



# UNITED HOUMA NATION

## TRIBAL RESILIENCE PLAN

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

#### RESILIENCE VISION

The resilience vision of the United Houma Nation (UHN) is a comprehensive approach to coastal resilience in south Louisiana that strategically leverages investments in near-term, mid-term, and long-term efforts.

Implemented through five concurrent phases, our approach directly addresses meeting **post-disaster needs** while **expanding the resilience of individual residents** through provision of services and support for physical and economic health and growth. This near- and mid-term effort is then coupled with **strategic, community-led migration** for continued long-term **preservation of a unique culture, heritage, and community**.

#### RESILIENCE PLAN ACTIONS

The UHN has developed a Resilience Plan comprised of five coinciding phases:

**PHASE 1: Enhance Central Community Resilience Hub.** This phase includes retrofitting the current administration building site to increase flood, wind, and energy resilience, and expand current programming to increase access to health care, educational activities, food security, and economic opportunities.

**PHASE 2: Establish and Enhance Satellite Community Resilience Hubs.** Satellite Hubs will be established in each of the six parishes in the UHN service area in coordination with local governments, non-governmental organizations, and residents of those parishes. Satellite Hubs will provide emergency services, resource distribution, and fill community programming and service needs.

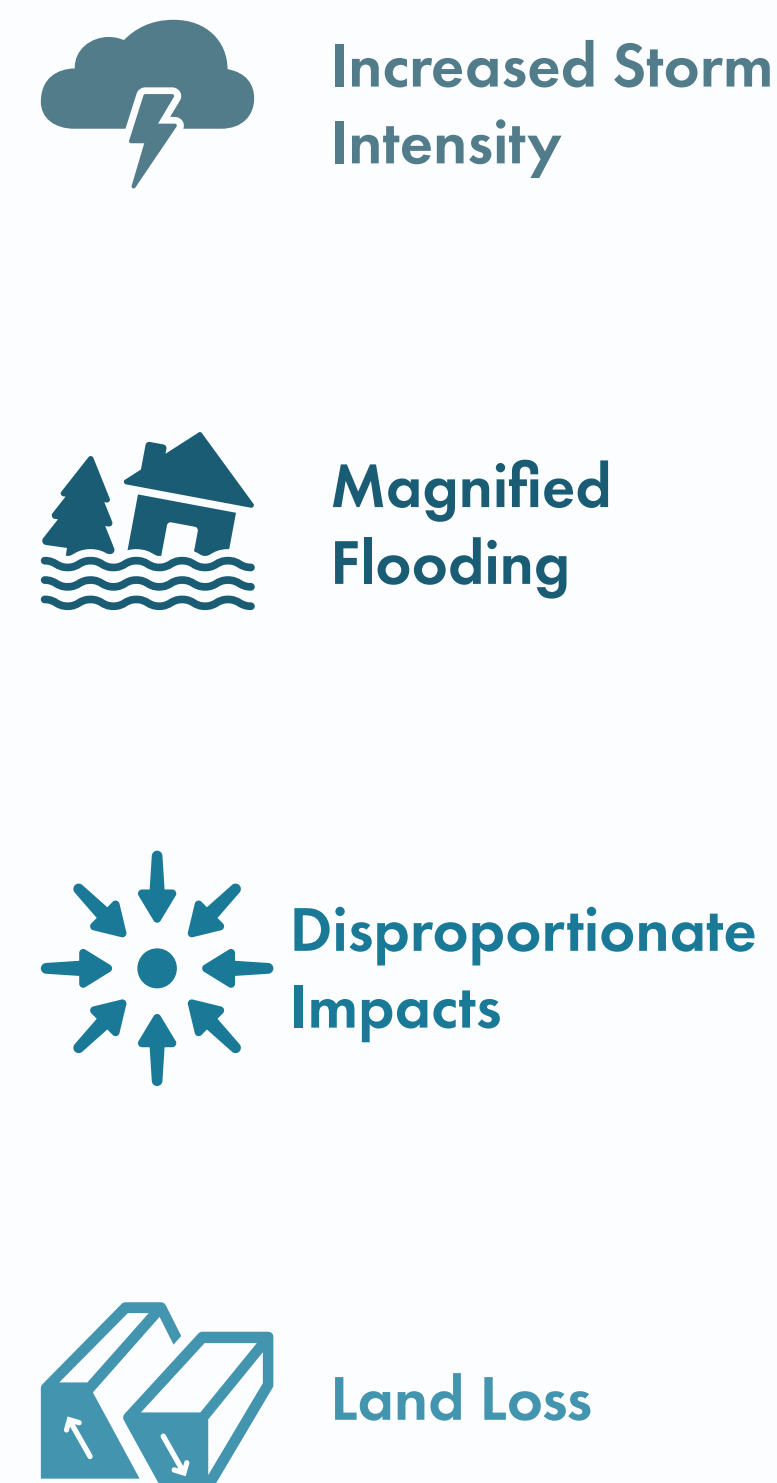
**PHASE 3: Strengthen and Expand Communications.** The UHN will scale up its current communications network to connect and inform during blue skies and disasters. In addition to enhancing their radio station, social media, website, and newsletter, the Tribe will expand programming, add live streaming, and develop a cultural documentary.

