightning.		
LAL	Cloud and Storm Development	Lightning Strikes per 15 Minutes
1	No thunderstorms.	-
2	Cumulus clouds are common but only a few reaches the towering cumulus stage. A single thunderstorm must be confirmed in the observation area. The clouds produce mainly virga, but light rain will occasionally reach the ground. Lightning is very infrequent.	1-8
3	Towering cumulus covers less than two-tenths of the sky. Thunderstorms are few, but two to three must occur within the observation area. Light to moderate rain will reach the ground, and lightning is infrequent.	9-15
4	Towering cumulus covers two to three-tenths of the sky. Thunderstorms are scattered and more than three must occur within the observation area. Moderate rain is common, and lightning is frequent.	16-25
5	Towering cumulus and thunderstorms are numerous. They cover more than three-tenths and occasionally obscure the sky. Rain is moderate to heavy and lightning is frequent and intense.	25+
6	Similar to LAL 3 except thunderstorms are dry.	

#### 4) Location and Impact

##### A) Location

Lightning strikes have no distinct geographic boundary. Lightning can occur across each participating jurisdiction.

##### B) Impact

Impacts from lightning in all jurisdictions may include but are not limited to loss of power due to electrical surges, damaged or destroyed personal property including computers and other electronics, damaged or destroyed agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. Crops may be damaged or destroyed. Livestock may be injured or killed by lightning. In the worst cases, lightning may cause injuries or even loss of life.

#### 5) Vulnerability

According to the Lightning Protection Institute, it is a myth<sup>61</sup> that lightning always strikes the tallest objects. Given lightning's indiscriminate nature, it is impossible to identify buildings that

<sup>60</sup> Source: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/pages/LAL.php>

<sup>61</sup> [http://lightning.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LPI\\_lightning\\_infographic\\_2015.jpg](http://lightning.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LPI_lightning_infographic_2015.jpg)

are at an increased risk of being struck by lightning. All existing and future buildings, critical facilities, critical infrastructure, improved property, and the population are exposed to this hazard. However, structures without adequate lightning protection and those with large concentrations of electronic equipment like computers, servers, and printers, are most vulnerable, as are locations that may have outside crowds during a lightning event.

### A) Critical Facilities

Table 55: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Lightning and Potential Impacts

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Lightning Impacts			
		Physical Damage	Electrical Damage	Data Damage or Loss	Fire
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Courthouse	X	X	X	X
	Blanca VFD	X	X	X	X
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	X	X	X	X
	Normanna Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee VFD	X	X	X	X
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Elementary School	X	X	X	X
	Pettus High School	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore VFD	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary/JR High School/ High School	X	X	X	X
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center	X	X	X	X
	Tuleta Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Tynan Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Tynan VFD	X	X	X	X
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.	X	X	X	X
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab	X	X	X	X
Beeville	A.C. Jones High School	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Sheriff	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Art Museum	X	X	X	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X	X
	Beeville City Hall	X	X	X	X

	Beeville Community Center	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Police Department	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank	X	X	X	X
	Beeville Water System Facility	X	X	X	X
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station	X	X	X	X
	Chase Field	X	X	X	X
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville	X	X	X	X
	Coastal Plains Community Center	X	X	X	X
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School	X	X	X	X
	H-E-B Pharmacy	X	X	X	X
	IBC Beeville	X	X	X	X
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center	X	X	X	X
	Moreno Junior High School	X	X	X	X
	Prosperity Bank Beeville	X	X	X	X
	R.A. Hall Elementary School	X	X	X	X
	Rialto Theater	X	X	X	X
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.	X	X	X	X
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit	X	X	X	X
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy	X	X	X	X
	Arden Place of Beeville	X	X	X	X
<b>Coastal Bend College</b>	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building	X	X	X	X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building	X	X	X	X
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building	X	X	X	X
	Central Plant Building	X	X	X	X
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	X	X		X
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	X	X	X	X

## B) Vulnerable Parcels

Table 56: Parcels Vulnerable to Lightning

Jurisdiction	Parcel Count	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<b>Bee County</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>\$4,565,795,568</b>
City of Beeville	7,397	\$262,915,110
Coastal Bend College	18	\$39,820,550

### 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“New research from the University of California, Berkeley, found warming conditions would result in 50% more lightning strikes by the end of the century. The scientists found lightning strikes would increase by about 12% for every 1C of warming.”<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>62</sup> <https://romps.berkeley.edu/papers/pubdata/2014/lightning/guardian.pdf>



## 15. Earthquake

Earthquakes are defined as the shaking or trembling of the earth that is volcanic or tectonic in origin.

A quake with magnitude 3 may do no more than startle people and rattle dishes within a one-square mile region. However, a magnitude 7 would be felt by people over the entire State of Texas, and could do significant damage to buildings, bridges, and dams over a considerable region.

### 1) Earthquake History

The 2017 Bee County HMAP recorded three earthquake events from 1993 and 2010 ranging from 3 to 4.1 magnitudes, only one event (2010) occurred within the County; furthermore, there has not been an earthquake within Bee County since 2010. According to the USGS database, there appears to be multiple earthquake activities within multiple counties surrounding Bee County with the closest activity being about 11 miles north of Pawnee, Texas. The County has elected to address this hazard because of the possibility that earthquakes may become a local issue within the current planning period.

Table 57: Earthquakes for Bee County and Surrounding Areas

Date Range	Location – Miles (mi)	Magnitude
11/14/2017	17mi SW of Beeville, TX; 12.3mi WSW of Goliad, TX within Goliad County	2.7
6/02/2018	11.4mi NNW of Pawnee, TX within Karnes County	3.0
1/26/2019	27mi ESE of Beeville, TX; 4.8 mi N of Three Rivers, TX within Live Oak County	2.7
6/24/2019	27.7mi ESE of Beeville, TX; 5.6mi N of Three Rivers, TX within Live Oak County	2.8
10/31/2019	27.7mi ESE of Beeville, TX; 5.6mi N of Three Rivers, TX within Live Oak County	2.7

### 2) Likelihood of Future Events

Given the proximity but infrequency of earthquakes within the area, an earthquake that could affect any or all of the participating jurisdictions is unlikely, meaning that one is possible in the next 10 years.

### 3) Extent

Earthquake strength is generally measured on the Richter Magnitude Scale. The Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale for Earthquakes provides an additional means of describing an earthquake's effects.

Table 58: Richter Magnitude Scale

Richter Magnitude Scale		
Magnitude	Earthquake Effects	Estimated Number Each Year
2.5 or less	Usually not felt but can be recorded by seismograph	900,000
2.5 to 5.4	Often felt, but only causes minor damage	30,000
5.5 to 6.0	Slight damage to buildings and other structures	500
6.1 to 6.9	May cause a lot of damage in very populated areas	100
7.0 to 7.9	Major earthquake, serious damage	20
8.0 or greater	Great earthquake; can destroy communities near the epicenter	One every 5 to 10 years.

Table 59: Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale for Earthquakes

Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale			
Scale	Intensity	Description of Effects	Corresponding Richter Scale Magnitude
I	Instrumental	Detected only by seismographs	<4.2
II	Feeble	Some people feel it	
III	Slight	Felt by people resting, like a truck rumbling by	
IV	Moderate	Felt by people walking	
V	Slightly Strong	Sleepers awake; church bells ring	<4.8
VI	Strong	Trees sway, suspended objects swing, objects fall off shelves	<5.4
VII	Very Strong	Mild alarm; walls crack; plaster falls	<6.1
VIII	Destructive	Moving cars uncontrollable; masonry fractures, poorly constructed buildings damaged	<6.9
IX	Ruinous	Some houses collapse; ground cracks; pipes break open	

X	Disastrous	Ground cracks profusely; many buildings destroyed; liquefaction and landslides widespread	<7.3
XI	Very Disastrous	Most buildings and bridges collapse; roads, railways, pipes, and cables destroyed; general triggering of other hazards	<8.1
XII	Catastrophic	Total destruction; trees fall or ground rises and falls in waves	>8.1

A future earthquake affecting Bee County and the participating jurisdictions may meet or exceed previous events up to a 6.0 on the Richter Magnitude Scale or a VIII on the Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### ***A) Location***

Earthquakes have no distinct geographic boundary in Bee County. Earthquakes can equally affect all jurisdictions addressing the hazard. Despite the lack of geographic boundary, damage is expected to be negligible in most participating jurisdictions.

##### ***B) Impact***

Impacts may include structural damage to buildings of all types. Road networks that pass through the participating jurisdictions may be damaged to the point of failure as the ground shifts. Water and wastewater systems may fail due to cracks and breaks in underground tanks and pipe networks.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

##### ***A) Population***

As described in Section 3 of Chapter 3 above, the participating jurisdictions are home to many vulnerable residents. Increased vulnerability may be due to many factors including but not limited to: age, physical ability, financial means, housing type, and housing condition. Many of these vulnerabilities often overlap.

The jurisdictions recognize that vulnerable populations may need additional help preparing for and recovering from an earthquake. Structures in substandard condition ahead of an earthquake may be more likely to suffer additional damages, including irreparable foundation or structural damages as the ground shifts. Depending on their means, these residents may require additional assistance recovering from earthquake-caused damage.

### B) Critical Facilities & Infrastructure

The planning team identified the following critical facilities that may be affected by earthquakes which could affect the participating jurisdictions. Because earthquakes do not recognize geographic boundaries, all critical facilities, no matter their jurisdictional location, are equally vulnerable to earthquakes.

Table 60: Bee County Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Earthquakes

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities	Potential Earthquake Impacts			
		Structural Damage	Water/Wastewater Line Damages	Increased Demand for Services	Economic Damages
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center	X	X	X	X
	Bee County Courthouse	X	X	X	X
	Blanconia VFD	X	X	X	X
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)	X			X
	Normanna Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Pawnee VFD	X	X	X	X
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Elementary School	X	X	X	X
	Pettus High School	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Post Office	X	X	X	X
	Pettus Station (Electricity)	X	X	X	X
	Skidmore Post Office	X	X	X	X
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	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building	X	X	X	X
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)	X	X	X	X

### C) Vulnerable Parcels

All structures within the participating jurisdictions are equally vulnerable to earthquakes. However, given the minor structural damage inflicted by previous events, future structural damages are expected to be similarly limited.

Table 61: Estimated Potential Damage Values

Jurisdiction	Parcel Count	Estimated Potential Damage Value
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“The largest climate variable that could change fault stress loads is surface water in the form of rain and snow. As it turns out, changes in stress loads on Earth’s crust from periods of drought can, in fact, be significant. Research by JPL scientist Donald Argus and others in 2017 using data from a network of high-precision GPS stations in California, Oregon and Washington found that alternating periods of drought and heavy precipitation in the Sierra Nevada between 2011 and 2017 actually caused the mountain range to rise by nearly an inch and then fall by half that amount, as the mountain rocks lost water during the drought and then regained it. The study didn’t specifically look at potential impacts on faults, but such stress changes could potentially be felt on faults in or near the range.”<sup>63</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> <https://climate.nasa.gov/news/2926/can-climate-affect-earthquakes-or-are-the-connections-shaky/>

## **16. Expansive Soils**

Expansive soils are defined as soils and soft rock that tend to swell or shrink due to changes in moisture content. Changes in soil volume present a hazard primarily to structures built on top of expansive soils.

Expansive soils (bentonite, smectite, or other reactive clays) expand when the soil particles attract water and can shrink when the clay dries. Expansive soil can grow to as much as 15 times its original size, thus causing severe damage. Sidewalks, roads, and residential and commercial buildings may be lifted causing cracks and distortion.

