

ACTIVITY 510

March 2020



COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM PROGRESS REPORT

Franklin County, Florida
120088-NFIP Community

1- Name of CRS Floodplain Management Plan. Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy

2- Date Adopted: January 25, 2021

3- Have any revisions been made to the plan, or are revisions underway at this time to ensure compliance with both DMA2K and CRS requirements as implemented in the 2002 CRS Coordinator's Manual? If so, what is the expected date of completion for these revisions?

The Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy was updated and approved in January 2021 with the adoption date of January 25, 2021.

4- Location where copies are available for review: Franklin County Planning & Building Dept.
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5- Summarize any floods that occurred during the year (if any). None

6- What impact did the flood have on the repetitive loss area? None

7- On a separate sheet, list each element of the original plan and note how much was accomplished during the previous year. See attached list

8- Were any of the objectives not reached or is implementation behind schedule? If so, state why. Not all objectives were reached during this year. Overall, implementation is on schedule and in progress.

9- Should new projects be started or should any of the recommendations or objectives be revised? New objectives were proposed in the updated LMS Project List in 2020.

10- The Progress Report discussed and/or made available at a public meeting (This submittal must include documentation that the report was submitted to the governing body, i.e. meeting minutes, released to the media, made available to the public and or prepared by the same planning committee that prepared the plan.) For purposes of this report, the governing body is the governing body of the respective community, i.e. commission, council, etc., Working group minutes are not sufficient.

This progress report was presented to the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Copies of the report were also provided to the radio station, and the State NFIP Coordinating Office.

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LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS) MEETING

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2020 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

COMPLETED ITEMS

COMPLETED PROJECT: Purchase and install a Countywide telephone emergency notification system.

- *In 2016- Franklin County Sheriffs office discontinued the "Code Red" notification system. Franklin County Emergency Management has started using and maintaining Nixle. The State is going to a state wide notification system and using Everbridge- Nixle is a subsidiary of the Everbridge notification. Alert Franklin has in place since 2017.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Installation of hydrologic monitoring gauges on the Ochlockonee, Crooked, New and Apalachicola Rivers.

- *The hydrologic monitoring gauges have been installed and are Gauge installation at the Abercrombie Boat Ramp will occur once the ramp is rebuilt. The gauge has been purchased. Contact Preble Rish to install.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Reduce flooding by replacing culverts and improving cross drains at Mill Road and McIntyre Road.

- *As of November 2012, the status of this stormwater project was the culverts were replaced and the improvement cross drain project was completed. The construction continued through 2013 and was funded through the HMGP.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Install and updated water pump system in selected areas of Eastpoint.

- *A new system and well on twin Lakes Road was completed in the 2012 - 2013 timeframe. In addition two new vacuum stations was completed. The project will be completed in September of 2016. The Well#1 will be retired and they will begin using Well #4.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Emergency Management Operations Center Wind Retrofit.

- *An important project and a critical facility for Franklin County. The EOC was awarded a HMGP grant to complete the wind retrofit project. The project was completed in the 1st quarter of 2015. The project description: Protected the entire envelope of the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center by designing and constructing a new hip roof and installing high velocity accordion shutters on the windows and installation of a roll down shutter on the access door of the EOC. The total cost for the mitigation project was: \$94,943. This project will be moved to the completed mitigation project list at the next LMS meeting.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Franklin County Jail Wind Retrofit

- *A important project and a critical facility for Franklin County. In addition, the jail is a back-up facility for the EOC. The Franklin County Jail was awarded a HMGP grant to complete the wind retrofit project. The project was completed in the 3rd quarter of 2015 and is waiting for final inspection from the State of Florida. The project description: Installed a new retrofit Metal Frame/Metal Roof Assembly over the Jail's Administration Building, and a new Membrane Roof System over the Jail Facility House. In addition provided protection of all windows and doors of the entire structure. The total cost for the mitigation project was: \$729,267. This project will be moved to the completed mitigation project list at the next LMS meeting.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Institute Flag Warning System/Display Board for Beaches

- *Franklin County Parks and Rec has a flag system in place and is maintained by FCPR. There is 2 on St George Island and 1 in Carrabelle. They signage and information so that visitors are aware of the flag system. They are looking into installing more flags and a flasher board for visitors/ Franklin County Parks and Recreation has completed the project.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Install weather, water and wind gauges applied to all bridges and in various points around Franklin County.