**PHASE 4: Build Capacity for Economic Development.** The UHN is focusing on economic growth and opportunity by building generational wealth through workforce training and Tribal owned businesses.

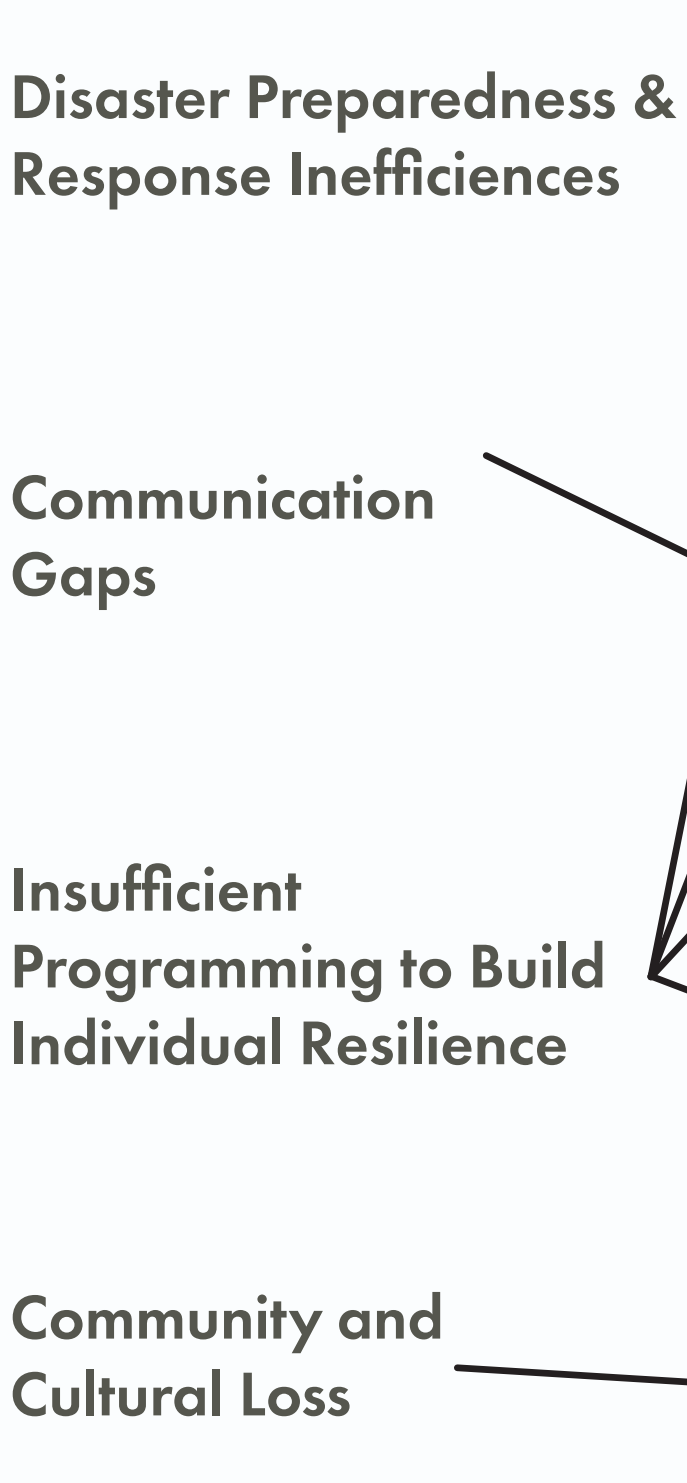
**PHASE 5: Community-Led Migration.** The UHN will develop a community-led migration strategy and establish the land stewardship capacity and mechanisms necessary to support community led migration.