It is differential expansion that causes damage. If the entire area under a foundation or road maintained the same moisture content, the entire structure would rise uniformly, and there would be no damage. Residential construction generally has more problems than commercial, but both experience significant losses. The foundation type most prevalent in Texas, slab on grade, is also the most susceptible to damage from expansive clays.

### **1) Expansive Soils History**

None of the participating jurisdictions has a documented history of damage caused by expansive soils. However, the planning team has determined that the hazard is known to affect structures and infrastructure in the jurisdictions. Moving forward, the jurisdictions will make an effort to track instances of damage due to expansive soils to begin developing a comprehensive history of the hazard and its effects.

### **2) Likelihood of Future Occurrence**

Given the lack of an officially recorded hazard history in Bee County, the City of Beeville, and Coastal Bend College, it's difficult to attempt to estimate the likelihood of future expansive soils hazards events.

However, in light of the jurisdictions' histories of heavy rainfalls and periods of drought, conditions that lead clay-filled soils to expand and contract respectively, it may be fair to say that a future expansive soils event is unlikely, meaning one is possible in the next 10 years.

As information on the hazard is gathered more closely moving forward, its likelihood will be revised accordingly.

### **3) Extent**

According to the State of Texas Mitigation Plan Update 2013, determining the extent of the expansive soils hazard requires measuring a soil's swelling potential or volumetric swell. To test the soil for these properties, the State outlined the following procedure:



Soil material is disaggregated and passed through the #4 sieve and then brought to approximately the optimum moisture content (as determined by American Society for Testing and Materials [ASTM-D-1557]). The optimum moisture content equates to approximately 80 to 85% of saturation. After setting for 6 to 30 hours, the moisture-conditioned soil is compacted into a 4-in diameter mold. The moisture content is then adjusted, if necessary, to bring the sample to 50% saturation. A 144 psf surcharge is applied and the sample is wetted and monitored for 24 hours, measuring the volumetric swell. The Expansion Index is calculated as follows:

$$EI = 100 \times \Delta h \times F$$

Where  $\Delta h$  = percent swell and  $F$  = fraction passing No. 4 sieve

The following “ratings” can be accepted examples expected for “extent” when a risk is identified as Expansive Soils:

**Table 62: ASTM D4729-11 Expansive Soils Index (in %)**

<b>0 – 20</b>	<b>Very Low</b>
<b>21 – 50</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>51 – 90</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>91 – 130</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>&gt;130</b>	<b>Very High</b>

Due to the lack of recorded instances of expansive soil events, the jurisdictions estimate the hazard’s extent to be low to medium on the Expansive Soils Index as shown above. To help inform their hazard extent estimate, Bee County, the City of Beeville, and Coastal Bend College have relied on the county-wide soil studies produced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)’s Web Soil Survey<sup>64</sup> data. The Web Soil Survey in particular offers both soil maps and USDA guidance on soil suitability for various types of development. For the purposes of this plan, the jurisdictions have decided to consider the ratings of Bee County soils for the construction of both residential dwellings on concrete slab and small commercial buildings.

USDA rates soils based on the extent to which the soils are limited by all of the soil features that affect the specified use. Extent ratings are as follows: "Not limited" indicates that the soil has features that are very favorable for the specified use. Good performance and very low, maintenance can be expected. "Somewhat limited" indicates that the soil has features that are moderately favorable for the specified use. The limitations can be overcome or minimized by special planning, design, or installation. Fair performance and moderate maintenance can be

<sup>64</sup> <https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

expected. "Very limited" indicates that the soil has one or more features that are unfavorable for the specified use. The limitations generally cannot be overcome without major soil reclamation, special design, or expensive installation procedures. Poor performance and high maintenance can be expected.

As shown in Figure 20 below, more than half (80.9%) of Bee County contains soils that are "Somewhat Limited" for the construction of dwellings on concrete slab, the State's most prevalent dwelling foundation. Additionally, a small portion (16.9%) of the County's soil, most heavily concentrated in the northern and southern half of the County, are considered "Very Limited" for the construction of dwellings on concrete slab.

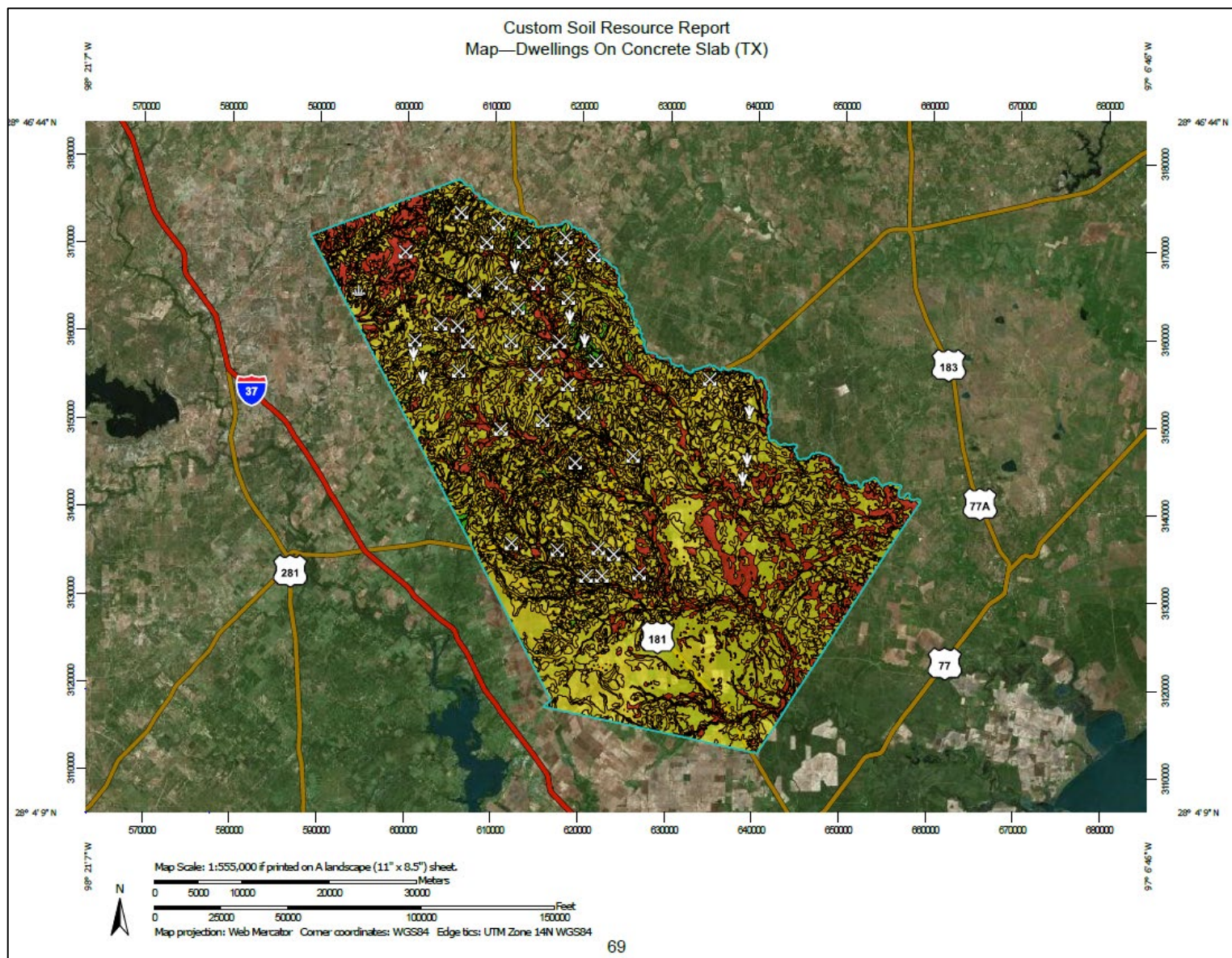




Figure 20: Bee County Soil Ratings for the Construction of Dwellings on Concrete Slab


## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)


 Area of Interest (AOI)


### Soils


 Soil Map Unit Polygons


 Soil Map Unit Lines

### Soil Rating Polygons


 Very limited


 Somewhat limited


 Not limited


 Not rated or not available

### Soil Rating Lines


 Very limited


 Somewhat limited


 Not limited

 Not rated or not available

### Soil Rating Points


 Very limited


 Somewhat limited


 Not limited


 Not rated or not available


### Special Point Features


 Blowout

 Borrow Pit


 Clay Spot


 Closed Depression

 Gravel Pit


 Gravelly Spot

 Landfill


 Lava Flow


 Marsh or swamp

 Mine or Quarry


 Miscellaneous Water


 Perennial Water

 Rock Outcrop


 Saline Spot


 Sandy Spot

 Severely Eroded Spot


 Sinkhole


 Slide or Slip


 Sodic Spot

 Spoil Area


 Stony Spot

 Very Stony Spot

 Wet Spot

 Other


### Water Features

 Streams and Canals


### Transportation

 Rails


 Interstate Highways

 US Routes

 Major Roads

 Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Bee County, Texas

Survey Area Data: Version 19, Sep 9, 2021

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jan 1, 1999—Dec 31, 2003

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

As shown in Figure 21 below, Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are comprised of soils that are “Very Limited” (32.5%) and “Somewhat Limited” (65.5% of the County) for the construction of small commercial buildings, defined as structures less than three stories high, without basements, and constructed on foundations consisting of spread footings or reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2’ or at the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper.

The areas considered limited for the construction of small commercial buildings are concentrated in northwestern Bee County near Pawnee. They are also concentrated in the area between Tynan, Beeville, and Skidmore.