- *In Feb 2017, FCEM has partnered with Weather Stem to place a weather reporting station on St George Island fishing pier. DOT is looking into installing wind gauges on all bridges in the near future. Wind gauges have been placed FCEM will request access to the data from DOT.*

COMPLETED PROJECT: Perform a study on the effects of severe hurricanes, high winds, tropical storms, tornadoes and storm surge on businesses that perform essential services to the community.

- *ARPC has communicated with FCEM and stated that this study has been completed*

NEW, ONGOING, DEFERRED OR INCOMPLETE PROJECTS:

PROJECT ONE: NEW- INCOMPLETE/Within 1 Year Timeframe

Acquisition of Alligator Point Fire Department.

- *The acquisition of the Alligator Point, St. Teresa Fire Department in currently in progress..*

PROJECT TWO: NEW-INCOMPLETE/1 Year Timeframe

6 Critical Facilities Generators

- *Installation of the six generators for the County's critical facilities will be within the next year.*

PROJECT THREE: NEW-INCOMPLETE/1 Year Timeframe

Apalachicola, Market Street Vacuum Station, Utility Mitigation

- *Construction of a new vacuum sewage station near the intersection of Market Street and Avenue G. The project will upgrade the existing wastewater infrastructure and mitigate future occurrences of sanitary sewer overflows.*

PROJECT FOUR: NEW-INCOMPLETE/1 Year Timeframe

Apalachicola, 2 Critical Facilities Generators

- *Installation of the two generators for the City of Apalachicola's critical facilities will be within the next year.*

PROJECT FIVE: NEW-INCOMPLETE/2 Year Timeframe

Apalachicola, Water Street Drainage

- *There have been many storm flooding events that have caused considerable damage and especially to Water Street in the City of Apalachicola's drainage. The goal is to have this mitigation project completed within the next two years.*

PROJECT SIX: NEW-INCOMPLETE/5 Year Timeframe

Update and enhance all communications equipment throughout the county

- *All Agencies are evaluating/ discussing options for interoperable communications throughout the county. Firenet is operational and this is an ongoing project for the County.*

PROJECT SEVEN: ON-GOING/INCOMPLETE/ WITHIN A 5 YEAR TIMEFRAME

Acquire, relocate or elevate repetitive damaged structures throughout the county.

- *Funding*

PROJECT EIGHT: ON-GOING/INCOMPLETE/5 Year Plan

Build a new EOC in a central location in Franklin County possible location- Highway 65.

- *Franklin County is looking at possible BP funds for building a new Multi-Agency Building.*

PROJECT NINE: ONGOING/INCOMPLETE/5 Year Plan

Retrofit the Old Carrabelle City Hall as a Volunteer Disaster Corp Training Facility-Retrofit.

- *Various non-profits and county partners will be assisting with the work and funding for this project.*

PROJECT TEN: ONGOING/INCOMPLETE/5 Year Plan

Construct a new Access Road at Franklin County School for Emergency Use

- *Franklin County School and Forestry are constructing an access road through the forest for Emergency Access only to the facility. The Florida Forest Service has given consent for permitting/ Easement which was completed. At this time, this project is waiting for the School Board to construct Road.*

PROJECT ELEVEN: NEW-INCOMPLETE/5 Year Plan

Purchase and install an oxygen filling station that can be utilized after a disaster.

- *New Project for FLDOH - Hurricane Michael left a lot of residents with out access to oxygen- Want to use this as a regional asset.*

PROJECT TWELVE: NEW/INCOMPLETE/5 Year Plan

Carrabelle Fire Hydrant System extended to the west side of the county located between Lighthouse Road and Yents Bayou.

- *Carrabelle Fire Department needs to Fire Hydrants on the West side of Carrabelle to improve fire response to the county - Awaiting Funding.*

PROJECT THIRTEEN: NEW/5 Year Plan

Install generators for all critical facilities, lift stations, government fueling depots located in Franklin County.

- *Cost Varies on location and facility.*

PROJECT FOURTEEN: NEW-INCOMPLETE/5 YEAR Plan

Acquire land and construct a new landfill.

- *Franklin County Landfill is very limited. FCBOCC is looking for a new location for landfill expansion.*

PROJECT FIFTEEN: ONGOING

Protect County Road 370 (Alligator Point Road) from hurricane storm surge.