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##### RESILIENCE ISSUES ADDRESSED



##### GAPS ADDRESSED



##### RESILIENCE PLAN ACTIONS

**PHASE 1:** Enhance Central Community Resilience Hub

**PHASE 2:** Establish and Enhance Satellite Community Resilience Hubs

**PHASE 3:** Strengthen and Expand Communications

**PHASE 4:** Build Capacity for Economic Development

**PHASE 5:** Community-Led Migration

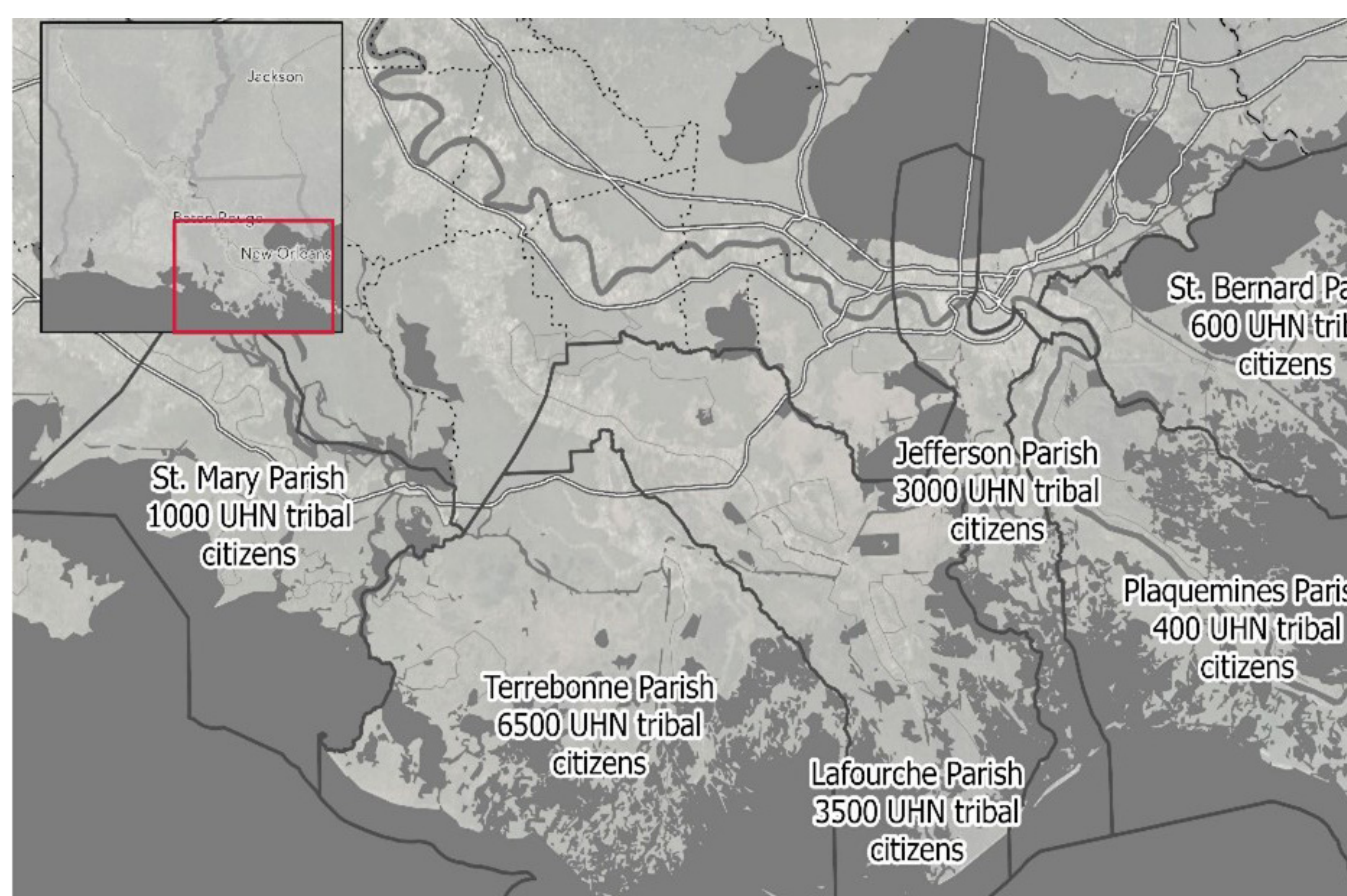
Near-Term Resilience

Mid-Term Resilience

Long-Term Resilience

#### GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

The project's region is the six-parish service area of the UHN: Terrebonne, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and St. Mary Parishes.



Interconnected through culture, history, and water, the **Tribe has resided across this region since the 1800s**. The relationship with water is what ties together the UHN Tribal members as it is a source of sustenance for food and employment. In the 1830s, to avoid the results of the Indian Removal Act and the official process of forced relocation of Indigenous people, the Houmas began to move deeper into the bayous of southeast Louisiana in what is today known as Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

Today, the Tribe is primarily located across six parishes as a result of slowly spreading out from Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes to seek education and employment. The movement into St. Mary and Jefferson parishes was primarily for enhanced education. Houmas migrated to St. Bernard for opportunities in hunting and trapping and to Plaquemines for jobs in oil and gas. The UHN not only serves their members, but all residents of the six parishes.



From left to right: Blessing of the Boats, Jazz and Heritage Festival booth, and food distribution during the Covid-19 pandemic.



UHN Powwow