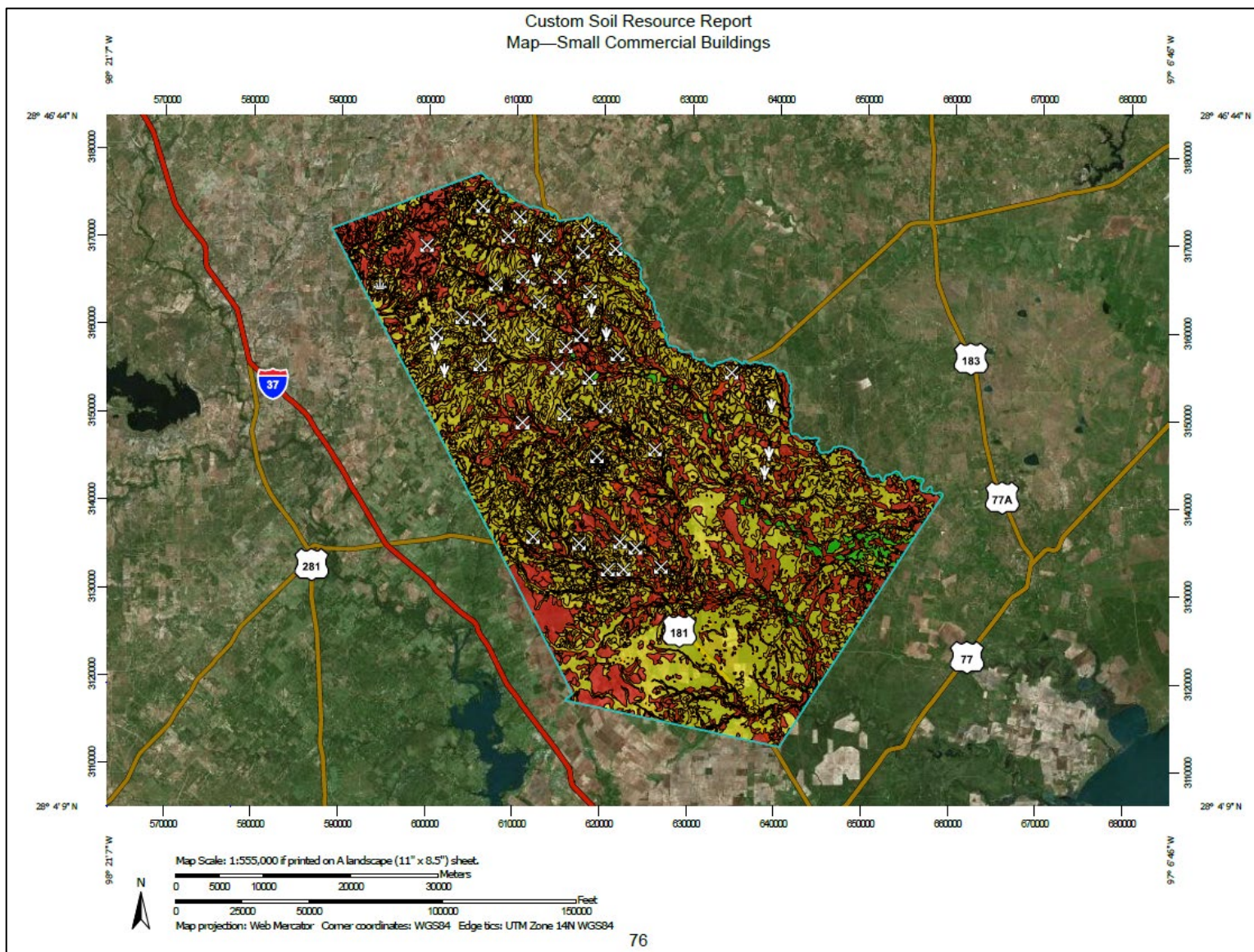




Figure 21: Bee County Soil Ratings for the Construction of Small Commercial Buildings


## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)


 Area of Interest (AOI)


### Soils


 Soil Map Unit Polygons


 Soil Map Unit Lines

### Soil Rating Polygons


 Very limited


 Somewhat limited


 Not limited

 Not rated or not available

### Soil Rating Lines


 Very limited


 Somewhat limited

 Not limited


 Not rated or not available

### Soil Rating Points


 Very limited


 Somewhat limited


 Not limited


 Not rated or not available


### Special Point Features

 Blowout


 Borrow Pit


 Clay Spot


 Closed Depression


 Gravel Pit


 Gravelly Spot

 Landfill


 Lava Flow

 Marsh or swamp


 Mine or Quarry


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 Rock Outcrop


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 Sandy Spot


 Severely Eroded Spot


 Sinkhole


 Slide or Slip

 Sodic Spot

 Spoil Area


 Stony Spot

 Very Stony Spot

 Wet Spot

 Other


### Water Features


 Streams and Canals


### Transportation

 Rails


 Interstate Highways

 US Routes

 Major Roads

 Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

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Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jan 1, 1999—Dec 31, 2003

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

As shown in the maps above, expansive soils exist across the County, and have the potential to affect all participating jurisdictions. Areas within each jurisdiction may be more affected by expansive soils depending on both building location and building type.

##### **B) Impact**

The potential impact of expansive soils in the jurisdictions is unknown at this time. Future hazard events are expected to result in few, if any, injuries. However, mentioned in the State of Texas Mitigation Plan Update 2018, the combination of expansive soils and Texas homebuilders' propensity for installing concrete slab foundations, often results in cracked foundations that can literally halve a home's value. In such cases, economic losses are not limited to those borne by the homeowner. Instead, halved property values result in lower property values, and therefore, lower property tax revenues. Typically, houses and one-story commercial infrastructure are likely to incur more damage due to the expansion of clay.

Potential ripple effects make it difficult to estimate how wide-reaching expansive soils' impact could be. Under the right circumstances, expansive soils may wreak havoc on local economies by depleting homeowners' bank accounts and decimating municipal budgets. In the worst cases, building owners may choose to walk away, rather than make costly repairs, thus saddling local governments with abandoned properties and the incumbent challenges they pose.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are exposed to expansive soils to varying degrees based on both soil type and building type, as shown in Figures 20-21 above. At this time, given the combination of the hazard's ability to inflict unpredictable damages, the lack of officially reported data, and the diversity of building ages, types, and foundations in each participating jurisdiction, it's unfeasible to identify which buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities are vulnerable to damages significant enough to interrupt or stop normal operations. Therefore, all are considered equally vulnerable to the hazard.

##### **A) Critical Facilities**

The planning team identified 61 facilities spread across the County and participating jurisdictions.



Table 63: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Expansive Soils

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center
	Bee County Courthouse
	Blanca VFD
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)
	Normanna Post Office
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School
	Pawnee Post Office
	Pawnee VFD
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD
	Pettus Elementary School
	Pettus High School
	Pettus Post Office
	Pettus Station (Electricity)
	Skidmore Post Office
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)
	Skidmore VFD
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary / Junior High School / High School
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center
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	Rialto Theater
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy
	Arden Place of Beeville
Coastal Bend College	Robert J. Beasley Jr. Building
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Academic Building
	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building
	Central Plant Building
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)

### ***B) Vulnerable Structures***

**Table 64: Parcels Vulnerable to Expansive Soils**

Jurisdiction	Parcel Count	Estimated Potential Damage Value
<b>Bee County</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>\$4,565,795,568</b>
City of Beeville	7,397	\$262,915,110
Coastal Bend College	18	\$39,820,550

## 6) Climate Change

Climate change is described as a significant change in either the average state of the climate or in its variability over an extended period. Climate change in and of itself is not necessarily a hazard, but it may increase the frequency and/or intensity of identified hazards over time. Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Soil in nature undergoes variation of moisture content due to cycles of wetting and drying and this causes cyclic swelling and shrinkage.”<sup>65</sup> There is overwhelming evidence that climate change leads to a wide range of climatic and weather changes that can affect the performance of built infrastructures. Climate change is likely to have significant impacts on the performance of residential buildings constructed on expansive soils.”<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.1201/9780203856918-56/influence-climate-change-foundations-swelling-soils-sh-hazzan>

<sup>66</sup> [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/320127208\\_Assessment\\_of\\_the\\_impact\\_of\\_climate\\_change\\_on\\_expansive\\_soil\\_movements\\_and\\_site\\_classification](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/320127208_Assessment_of_the_impact_of_climate_change_on_expansive_soil_movements_and_site_classification)

## 17. Land Subsidence

Land subsidence is defined as the loss of surface elevation due to the removal of subsurface support. It can range from broad, regional lowering of the land surface to localized, full-blown collapses. Land subsidence occurs in different areas with different soil types for different reasons.

### 1) Land Subsidence History

Bee County and its participants do not have a documented history of damage caused by land subsidence. However, the planning team has determined that the hazard is known to affect structures and infrastructure in the jurisdiction, primarily in the form of sinkholes. Moving forward, the County will continue to make an effort to track instances of damage due to land subsidence to begin developing a comprehensive history of the hazard and its effects.

### 2) Likelihood of Future Occurrences

Given the lack of an officially recorded hazard history in Bee County, it's difficult to attempt to estimate the likelihood of future land subsidence events.

However, based on the planning team's assessment, it may be fair to say that a future land subsidence event in either participating jurisdiction is unlikely, meaning one is possible in the next 10 years. As information on the hazard is gathered more closely moving forward, its likelihood will be revised accordingly.

### 3) Extent

The magnitude or intensity of a land subsidence event is measured by the depth of land loss. Land subsidence can range from as little as 1' to well over 100'. In the case of sinkholes, width is also a consideration. The sinkholes in Wink, Texas, two of the worst in the State, have diameters of 300' and 900'.

According to 2017 HMAP, land subsidence events near Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have been as deep as 12' and as wide as 21'. In addition to considering their depth and width, sinkholes may expand over time. Although the sinkhole near Bee County and the City of Beeville has been filled in, the sinkholes in Wink expand<sup>67</sup> at the rate of nearly 2" per year.

Generally, land subsidence will likely cause only minor property damage and minimal disruption to the quality of life in the participating jurisdictions. However, future worst-case sinkhole depths may exceed 12', widths may exceed 21', and if a future sinkhole can't be filled in, its expansion rates could meet or exceed 2" per year. Regardless of future sinkhole depth, width,

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<sup>67</sup> <http://blog.smu.edu/research/2016/06/13/geohazard-giant-sinkholes-near-west-texas-oil-patch-towns-are-growing-as-new-ones-lurk/>

and expansion rates, land loss, total destruction, injuries, and death may result from future sinkhole and land subsidence events.

#### **4) Location and Impact**

##### **A) Location**

Land subsidence has no distinct geographic boundary. Land subsidence may occur across the entire planning area.

##### **B) Impact**

The impact of land subsidence is normally minor, resulting in few, if any, injuries. Although no deaths related to land subsidence have been reported in Bee County, in the worst cases, the hazard has the potential to be deadly.

Land subsidence may occur slowly over long periods of time, or it can occur rapidly in the form of a sinkhole. Therefore, estimated property losses associated with the hazard are generally anticipated to be minimal, but they have the potential to be total.

Land subsidence may result in damaged building foundations as well as damaged infrastructure including pipelines, roadways, and sidewalks, which may require extensive repair work. In the case of local infrastructure, damages may impede normal business operations and incur repair costs beyond any participating jurisdiction's immediate ability to fund them quickly.

If a sinkhole opens, the damage can be immediate and devastating. Sinkholes may lead to the collapse and complete destruction of nearby structures and infrastructure. Sinkholes can be deadly, especially if they occur along roadways or in commercial centers. In the case of sinkholes, repairing damaged structures and infrastructure may be cost prohibitive. Associated demolition and reconstruction costs may exceed any property owner's or participating jurisdiction's financial capacity and may result in the structure or infrastructure being abandoned, saddling the County with any associated costs and challenges.

#### **5) Vulnerability**

Given the lack of officially reported historical damage data, it's not possible to specifically identify which buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities are vulnerable to damages significant enough to interrupt or stop normal operations. The unpredictable nature of the hazard adds an additional layer of complication, and it makes identifying differences in vulnerability impossible at this time. Therefore, all are considered equally vulnerable to land subsidence.

As information on the hazard is gathered more closely moving forward, local vulnerability will be revised accordingly.