- *Project is to move the road inland and acquire the repetitive loss property.*

PROJECT SIXTEEN: ON-GOING/5 Year Plan

Perform mitigation efforts on residential homes against severe hurricanes, high winds, tropical storms, tornadoes and storm surge on low/moderate income owner/occupied homes.

- *Franklin County is currently working on a Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program for Franklin County residents- Ongoing Project- Awaiting funding for the fiscal year.*

PROJECT SEVENTEEN: ON-GOING/5 Year Plan

Reduce coastal erosion by planting vegetation and participating in beach re-nourishment programs to enhance the formation of sand dunes and to protect roads from washouts.

- *This is ongoing project- FCEM and ANEER are working with several agencies to mitigate sand dunes and protect roads.*

PROJECT EIGHTEEN: ON-GOING

Florida Forest Service assesses wildfire risk areas across the county establishing mitigation projects to reduce the fuel loads and thus effectively reduce wildfire risk in these areas.

PROJECT NINETEEN: NEW-INCOMPLETE/5 Year Plan

Construct a new Fire Station in Alligator Point.

- *Location for new Fire Station has been identified and old fire station can be purchased with HLMP as a repetitive loss structure.*

PROJECT TWENTY: ONGOING/1 Year Plan

Work with the Florida Forest Service and develop and participate in the Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) to reduce wildfire risks within the Wildland-Urban Interface. And inform the public of the Fire wise building and landscape design principles and the Ready, Set, Go program.

The CWPP for Franklin County was completed in 2013. The plan will be updated to reflect any current changes. The Florida Forest Service will continue inform the public of the Firewise building and landscape design principles and the Ready, Set, Go program.

PROJECT TWENTY-ONE: ONGOING

Protect and improve functioning of wetlands and waterways by eliminating and educating residents on living shorelines.

- *ANNEF/FFS work together year-round to locate/eliminate and improve the living shoreline through education and environmental projects.*

PROJECT TWENTY-TWO: ONGOING

Update all County Mapping to include 911 overlay, flood prone areas, damage assessment, and property appraiser properties.

- *FCEM / Flood Plain Manager are working on systems that utilize the maps to identify all repetitive flood prone areas in ensure quicker emergency response time in the event of a disaster.*

PROJECT TWENTY-THREE: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Mitigate storm water drainage projects throughout Franklin county.

PROJECT TWENTY-FOUR: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Develop and deliver Disaster Resistant programs for the business and residential communities on "how to prepare" for future disasters.

- *FCEM office delivers ongoing programs and distributes materials on how to prepare for future disasters to the residential and business community. This is an ongoing project. FCEM continually educates all Franklin County Residents in being Disaster ready- Ongoing Project.*

PROJECT TWENTY-FIVE: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Raise areas of CR 67 to prevent road flooding.

PROJECT TWENTY-SIX: DEFERRED/5 Year Plan

Wind Retrofit all Critical Facilities, Government, and school facilities.

- *This project was deferred due to funding.*

PROJECT TWENTY-SEVEN: NEW/5 Year Plan

Relocation of Apalachicola City Hall

- *Apalachicola City Hall was damaged during Hurricane Michael and is located in a flood prone area. City is seeking to relocate out of the flood prone area.*

PROJECT TWENTY-EIGHT: NEW/5 Year Plan

Upgrade or replace City and County Wastewater treatment facilities.

- *Apalachicola City Utilities needs improvements on current wastewater treatment center.*

PROJECT TWENTY-NINE: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Implement CRS flood resilience Activities.

- *There will be future discussion on how to accomplish this.*

PROJECT THIRTY: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Drainage Basin Analysis-Carrabelle/ Apalachicola and Unincorporated Franklin County.

- *The scope of work for the analysis and study will need to be determined.*

PROJECT THIRTY-ONE: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Evaluate and mitigate all flood prone areas due to sand dune shift and other environmental factors.

- **The scope of work will need to be reviewed and determined.**

PROJECT THIRTY-TWO: DEFERRED/5 Year Plan

Evaluate and mitigate all flooding prone areas.

- *This project was deferred due to funding.*

PROJECT THIRTY-THREE: ONGOING

Work with the Florida Forest Service in offering forest protection education in the county's schools.

- *Florida Forest Service has secured a scholarship for 20,000 a year for a graduate Franklin County School graduate further education in Forestry. Agriculture class and FFS continually provides Forest Protection education to all Franklin County Students. Summer program 2 students spent 3 days a week working in the Forest Service- Given one 80,000 Scholarship to a FCS student.*

PROJECT THIRTY-FOUR: ONGOING

Conduct Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for the Franklin County residents.

