USACE Response to EDF Comment 1:

Thank you for providing the *Understanding Perspectives on Nonstructural Strategies in Louisiana's Southwest Coastal Project* report. The District is committed to public engagement throughout the FIMP nonstructural pilot and utilizing lessons learned in subsequent nonstructural contracts. In partnership with the non-Federal sponsor, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the local municipalities, the District has held public meetings in each pilot area as well as hosted several open office hours to provide interested homeowners a platform to ask questions and receive information on the program. The District has also developed frequently asked questions (https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/FIMPRSN/) and a Property Owner Guide (https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Portals/37/FIMP%20Property%20Guide%20May%202025%20v2_1.pdf) to help inform the public and clearly define the process and requirements. A project email (FIMP.NS.admin@usace.army.mil) is monitored by USACE staff to answer any homeowner questions. The project team works in close coordination and collaboration with the local municipalities to facilitate communication with homeowners.