### A) Critical Facilities

Table 65: Critical Facilities Vulnerable to Land Subsidence

Jurisdiction	Critical Facilities
Bee County	Bee County Expo Center
	Bee County Courthouse
	Blanconia VFD
	Medio Creek Bridge (Normanna Bridge)
	Normanna Post Office
	Pawnee Elementary / Pawnee Junior High School
	Pawnee Post Office
	Pawnee VFD
	Pettus - Tuleta VFD
	Pettus Elementary School
	Pettus High School
	Pettus Post Office
	Pettus Station (Electricity)
	Skidmore Post Office
	Skidmore Station (Electricity)
	Skidmore VFD
	Skidmore Water Supply Corp.
	Skidmore-Tynan Elementary / Junior High School / High School
	Clem and Bettie Stoltzfus Community Center
	Tuleta Post Office
	Tynan Post Office
	Tynan VFD
	Tynan Water Supply Corp.
	Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehab
City of Beeville	A.C. Jones High School
	Bee County Library (Praeger Building)
	Bee County Sheriff
	Bee County Tax Assessor Building
	Beeville Art Museum
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville
	Beeville City Hall
	Beeville Community Center
	Beeville Municipal Airport Government Facility
	Beeville Police Department
	Beeville Post Office
	Beeville Utility Department / Water System Facility
	Beeville Wastewater Treatment Plant

	Beeville Water System Elevated Water Storage Tank
	Beeville Water System Facility
	C. M. Smitty Smith Central Fire Station
	Chase Field
	Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville
	Coastal Plains Community Center
	Faden-McKeown-Chambliss Elementary School
	H-E-B Pharmacy
	IBC Beeville
	La Amistad Adult Care & Activity Center
	Moreno Junior High School
	Prosperity Bank Beeville
	R.A. Hall Elementary School
	Rialto Theater
	Schulz & Wroten Pharmacy Inc.
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Garza East Unit
	Wal Mart / Pharmacy
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	Fred C. Latcham Jr. Science Building
	Central Plant Building
	R.W. Dirks Student Services Building
	Peter S. Marecek Physical Education Center (Gym)

### ***B) Vulnerable Parcels***

Table 66: Estimated Potential Damage Values by Jurisdiction

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Climate change could affect communities in a variety of ways, but it is currently unclear what extent the impacts will have on the Planning Area. It is anticipated that hazard-causing events will fluctuate due to climate change over time. As new information and new models are developed, a climate change Risk Assessment may be enhanced to measure and assess these impacts more accurately.

“Global climate change is affecting the future inundation risks both through accelerating ice sheet melting (increasing the rate of SLR) and through more intense droughts, leading to unprecedented groundwater overdraft and associated localized coastal land subsidence.”<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.aap9234>



## 18. Mitigation Strategy

### 1) Capability Assessment

Bee County and the participating jurisdictions have shown themselves to be highly capable, especially in terms of implementing hazard mitigation actions. All three jurisdictions participated in the 2017 plan. Each of these jurisdictions completed, or is in the process of completing, many of the actions recommended in the 2017 plan.

In addition to reviewing previous actions and the steps taken to implement them, the planning team reviewed existing regulatory capabilities and opportunities for establishing new capabilities and enhancing existing ones. At this time, all jurisdictions could improve their hazard mitigation capabilities through the following efforts: budgeting for mitigation actions and support, passing policies and procedures to implement mitigation actions, adopting, and implementing stricter mitigation regulations, approving the hiring, and training of staff for mitigation activities, and approving mitigation updates and additions to existing plans as new needs are recognized. The participating cities could further improve their capabilities by creating and adopting regularly updated comprehensive plans.

Table 67: Capability Assessment by Jurisdiction

<b>Bee County</b>
<b>Administrative, Financial, Regulatory, and Technical Abilities</b>
Floodplain Management
Emergency Management
Road and Bridge Management
Comprehensive Planning
Economic Development
Grant Writing
General Budgeting
CDBG Funding
State and Federal Grant Funding
Tax Collection

<b>City of Beeville</b>
<b>Administrative, Financial, Regulatory, and Technical Abilities</b>
Floodplain management
Emergency Management
Subdivision
Zoning
Building Code Enforcement

Nuisance Abatement
Substandard Structures Abatement
Water Conservation Planning
Drought Contingency Planning
Comprehensive Planning
Economic Development
Grant Writing
General Budgeting
CDBG Funding
State and Federal Grant Funding
Tax Collection

Coastal Bend College Administrative, Financial, Regulatory, and Technical Abilities
Emergency Planning
Facilities Management
Tax Collection
Grant Writing
General Budgeting
CIP Funding
CDBG Funding
State and Federal Grant Funding

## Building Codes

Table 68: Building Codes Per Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Codes	Description
Bee County	ICC – International Building Codes	The County defers to the State of Texas, which recommends the International Building Codes. The County has no enforcement in place.
Beeville	ICC – International Building Codes	The City of Beeville has adopted the 2015 International Building Codes, including Residential Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, Fuel Gas Code, Energy Code, and Electrical Code.
Coastal Bend College	ICC – International Building Codes	The College defers to the City of Beeville and State of Texas, which recommends the

		International Building Codes. The College has no enforcement in place.
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## 2) Goals and Objectives Overview

The hazard analysis has shown that Bee County and the participating jurisdictions are at risk of multiple natural hazards. The following goals and objectives take a broad approach to improving outcomes before, during, and after these anticipated natural hazard events.

The goals and objectives in this plan reflect the overarching priorities identified by the communities and are similar to the goals listed in the 2017 plan. They have been expanded to include public services, public infrastructure, economic impacts, civic resources, and cultural resources as priorities in addition to reducing loss of life, injury, property damage, and preservation of natural resources. The mitigation actions the County and participating jurisdictions have selected are designed to address specific hazard-related issues in support of achieving the desired goals and objectives.

## 3) Long-Term Vision

The hazard mitigation plan must strike a balance between identifying long-term goals and objectives and prioritized mitigation actions that may be addressed sooner, depending on funding availability and local priorities. The result is that certain goals and objectives don't have a corresponding mitigation action. Instead, by taking the long view, the local planning team has created a framework that can be developed as the plan is updated over time.

## 4) Goals

### A) Goal 1: To reduce loss of life and injury to persons

#### Objective 1.1

Improve the delivery and effectiveness of warning messages

#### Objective 1.2

Preserve public and private emergency response capability (9-1-1, law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, hospitals).

#### Objective 1.3

Utilize available mitigation measures to prevent or reduce life-threatening impacts of natural hazards.

#### Objective 1.4

Reduce obstacles to timely and safe evacuation of flood hazard areas.

*Objective 1.5*

Reduce vulnerability of individuals living in mobile homes / manufactured housing.

*Objective 1.6*

Reduce life or health threatening impacts on individuals with special physical care requirements.

*Objective 1.7*

Reduce secondary impacts to health and safety from cascading effects.

***B) Goal 2: To reduce disruptions to essential public services and infrastructure***

*Objective 2.1*

Minimize disruption to and enhance rapid restoration of utilities.

*Objective 2.2*

Minimize disruption to and enhance rapid restoration of essential transportation infrastructure.

*Objective 2.3*

Minimize disruption to governmental, educational, and other institutions providing services to the public.

***C) Goal 3: To reduce economic impacts to individuals, businesses, and area institutions***

*Objective 3.1*

Increase home and business owner investment in available mitigation measures for private property.

*Objective 3.2*

Increase home and business owner participation in appropriate insurance programs.

*Objective 3.3*

Increase public and private sector development and use of operations continuity strategies.

*Objective 3.4*

Utilize available mitigation measures to prevent or reduce economic losses from natural hazards.

*Objective 3.5*

Reduce vulnerability of existing development by encouraging property owners to participate in buy-out or flood-proofing opportunities.

*Objective 3.6*

Reduce vulnerability of future development by utilizing available planning and structural standards.

***D) Goal 4: To reduce losses to civic, cultural, and environmental resources***

*Objective 4.1*

Protect public investment in community-owned facilities and infrastructure through appropriate structural, non-structural, and financial methods.

*Objective 4.2*

Reduce future losses to the non-profit sector through participation in available mitigation opportunities.

*Objective 4.3*

Reduce vulnerability of historically or culturally significant structures.

*Objective 4.4*

Minimize environmental impacts from cascading effects.

**5) Mitigation Action Plan**

***A) Mitigation Action Prioritization***

The planning team members have identified at least two mitigation actions per natural hazard. The previous plan had a prioritization process utilizing the STAPLEE criteria and benefit-cost review, their prioritization considered cost effectiveness; technical feasibility; and environmental soundness of each action; project implementation; and administrative barriers. For this update, action items were identified and prioritized in consideration of the following criteria:

- 1) Life safety and property protection improvements
- 2) Cost effectiveness – do the action’s future benefits exceed its implementation costs
- 3) Technical feasibility – is the action reasonable given its technical requirements
- 4) Political acceptability
- 5) Administrative capabilities and legal authorities for implementation
- 6) Funding availability
- 7) The action’s environmental impacts
- 8) The action’s social acceptability
- 9) The action’s ability to reduce risk to more than one hazard
- 10) The ease of implementation
- 11) The availability of a local champion
- 12) The action’s relationship to other community objectives

In addition to considering an action's cost effectiveness as described above, the planning team considered TDEM's Cost-Effectiveness, Environmental Soundness and Technical Feasibility requirements as they relate to construction projects. Mitigation actions relating to physical infrastructure will meet the State's standards as outlined below:

- A. Any state government construction project, regardless of potential funding source, has to be cost effective, technically feasible and meet all of the appropriate federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations before it is started.
- B. State government projects funded by Federal Mitigation Grant Programs administered by TDEM have to meet specific criteria related to cost effectiveness, environmental soundness and technical feasibility. These are outlined in the applicable FEMA grant program guidance for that particular funding program.

***B) Incorporation and Integration of Existing Capabilities and Hazard Mitigation***

As previously outlined, the planning team reviewed a range of codes, ordinances, and planning studies that have been adopted by the participating jurisdictions. The planning team's goal was to understand how these existing capabilities might affect mitigation actions in terms of implementation and enforcement.

**Mitigation Action Status – 2017 Plan**

In addition to reviewing existing codes, ordinances, and planning studies, the planning team also examined the status of each mitigation action identified in the 2017 plan.

Mitigation actions marked as abandoned are no longer considered relevant as written to the participating jurisdictions. Deferred and in progress actions are indicated with an asterisk (\*) in the new actions tables in Chapter 18, Part C.

Table 69: Previous Mitigation Actions – All Jurisdictions

Bee County Mitigation Actions Status		
Hazards Addressed	Mitigation Actions	Status
Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Drought, Earthquake, Expansive Soils, Extreme Heat, Hailstorms, Land Subsidence, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning	Educational Outreach	<i>In progress</i>
Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Hailstorms, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms	Implement a Tree Trimming Program	<i>In progress</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Extreme Heat, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning, Flood	Install Backup Generators	<i>In progress</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Windstorms	Construct Community Safe Rooms	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Hailstorms, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning, Flood	Install Warning Systems	<i>In progress</i>
Earthquakes, Hailstorms	Harden Facilities	<i>In progress</i>
Wildfire	Wildfire Fuels Reduction	<i>In Progress</i>
Drought	Develop and Implement a New Drought Ordinance	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Drought	Plant drought resistant vegetation on County, City, and College properties to limit water consumption	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Expansive Soils	Update Building and Road Construction Requirements	<i>In progress</i>
Extreme Heat	Set up Cooling Centers in Existing Facilities	<i>In progress</i>
Land Subsidence	Create and Adopt an Ordinance that Outlines Requirements for Filling Sinkholes	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>

Land Subsidence	Create a Program to Relocate Structures in Sinkhole-prone Areas	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
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City of Beeville Mitigation Actions Status		
Hazards Addressed	Mitigation Actions	Status
Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Drought, Earthquake, Expansive Soils, Extreme Heat, Hailstorms, Land Subsidence, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning	Educational Outreach	<i>In Progress</i>
Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Hailstorms, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms	Implement a Tree Trimming Program	<i>In Progress</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Extreme Heat, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning, Flood	Install Backup Generators	<i>In Progress</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Windstorms	Construct Community Safe Rooms	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Hailstorms, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning, Flood	Install Warning Systems	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Earthquakes, Hailstorms	Harden Facilities	<i>Abandoned: No longer deemed relevant</i>
Wildfire	Wildfire Fuels Reduction	<i>Abandoned: No longer deemed relevant</i>
Drought	Develop and Implement a New Drought Ordinance	<i>Completed</i>
Drought	Plant drought resistant vegetation on County, City, and College properties to limit water consumption	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Expansive Soils	Update Building and Road Construction Requirements	<i>In Progress: City has adopted building codes but yet to adopt road construction requirements</i>