- *Franklin County has a CERT group and continues to provide CERT training. This is an on-going program for the county.*

PROJECT THIRTY-FIVE: ONGOING

Improve efforts in debris removal of dead, dying or diseased trees and branches next to road and highways.

- *Duke Energy maintains the power lines. State DOT Contractor maintains the Franklin County State highways.*

PROJECT THIRTY-SIX: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Work with the Florida Forest Service on evaluating the defensible space on all the critical facilities throughout the county.

- *The Franklin County EM Director sent specifics to the local Florida Forest Service Florida Forest Service will provide the information on the defensible space on critical facilities.*

PROJECT THIRTY-SEVEN: NEW/2 YEAR PLAN

Replace a control panel at a lift station in the City of Apalachicola.

- *The City of Apalachicola is upgrading a lift station with an installation of a new control panel. The project is expected to be completed within two years.*

PROJECT THIRTY-EIGHT:NEW/2 YEAR PLAN

Build a new wastewater treatment plant in Eastpoint.

- *A new wastewater treatment plant in Eastpoint is currently being build. The estimated timeframe for completion is within two years.*

PROJECT THIRTY-NINE: NEW/2YEAR PLAN

Educate the county residents on water saving techniques.

- *The Emergency Management office will develop materials on water saving techniques that will benefit the county and citizens during a drought period. The estimated cost would to produce materials would be \$500.*

PROJECT FORTY: NEW/2 YEAR PLAN

Organize outreach to vulnerable populations including establishing and promoting accessible heating or cooling centers in the community.

- *The Emergency Management Department will devise an outreach program to reach the vulnerable populations throughout the County and promote safety and heating and cooling centers in the community. There would be no cost for this mitigation project.*

PROJECT FORTY-ONE: ONGOING/5 Year Plan

Install sirens at various points throughout the county.

- *Sirens are located at DW Wilson Park, Carrabelle RV Park and Franklin County School- Develop a maintenance plan.*

PROJECT FORTY-TWO: ONGOING

Enforce local laws, which allow local governments to enact burn bans during periods of drought.

- *The county will continue to enforce the local laws to burn bans during periods of drought.*

PROJECT FORTY-THREE: DEFERRED/5 YEAR PLAN

Install tornado shelters throughout the county.

- *This project was deferred due to funding.*

DELETED ITEMS

- Retrofit the Carrabelle City Hall Complex- This project was deleted at the August 2016 LMS Meeting due to lack of funding and possible relocation of Carrabelle City Hall. New City Hall was constructed in 2018.
- Inspect septic tanks for low income homeowners and abate failing systems- This project was deleted at the November 2013 LMS Meeting.
- Purchases and install smoke alarms in low income homes- This project was deleted at the November 2013 LMS Meeting.
- Set aside a portion of “In lieu of taxes” funding received by the Franklin County School District from the Florida Division of Forestry Scholarship for students from Franklin County- This project was deleted at the November 2013 LMS Meeting.
- Require Flood Hazard Disclosure in a deed of sale or transfer of improved or unimproved real property- This project was deleted at the November 2014 LMS Meeting.
- Reduce flooding in Rio Vista area by installing a drainage system on the north side of the road into cow creek and the Ochlockonee River- COMPLETED PROJECT
- Highway 98 needs resurfacing from Carrabelle to Apalachicola- NEW-DEFERRED DUE TO HURRICANE MICHAEL-(FDOT is evaluating the road and will be repairing the road) Within a 5 Year Time Frame.
- Reduce or prevent stormwater flooding in Apalachicola in the following areas: 24th and 25th Avenues, 8th through 10th Streets between J and G, and on US Highway 98 and 12th and 16th Streets. (This drainage improvement project is on the DOT 5-year capital project list. The DOT and Preble-Rish have agreed on a resurfacing project on US 98 through Apalachicola and estimated to be complete in 2014. The installation of buffer boxes are currently in progress. Some work has been done on 10th Street. The EM Director will get with the City and DOT for a status on the project. An update on the costs will be available at the next LMS meeting - Moved to deferred to adjust the new storm water projects.)
- Retrofit the FSU Marine Lane buildings. DEFERRED-FSU Marine Labe has other buildings that can benefit from Wind Retrofit. Deferring projects until representative confirms that other buildings need retrofit.