#### UHN NETWORK OF PARTNERS

The UHN is collaborating with a network of partners to successfully implement this plan.

##### SERVICE NON-PROFITS

###### COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS

- Food & Resource Distribution
- Emergency & Non-Emergent Medical Services
- Educational Programming

###### PARTNERS

- American Red Cross
- Project Hope
- Second Harvest
- Legal Aid
- Feeding America
- Together LA – Community Lighthouse Program
- Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana

##### ACADEMIC PARTNERS

###### COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS

- Resilience Planning Support
- Research & Technical Assistance

###### PARTNERS

- Louisiana State University
- University of New Orleans

##### TECHNICAL CAPACITY & RESILIENCE NON-PROFITS

###### COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS

- Technical Assistance
- Resilience Planning
- Project Management & Support

###### PARTNERS

- The Water Institute Gulf Center for Equitable Climate Resilience
- Greater New Orleans Foundation
- Foundation for Louisiana

##### GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE & DISASTER RECOVERY AGENCIES

###### COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS

- Emergency Coordination
- Satellite Hub Planning
- Resource Distribution

###### PARTNERS

- FEMA
- Louisiana GOHSEP
- Lafourche Parish OHSEP
- Plaquemines Parish OHSEP
- St. Bernard OHSEP
- St. Mary OHSEP
- Terrebonne Parish OHSEP
- Jefferson Parish OHSEP

##### GOVERNMENT LONG-TERM RESILIENCE PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION AGENCIES

###### COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS

- Resilience Planning
- Project Coordination

###### PARTNERS

- NOAA
- CPRA
- State of LA Governor's Office of Coastal Activities
- LA Division of Administration Office of Planning & Budget
- Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
- Terrebonne Parish Economic Development Authority