Extreme Heat	Set up Cooling Centers in Existing Facilities	<i>Completed</i>
Land Subsidence	Create and Adopt an Ordinance that Outlines Requirements for Filling Sinkholes	<i>Abandoned: Deemed not applicable as there are no known sinkhole-prone areas within the City limits</i>
Land Subsidence	Create a Program to Relocate Structures in Sinkhole-prone Areas	<i>Abandoned: Deemed not applicable as there are no known sinkhole-prone areas within the City limits.</i>

City of Coastal Bend College Mitigation Actions Status		
Hazards Addressed	Mitigation Actions	Status
Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Drought, Earthquake, Expansive Soils, Extreme Heat, Hailstorms, Land Subsidence, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning	Educational Outreach	<i>In Progress</i>
Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Hailstorms, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms	Implement a Tree Trimming Program	<i>In Progress</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Extreme Heat, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning, Flood	Install Backup Generators	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Windstorms	Construct Community Safe Rooms	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornados, Hailstorms, Severe Winter Storms, Windstorms, Lightning, Flood	Install Warning Systems	<i>Completed</i>
Earthquakes, Hailstorms	Harden Facilities	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Wildfire	Wildfire Fuels Reduction	<i>Completed</i>

Drought	Develop and Implement a New Drought Ordinance	<i>In Progress</i>
Drought	Plant drought resistant vegetation on County, City, and College properties to limit water consumption	<i>In Progress</i>
Expansive Soils	Update Building and Road Construction Requirements	<i>In Progress</i>
Extreme Heat	Set up Cooling Centers in Existing Facilities	<i>In Progress</i>
Land Subsidence	Create and Adopt an Ordinance that Outlines Requirements for Filling Sinkholes	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Land Subsidence	Create a Program to Relocate Structures in Sinkhole-prone Areas	<i>Deferred to Plan Update</i>
Hurricanes / Tropical Storms, Tornadoes, Windstorms, Lightning	Create and Implement a Program to Identify Critical Functions Performed at Critical Facilities to Mitigate Future Disruption due to Natural Hazard Events	<i>Completed</i>
Windstorms, Lightning	Install Surge Protection and Grounding Systems to Protect Electronic Assets	<i>In Progress</i>

Each jurisdiction has its own established process for integrating new actions, codes, ordinances, plans, and studies into its existing capabilities. Integration of the 2017 HMAP did not occur. Therefore, new tracking measures may be implemented to ensure future staff complete plan integration processes as outlined below. The planning team will ensure that each jurisdiction's various departments continue to integrate hazard mitigation actions into their day-to-day processes.

Table 70: Plan Integration

Department	All Departments	Commissioners' Court, Road and Bridge, Mayor's Office/Council, Public Works, Economic Development	Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, Public Works, Mayor's Office, Floodplain Manager,	Office of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office, Mayor and Council, Commissioners' Court, Administrative Office	Office of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office, Chief of Fire Department	Office of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office, Administrative Office	Floodplain Manager, Mayor's Office
Activity	Annual Budget	Capital Improvement Projects	Comprehensive Master Plan	Public Involvement	Emergency Operations	Grant Application	Floodplain Management
Time Frame	Quarterly/ Annual workshops	Bi-annually	Every 10 Years	As Needed	Annually	Annual Funding Cycles	Annually
Integration Process	Discuss integration of medium and high priority actions with Commissioners' Court, Council, or Schoolboard (as appropriate) concerning feasibility, potential funding sources, and a preliminary cost benefit review.	Discuss inclusion of mitigation actions with CIPs. Ensure CIPs are consistent with mitigation actions, NFIP compliance, and any new land use development.	Review existing floodplain and land use controls to ensure that long term goals are consistent with actions in the HMAP.	Utilize jurisdictional web sites, social media, and other forms of advertising to make announcements of any periodic review activities concerning potential amendments or updating of the HMAP	Review prevention and protection projects for continued relevance. Ensure appropriate actions and information are included in the Emergency Operation Plan.	Review and update mitigation actions as necessary based on funding opportunities available through FEMA FMA, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP, and other grant funding sources.	Update and maintain floodplain information including but not limited to: maps, construction practices, permitting, and NFIP compliance.
Jurisdiction							
Bee County	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
City of Beeville	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coastal Bend College	x			x		x	

Each new mitigation action below outlines the following requirements: the identified responsible department head or delegate will research all relevant information to confirm the action’s feasibility and prioritization, will formulate a plan of action, and will confirm funding sources and identify any fiscal liabilities associated with the mitigation action.

As part of each jurisdiction’s commitment to transparency, all relevant information, including but not limited to that described above and in each action’s description, will be presented to the public before the action is formally adopted for implementation. After public notification, the integration process will resemble the one outlined in Table 70 below.

**Table 71: Integration Process**

Jurisdiction	Integration Process
Bee County	<p>After considering integrating mitigation actions with the activities outlined in Table 69 above, mitigation actions will be presented, considered, and formally adopted by the County Commissioners’ Court and County Judge.</p> <p>Bee County will also use the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan as a technical reference and data source for identified and future mitigation actions, as well as future planning processes.</p>
City of Beeville	<p>After considering integrating mitigation actions with the activities outlined in Table 69 above, mitigation actions will be presented, considered, and formally adopted by the council and mayor.</p> <p>The City of Beeville will also use the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan as a technical reference and data source for identified and future mitigation actions, as well as future planning processes.</p>
Coastal Bend College	<p>After considering integrating mitigation actions with the activities outlined in Table 69 above, mitigation actions will be presented, considered, and formally adopted by the Physical Plant Director, College President’s Office, and Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The Coastal Bend College will also use the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan as a technical reference and data source for identified and future mitigation actions, as well as future planning processes.</p>

### ***C) Mitigation Actions by Jurisdiction and by Hazard***

Each jurisdiction has selected actions that were identified as high or medium priority and that are in line with TDEM’s recommended mitigation actions. However, many of the mitigation actions below are dependent upon outside grant funding for implementation. For all actions likely to require grant funding, potential sources have been identified. However, grant funding is awarded on a competitive basis, thus applying for funding doesn’t guarantee that funds will

be received. Budget constraints will remain the determining factor for how and when each action is implemented.

#### i. Bee County

##### *Multi-Hazard Actions*

The following mitigation action items may indicate an asterisk (\*) in the case the new actions reflect actions that were deferred from the previous 2017 plan.

Mitigation Action	Educational Outreach *
Objective	This action will create a program to educate the public about specific mitigation actions for all hazards, including but not limited to participation in Wildfire Fuels Reduction, Tornado Saferooms, Structural Hardening, etc.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Drought, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake, Expansive Soils, Land Subsidence
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000 per hazard
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB, GLO
Responsible Department	Emergency Management, Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population

Mitigation Action	Implement a Tree Trimming Program *
Objective	This action will develop and implement a tree trimming program to reduce loose / dead tree limbs that may cause damage during a hazard event.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Hailstorm, Winter Weather, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$500,0000
Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Commissioners' Court, Road & Bridge Dept.

Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Set up Cooling and Heating Centers *
Objective	The action's goal is to increase resilience by limiting vulnerable populations' exposure to extreme weather by creating new or opening existing facilities as cooling centers or warming centers.
Hazard	Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 to \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	County Commissioners' Court & Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install and/or Purchase Back Up Power Generators *
Objective	Installing generators at critical facilities will help ensure physical safety for facility occupants and maintain electronic systems functionality during power outages. Portable generators will maintain additional systems functionality including but not limited to lift stations, pumps, and communications infrastructure.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	More than \$100,000 Each for Fixed Generators, Including Associated Engineering Costs. Less than \$100,000 Each for Portable Generators
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Commissioners' Court & Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install and Expand Warning Systems/Weather Radio *
Objective	Warning systems will help limit local vulnerability to tornados by giving residents an opportunity to take shelter before one occurs.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$1,000 - \$100,000 per device
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Commissioners' Court, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	Short Term – 1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population

Mitigation Action	Establish Community Safe Rooms *
Objective	The action's goal is to provide a place of temporary refuge and or supply distribution location for the vulnerable public before, after, and during Hurricane/Tropical Storm and Tornado events. This action proposes constructing new or retrofit existing structures to serve as a safe room.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Tornado, Severe Winds
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	Greater than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Commissioners' Court, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	Short Term: 1 - 2 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Harden Facilities *
Objective	This action proposes hardening facilities. Hardening will include but is not limited to increasing thermal insulation, upgrading and/or adding shatter-resistant films to all glazing, installing impact and wind-resistant windows and doors, installing shutters, building protective walls around exposed gas tanks and cylinders, shielding roof-mounted equipment.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Tornado, Hailstorm, Windstorm
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Greater than \$100,000

Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Commissioners' Court, Emergency Management, Maintenance Department
Implementation Schedule	Greater than 5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

### *Single Hazard Actions*

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
Objective	This action proposes developing a flood damage prevention ordinance and appointing a floodplain manager in order to maintain compliance with NFIP.
Hazard	Flood
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$1,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	County
Responsible Department	Commissioners' Court, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Upgrade Existing Drainage Pump Stations
Objective	This action proposes upgrading existing drainage pump stations to reduce the potential impacts of future flood events.
Hazard	Flooding
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Commissioner's Court, Public Works, Road & Bridge Dept.
Implementation Schedule	3 - 5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Check Valves
Objective	This action proposes installing check valves to prevent backflow and reduce the potential impacts of future flood events.
Hazard	Flooding
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 to \$100,000



Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB
Responsible Department	Commissioner's Court, Public Works, Road & Bridge Dept.
Implementation Schedule	3 - 5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Purchase Portable or Permanent Pumps
Objective	This action proposes purchasing portable or permanent pumps that can be deployed as needed to reduce the potential impacts of future flood events.
Hazard	Flooding
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 to \$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB
Responsible Department	Commissioner's Court, Public Works, Road & Bridge Dept.
Implementation Schedule	0 - 2 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Wildfire Fuels Reduction in WUI *
Objective	This action will develop and implement a program to identify and prioritize lands in the Wildland Urban Interface in need of fuels reduction and then reduce or remove wildfire fuels through various methods as appropriate.
Hazard	Wildfire
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Commissioner's Court, Public Works, Road & Bridge Dept.
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Surge Protection to Protect Electronic Assets
Objective	This action will install surge protection at all County facilities to prevent damage to critical electronic devices including but not limited to: computers, servers, audio/visual equipment, laboratory equipment, and appliances.
Hazard	Lightning
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$1,000 - \$50,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Commissioners' Court, Emergency Management, Precinct Office, IT Department
Implementation Schedule	0 - 2 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a New Drought Contingency Plan *
Objective	Re-evaluate all existing drought control measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new or updated drought contingency plan.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Commissioner's Court, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Replace Current Landscaping with Drought Resistant Plant Varieties *
Objective	This action's goal is to limit water consumption and maintained facilities by replacing existing landscaping with more drought resistant types.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Planning Dept., Public Works, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	0 – 2 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Create and Adopt an Ordinance that Outlines Requirements for Filling Sinkholes *
Objective	This action will develop and implement an ordinance to establish requirements for properly filling in sinkholes.
Hazard	Land Subsidence
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Commissioner's Court, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Create a Program to Relocate Structures in Sinkhole-prone Areas *
Objective	This action will develop and implement a program to relocate structures out of sinkhole-prone areas to less hazardous ones.
Hazard	Land Subsidence
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000 to establish program. Relocation costs will vary by structure.
Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Commissioner's Court, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Update and/or Implement Building and Road Construction Requirements and Ordinances *
Objective	This action will update and/or implement building and road construction requirements and/or ordinances to include techniques and materials that mitigate against expansive soils.
Hazard	Expansive Soils
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP

Responsible Department(s)	Planning Dept., Emergency Management, Building Code, Ordinance
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

## ii. City of Beeville

The following mitigation action items may indicate an asterisk (\*) in the case the new actions reflect actions that were deferred from the previous 2017 plan.

### *Multi-Hazard Actions*

Mitigation Action	Educational Outreach *
Objective	This action will create a program to educate the public about specific mitigation actions for all hazards, including but not limited to participation in Wildfire Fuels Reduction, Tornado Saferooms, Structural Hardening, etc.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Drought, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake, Expansive Soils, Land Subsidence
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000 per hazard
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB, GLO
Responsible Department	Emergency Management, Police Department, Fire Department, Community Engagement Director
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population

Mitigation Action	Implement a Tree Trimming Program *
Objective	This action will develop and implement a tree trimming program to reduce loose / dead tree limbs that may cause damage during a hazard event.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Hailstorm, Winter Weather, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$500,0000
Potential Funding Source(s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Public Works
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Establish Community Safe Rooms *
Objective	The action's goal is to provide a place of temporary refuge and or supply distribution location for the vulnerable public before, after, and during Hurricane/Tropical Storm and Tornado events. This action proposes constructing new or retrofit existing structures to serve as a safe room.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Tornado, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Greater than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Mayor and Council, Planning Dept., City Administrator
Implementation Schedule	Short Term: 1 - 2 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Construct Storm Drainage Infrastructure
Objective	This action proposes constructing new and/or widening storm drainage infrastructure to reduce the potential impacts of future flood events. Including but not limited to increasing capacity of ditches, culverts, detention ponds.
Hazard	Flooding, Hurricanes/Tropical Storms
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	More than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB
Responsible Department	Planning Department, Public Works, City Administrator
Implementation Schedule	3 - 5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Set up Cooling and Heating Centers in Facilities *
Objective	The action's goal is to increase resilience by limiting vulnerable populations' exposure to extreme heat by creating new or opening existing facilities as cooling centers or warming centers.
Hazard	Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 to \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Emergency Management, City Administrator

Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install and/or Purchase Back Up Power Generators *
Objective	Installing generators at critical facilities will help ensure physical safety for facility occupants and maintain electronic systems functionality during power outages. Portable generators will maintain additional systems functionality including but not limited to lift stations, pumps, and communications infrastructure.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	More than \$100,000 Each for Fixed Generators, Including Associated Engineering Costs. Less than \$100,000 Each for Portable Generators
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Mayor and Council, Emergency Management, City Administrator
Implementation Schedule	5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Impact and Wind-resistant Windows and Doors at Public Facilities
Objective	This action proposes hardening facilities. Hardening will include adding impact and wind-resistant doors and windows at critical and public facilities.
Hazard	Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Tornados, Hailstorm, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Mayor and Council, Building Code, Ordinance
Implementation Schedule	5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install and Expand Warning Systems/Weather Radio *
Objective	Warning systems will help limit local vulnerability to tornados by giving residents an opportunity to take shelter before one occurs.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$1,000 - \$100,000 per device
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Planning Department, Emergency Management, Mayor and Council, City Administration
Implementation Schedule	Short Term – 1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population

### *Single Hazard Actions*

Mitigation Action	Create Drainage Master Plan
Objective	This action proposes creating a drainage master plan for the City, in conjunction with the County, that will provide the City with a comprehensive planning document that provides basic information and necessary guidance for the county-wide drainage system, including but not limited to an H&H study.
Hazard	Flood
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Planning Department, Public Works, City Administrator
Implementation Schedule	5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a New Drought Contingency Plan
Objective	Re-evaluate all existing drought control measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new or updated drought contingency plan.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	High



Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Mayor and Council, Ordinance, City Administrator
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a New Water Conservation Ordinance
Objective	Jurisdiction will re-evaluate all existing water conservation and reduction measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new water conservation ordinance.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Mayor and Council, Ordinance, City Administrator
Implementation Schedule	Short Term – 1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Replace Current Landscaping with Drought Resistant Plant Varieties *
Objective	This action's goal is to limit water consumption and maintained facilities by replacing existing landscaping with more drought resistant types.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Mayor and Council, Building Code, Planning Dept., Ordinance
Implementation Schedule	0 – 2 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Replace Water Fixtures with Low Flow Units
Objective	This action's goal is to limit water consumption at City-owned and maintained facilities by replacing traditional water fixtures with low flow units.
Hazard	Drought

Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP, GLO
Responsible Department	Mayor and Council, Planning Dept., Ordinance
Implementation Schedule	Medium Term: 3-5 Years
Target	Existing and Future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a New Tie-Down Ordinance for Manufactured / Mobile Homes, Temporary Buildings, and Unrestrained Advertisement Signs
Objective	The City will re-evaluate all existing tie-down measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new tie-down ordinance.
Hazard	Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Mayor and Council, Building Code, Planning Dept., Ordinance
Implementation Schedule	0 – 2 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Surge Protection and Grounding Systems to Protect Electronic Assets *
Objective	This action will install surge protection at all City facilities to prevent damage to critical electronic devices including but not limited to: computers, servers, audio/visual equipment, laboratory equipment, and appliances.
Hazard	Lightning
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	\$1,000 - \$50,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	City Administrator, I.T. Department, Building Code
Implementation Schedule	0 - 2 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Update and/or Implement Building and Road Construction Requirements and Ordinances *
Objective	This action will update and/or implement building and road construction requirements and/or ordinances to include techniques and materials that mitigate against expansive soils.
Hazard	Expansive Soils
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	City, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Building Code, Ordinance
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

### iii. Coastal Bend College

The following mitigation action items may indicate an asterisk (\*) in the case the new actions reflect actions that were deferred from the previous 2017 plan.

#### *Multi-Hazard Actions*

Mitigation Action	Educational Outreach*
Objective	This action will create a program to educate the public about specific mitigation actions for all hazards, including but not limited to participation in Wildfire Fuels Reduction, Tornado Saferooms, Structural Hardening, etc.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Drought, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake, Expansive Soils, Land Subsidence
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000 per hazard
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population

Mitigation Action	Implement a Tree Trimming Program*
Objective	This action will develop and implement a tree trimming program to reduce loose / dead tree limbs that may cause damage during a hazard event.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Wildfire, Tornado, Hailstorm, Winter Weather, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$500,0000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Establish Community Safe Rooms *
Objective	The action's goal is to provide a place of temporary refuge and or supply distribution location for the vulnerable public before, after, and during Hurricane/Tropical Storm and Tornado events. This action proposes constructing new or retrofit existing structures to serve as a safe room.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Tornado, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Greater than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	Short Term: 1 - 2 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Harden Facilities *
Objective	This action proposes hardening facilities. Hardening will include but is not limited to reinforcing building foundations, increasing thermal insulation, upgrading and/or adding shatter-resistant films to all glazing, installing impact and wind-resistant windows and doors, installing shutters, building protective walls around exposed gas tanks and cylinders, shielding roof-mounted equipment, etc.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Tornado, Hailstorm, Windstorm, Winter Weather, Land Subsidence
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Greater than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	Greater than 5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Impact and Wind-resistant Windows and Doors at Public Facilities
Objective	This action proposes hardening facilities. Hardening will include adding impact and wind-resistant doors and windows at critical and public facilities.
Hazard	Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Tornados, Hailstorm, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Purchase Back Up Power Generators *
Objective	Installing generators at critical facilities will help ensure physical safety for facility occupants and maintain electronic systems functionality during power outages. Portable generators will maintain additional systems functionality including but not limited to lift stations, pumps, and communications infrastructure.
Hazard	Hurricane/Tropical Storm, Flood, Wildfire, Tornado, Extreme Heat, Hailstorm, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather, Severe Winds, Lightning, Earthquake
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	More than \$100,000 Each for Fixed Generators, Including Associated Engineering Costs. Less than \$100,000 Each for Portable Generators
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Set up Cooling and Heating Centers in Facilities *
Objective	The action's goal is to increase resilience by limiting vulnerable populations' exposure to extreme heat by creating new or opening existing facilities as cooling centers or warming centers.
Hazard	Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Winter Weather

Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 to \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Construct Storm Drainage Infrastructure
Objective	This action proposes constructing new and/or widening storm drainage infrastructure to reduce the potential impacts of future flood events. Including but not limited to increasing capacity of ditches, culverts, detention ponds.
Hazard	Flooding, Hurricanes/Tropical Storms
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	More than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	3 - 5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

### *Single Hazard Actions*

Mitigation Action	Purchase Portable or Permanent Pumps
Objective	This action proposes purchasing portable or permanent pumps that can be deployed as needed to reduce the potential impacts of future flood events.
Hazard	Flooding
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 to \$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP, FEMA FMA, TWDB
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	0 - 2 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Automated Flood Warning System
Objective	An automated flood warning system will help limit local vulnerability to floods by giving residents an opportunity to take shelter before an event occurs.
Hazard	Flooding
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population

Mitigation Action	Create Drainage Master Plan
Objective	This action proposes creating a drainage master plan for the area, in conjunction with the County, that will provide the College with a comprehensive planning document that provides basic information and necessary guidance for the county-wide drainage system, including but not limited to an H&H study.
Hazard	Flood
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Wildfire Fuels Reduction in WUI
Objective	This action will develop and implement a program to identify and prioritize lands in the Wildland Urban Interface in need of fuels reduction and then reduce or remove wildfire fuels through various methods as appropriate.
Hazard	Wildfire
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT



Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a New Drought Contingency Plan *
Objective	Re-evaluate all existing drought control measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new or updated drought contingency plan.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a New Water Conservation Ordinance
Objective	Jurisdiction will re-evaluate all existing water conservation and reduction measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new water conservation ordinance.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	Short Term – 1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Replace Current Landscaping with Drought Resistant Plant Varieties *
Objective	This action's goal is to limit water consumption and maintained facilities by replacing existing landscaping with more drought resistant types.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000

Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	0 – 2 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Replace Water Fixtures with Low Flow Units
Objective	This action's goal is to limit water consumption at CBC-owned and maintained facilities by replacing traditional water fixtures with low flow units.
Hazard	Drought
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, FEMA BRIC, FEMA HMGP, GLO
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	Medium Term: 3-5 Years
Target	Existing and Future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Protective Window Shutters on Public Facilities
Objective	This action proposes adding protective shutters to public facilities. Doing so will help limit exposure to hailstorm damages.
Hazard	Hurricane / Tropical Storm, Tornados, Hailstorm, Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	3 - 5 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a New Tie-Down Ordinance for Manufactured / Mobile Homes, Temporary Buildings, and Unrestrained Advertisement Signs
Objective	The College will re-evaluate all existing tie-down measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new tie-down ordinance.
Hazard	Severe Winds
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, FEMA BRIC, FEMA FMA, FEMA HMGP, CDBG-MIT
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	0 – 2 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Surge Protection and Grounding Systems to Protect Electronic Assets *
Objective	This action will install surge protection at all College facilities to prevent damage to critical electronic devices including but not limited to: computers, servers, audio/visual equipment, laboratory equipment, and appliances.
Hazard	Lightning
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	\$1,000 - \$50,000
Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	0 - 2 Years
Target	Existing infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Update Building Code Requirements *
Objective	This action will update building requirements to include techniques and materials that mitigate against earthquakes.
Hazard	Earthquake
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000

Potential Funding Source (s)	Coastal Bend College, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1 - 5 Years
Target	Existing and future infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Create and Adopt an Ordinance that Outlines Requirements for Filling Sinkholes *
Objective	This action will develop and implement an ordinance to establish requirements for properly filling in sinkholes.
Hazard	Land Subsidence
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Ordinances or policies to reduce groundwater depletion
Objective	Re-evaluate all existing groundwater-use control measures to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to develop and enforce a new or updated groundwater consumption ordinance.
Hazard	Land Subsidence
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Create a Program to Relocate Structures in Sinkhole-prone Areas *
Objective	This action will develop and implement a program to relocate structures out of sinkhole-prone areas to less hazardous ones.
Hazard	Land Subsidence
Priority	Low

Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000 to establish program. Relocation costs will vary by structure.
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Update and/or Implement Building and Road Construction Requirements and Ordinances *
Objective	This action will update and/or implement building and road construction requirements and ordinances to include techniques and materials that mitigate against expansive soils.
Hazard	Expansive Soils
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$10,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Removing Existing Structures Suffering from Repetitive Damage
Objective	This action will work to remove existing structures repetitively damaged due to expanding soils.
Hazard	Expansive Soils
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	Greater than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Develop and Implement a Program to Apply Calcium Chloride Soil Stabilizer
Objective	This action will develop and implement a program to apply calcium chloride to areas around public facilities in order to stabilize soils and reduce vulnerability to expansive soils.

Hazard	Expansive Soils
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	Less than \$100,000
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Subgrade Irrigation System
Objective	This action will install subgrade irrigation systems at City of Alice properties to mitigate against expansive soils.
Hazard	Expansive Soils
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$100,000's
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

Mitigation Action	Install Property Perimeter Drainage System
Objective	This action will install drainage systems around the perimeters of the Coastal Bend College properties to mitigate against expansive soils.
Hazard	Expansive Soils
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$100,000's
Potential Funding Source(s)	Coastal Bend College, County, FEMA PDM, FEMA HMGP
Responsible Department(s)	Coastal Bend College, Physical Plant Director, Emergency Management
Implementation Schedule	1-5 Years
Target	Existing and future population and infrastructure

## Appendix A – FIRM Maps

Below are the most recent FIRM products for Bee County, Texas



This map is for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program. It does not necessarily identify all areas subject to flooding, particularly from discharge sources of small size. The community map repository should be consulted for possible updates or additional flood hazard information.

In other, more detailed information is available. Basic Flood Elevations (BFEs) and flood flowways are not determined. Users are encouraged to consult the Flood Floodway and Floodway Study Section Summary of Situations (see <http://www.fema.gov/floodways>) and the Floodway and Floodway Study Section Summary of Situations (see <http://www.fema.gov/floodways>) for more information. The Floodway and Floodway Study Section Summary of Situations (see <http://www.fema.gov/floodways>) for more information. The Floodway and Floodway Study Section Summary of Situations (see <http://www.fema.gov/floodways>) for more information.

Coastal Base Flood Elevations shown on this map apply only to lands of the North Arm and Venetian Canal of 1986 (NAVC-86). Users of this FIRM should be aware that coastal flood elevations are also provided in the Summary of Flood Insurance Rating in the Flood Insurance Study manual for jurisdiction. Elevations shown in the Summary of Flood Insurance Rating should be used to construct and/or modify maps for other purposes when they are higher than the elevations shown on this FIRM.

Boundaries of the floodways were computed at cross sections and interpolated between cross sections. The floodways were based on hydraulic considerations with regard to equivalence of the Valsava Flood Insurance Company Floodway exists and other potential floodway data are provided in the Flood Insurance Study.

Control zones refer to Special Food Areas, may be protected by flood control structures. Refer to Section 2.1 'Food Protection Measures' of the Flood Insurance Study report for information on flood control structure in this jurisdiction.

The projection used in the construction of this map was Texas State Plane, South Central zone (FIPS Zone 4704). The horizontal datum was NAD 83. UTM 18 Spheric Differences in color, whereas, projections of State Plane zones used in the production of FIRMs for adjacent jurisdictions may result in slight positional differences. It may require across jurisdiction boundaries.

Ford elevations of this area are referred to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. These flood elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same vertical datum. For information regarding existing structures, contact the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

For more information on the 2000 Census, visit the National Geographic Society website at <http://www.nationalgeographic.gov> or on World's National Geographic Society at the following address:

National Geographic Society

NDA, NND 17  
National Geologic Survey SSB/C 3, #9232  
1015 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-0232  
(301) 713-1245

To obtain current elevation, occupancy, and/or location information for beehive marks shown on this map, please contact the information services branch of the National Geodetic Survey at (801) 713-3242, or visit their website at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov>.

This map reflects more detailed and up-to-date stream channel configuration

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Corporate limits shown on this map are based on the most data available at the time of publication. Because changes due to annexations or disannexations may have occurred after the map was prepared, map users should contact appropriate community officials to verify current corporate limit locations.

Please refer to the separately printed **Map Index** for an overview map of the county showing the layout of map panels; community map registry addresses; and a listing of Communities that are contributing National Food Insurance Program dollars for each community as well as a listing of the panels on which each community is located.

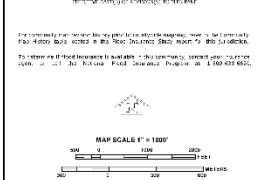
Contact the FEMA Map Service Center at 1-800-353-9376 for information or available products associated with this FIRM. Available products may include previously issued Letters or Notices, a Flood Insurance Study report, and/or data versions of this map. The FEMA Map Service Center may also be

If you have questions about this map or questions concerning the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call 1-877-FEMA-NAP (1-877-325-2624) or visit the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/businessinfo>



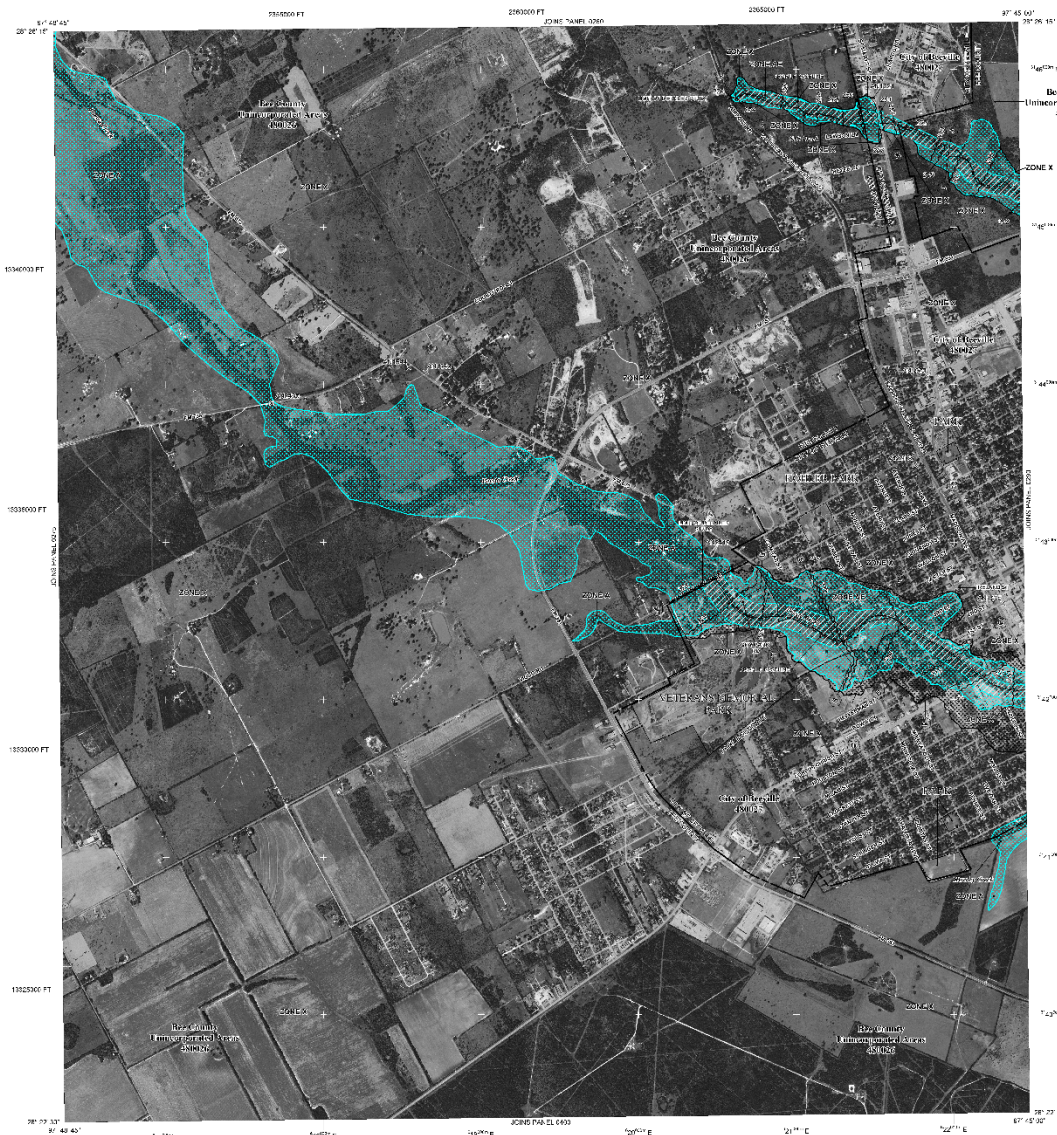
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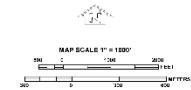


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The community may receive history prior to the community meeting, refer to the Community Plan History Book located in the Fox Coliseum Space (next to the cafeteria).



**FIRM**  
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BEE COUNTY,  
TEXAS  
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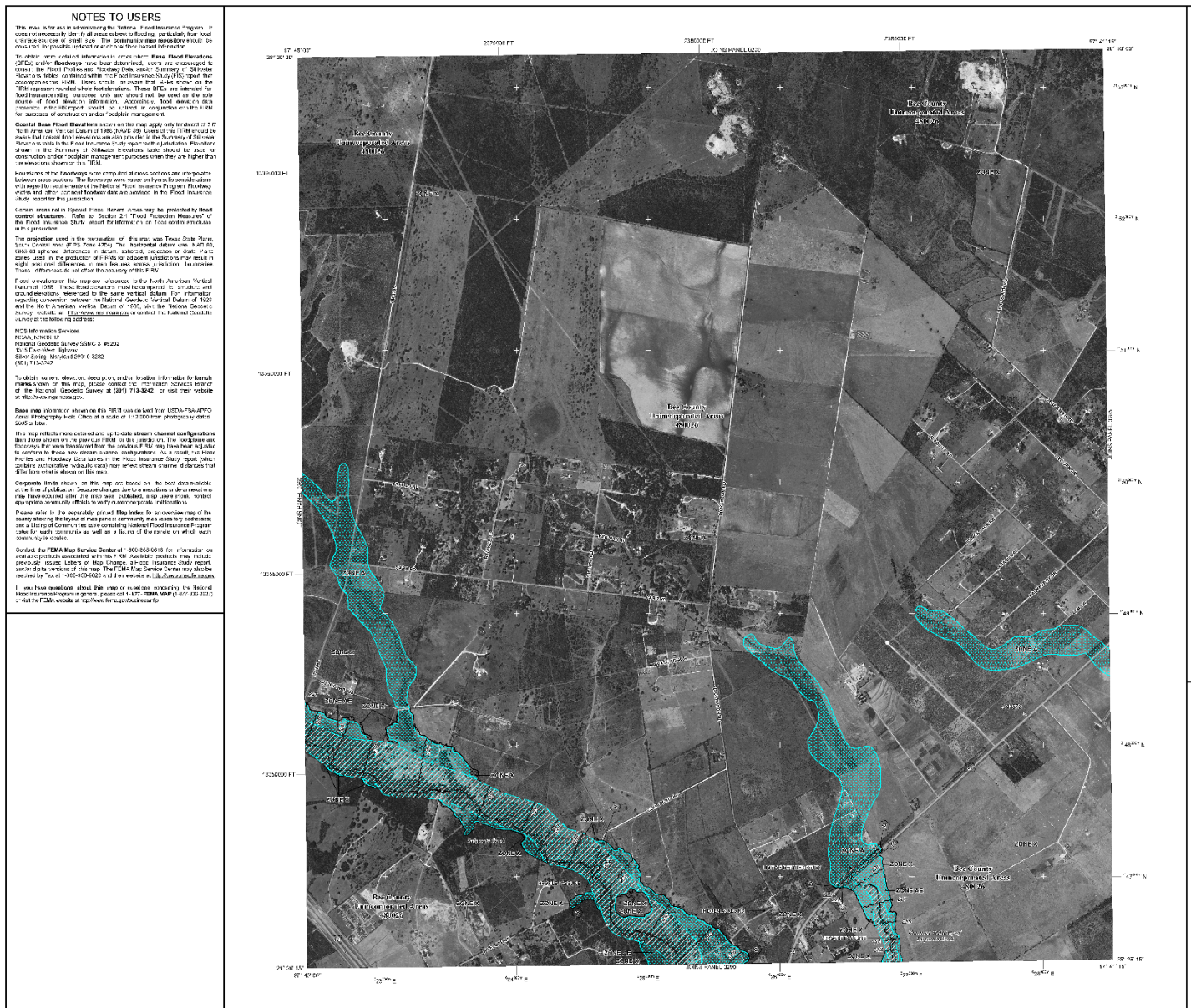
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Coastal Base Flood Elevations shown on this map apply only to lands of the North American Vertical Datum of 1980 (NAVD 88). Users of this FIRM should be aware that coastal "flood zones" are also provided in the Survey of the Atlantic Ocean on this site. The Flood Insurance Study report for the Jacksonville Floodway shown in the Survey of Shalwater Elevators table should be used to construct and/or modify management purposes when they are higher than the elevations shown on this FIRM.

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The projection used in the visualization of the data was Texas State Plane, North Central zone (FIPS Code 47CA). The horizontal datum was NAD 83 (NAD 83 ignores differences in solar, satellite, geopotential or State Plane zones) and in the production of FIRM's for adjacent jurisdictions may result in slight positional differences in data becomes across jurisdiction boundaries. These differences do not affect the accuracy of this FIRM.

Food elevations (the ones we're interested in) from the *North American Vertical Datum of 1988*. These food elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same vertical datum. For information regarding consistency between the *NAD83*, *Geoid*, and *Vertical Datum of 1988* and the *North American Vertical Datum of 1988*, visit the National Geodetic Survey website at: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov> or contact the National Geodetic Survey at the following address:

NCEM, P. 1001-17  
National Geodetic Survey SSB/C 3, #6232  
1515 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-6232  
(301) 713-3347

To obtain current elevations, coordinates, and/or location information for bench marks shown on this map, please contact the National Geodetic Survey at (201) 713-3242, or visit their website at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov>.

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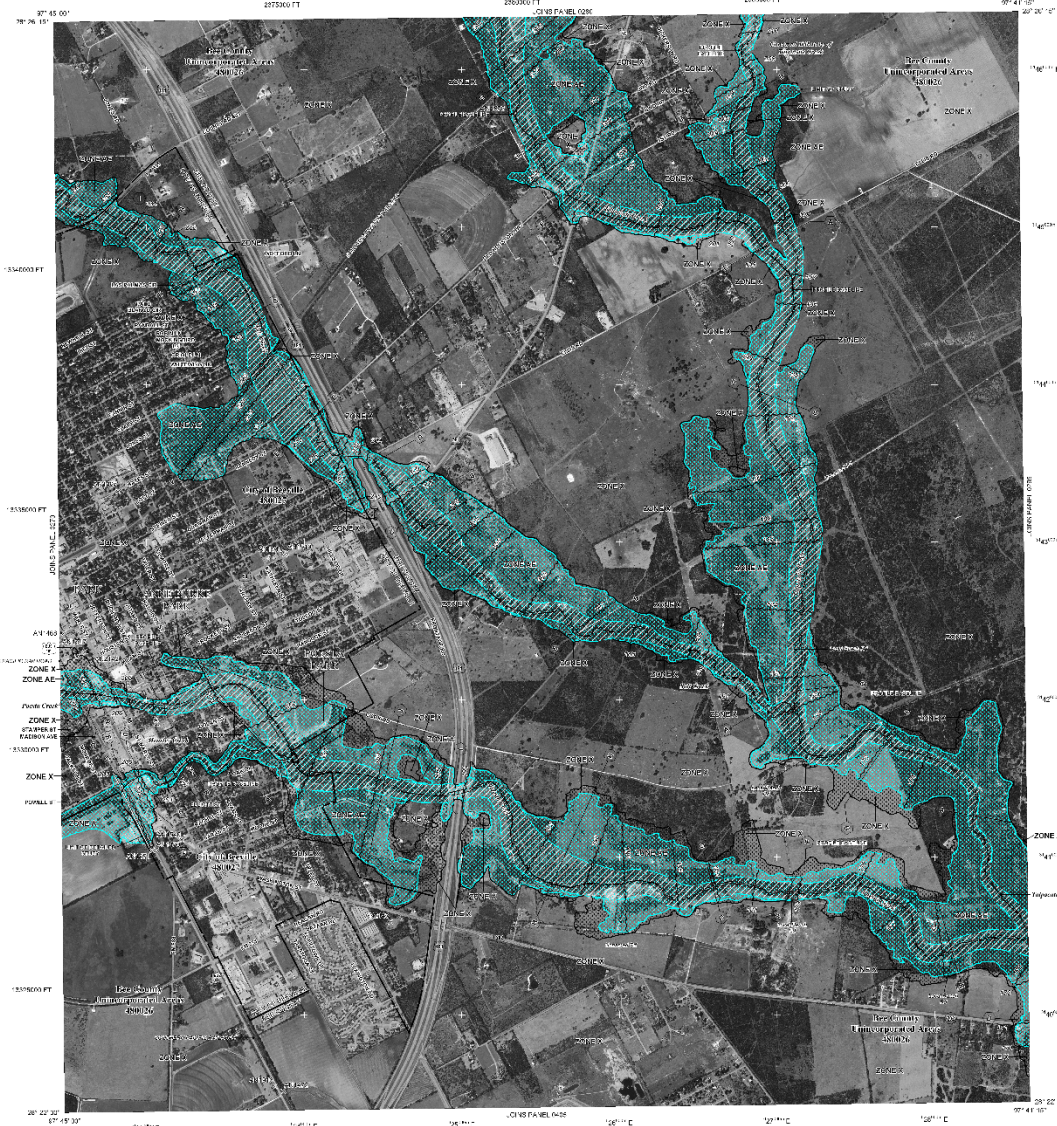
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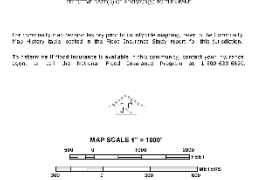
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If you have questions about this map or police coverage, in Italian: Modulo per le domande e le risposte: [phone:tel.1-877-FRANCIA999](mailto:mailto:phone:tel.1-877-FRANCIA999) (1-877-239-2622); or visit the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/businessinfo>



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## **Appendix B: Adoption Resolutions**



## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF BEE COUNTY TEXAS, ADOPTING THE FEMA APPROVED BEE COUNTY, TEXAS MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND APPOINTING THE COUNTY JUDGE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PORTION OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

WHEREAS, Bee County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the County; and

WHEREAS, Bee County has created a county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan for itself and its participants which is in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Bee County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the plan from impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Commissioners Court demonstrates our commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Plan; and


WHEREAS, the adoption of this plan will make Bee County eligible to apply for current open and future Hazard Mitigation Grants; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF BEE COUNTY:


- Section 1. That Bee County adopt the FEMA approved Bee County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Section 2. That the County Judge be appointed the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act on behalf of Bee County in all matters in connection with their portion of the Bee County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.


PASSED AND APPROVED ON February 12, 2024.

  
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Kristofer Linney  
Commissioner, Precinct One


  
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Dennis DeWitt  
Commissioner, Precinct Two

  
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George P. Morrill III  
County Judge

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sammy G. Farias  
Commissioner, Precinct Three

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tino Olivares  
Commissioner, Precinct Four

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Bridge, County Clerk

**CITY OF BEEVILLE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BEEVILLE TEXAS, ADOPTING THE FEMA APPROVED BEE COUNTY, TEXAS MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND APPOINTING THE MAYOR AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PORTION OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the City of Beeville recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beeville has participated in the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan which is in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Beeville from impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the City Council demonstrates our commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this plan will make City of Beeville eligible to apply for current and future Hazard Mitigation Grants; and

WHEREAS, Hazard Mitigation Action Plans are required to appoint an official to act as the Authorized Representative in all matters in connection with their portion of Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEEVILLE, TEXAS**

- Section 1. That the City of Beeville adopt the FEMA approved Bee County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Section 2. That the Mayor be appointed the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act on behalf of the City of Beeville in all matters in connection with their portion of the Bee County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**DULY PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup>~~27<sup>th</sup>~~ day of February 2024 at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beeville, Texas.

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**CITY OF BEEVILLE**

  
Brian Watson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Gabriela Hernandez, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Frank W. Warner, City Attorney

## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF COASTAL BEND COLLEGE TEXAS, ADOPTING THE FEMA APPROVED BEE COUNTY, TEXAS MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND APPOINTING THE PRESIDENT AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PORTION OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

WHEREAS, Coastal Bend College recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the campus; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Bend College has participated in the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan which is in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Coastal Bend College from impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Coastal Bend College Board of Trustees demonstrates our commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this plan will make Coastal Bend College eligible to apply for current and future Hazard Mitigation Grants; and

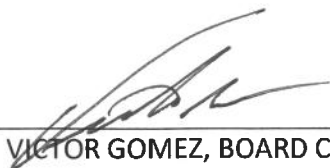
WHEREAS, Hazard Mitigation Action Plans are required to appoint an official to act as the Authorized Representative in all matters in connection with their portion of Bee County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COASTAL BEND COLLEGE:

- Section 1. That Coastal Bend College adopt the FEMA approved Bee County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Section 2. That the President be appointed the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act on behalf of the Coastal Bend College in all matters in connection with their portion of the Bee County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON 07/19/2024, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
VICTOR GOMEZ, BOARD CHAIRMAN  
CARROLL W. LOHSE, BOARD SECRETARY