

RESOLUTION NO. 07-02-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2024 PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County is susceptible to various natural, technological, and human-caused disasters, including but not limited to severe weather events, hazardous materials incidents, nuclear power plant emergencies, communicable diseases, and domestic security incidents, as well as the impacts of climate change and sea level rise that contribute to increased inundation, shoreline erosion, flooding, saltwater intrusion into groundwater and surface water supplies, and loss of critical habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was enacted to establish a national hazard mitigation program aimed at reducing the loss of life and property, mitigating human suffering, minimizing economic disruption, and lowering disaster assistance costs resulting from disasters, while assisting state, local, and tribal governments in implementing effective hazard mitigation measures to ensure the continuity of critical services and facilities following a disaster; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 is a prerequisite for receiving federal mitigation assistance funding and reimbursement for Presidentially Declared Disasters, requiring state and local governments to maintain a Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") approved hazard mitigation plan that identifies potential hazards, outlines mitigation actions, and establishes a coordinated process for plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County (THE County), in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, private sector representatives, and the public, has developed the 2024 Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy ("LMS"); and

WHEREAS, the LMS has been reviewed and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and FEMA and has been officially adopted by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Appendix O of the LMS includes a Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information that satisfies the floodplain management requirements of the County and participating municipalities (Community Rating System Activity 330); and

WHEREAS, the LMS Steering Committee recommends the formal adoption of the 2024 LMS, including planned future enhancements, by the County and all participating municipalities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. The Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park hereby approves and adopts the County's 2024 LMS Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, in its entirety, as prepared by the LMS Steering Committee and approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and FEMA.

Section 3. The Town hereby authorizes appropriate Town officials to pursue available funding opportunities for the implementation of mitigation initiatives outlined in the LMS and, upon securing such funding or other necessary resources, to proceed with the implementation of the prescribed mitigation actions.

Section 4. The Town of Lake Park will continue to actively support and participate in the Local Mitigation Strategy planning and implementation process in coordination with FEMA, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the Palm Beach County LMS Steering Committee.

Section 5. The Town of Lake Park will consider integrating climate change impacts, sea level rise, and natural hazard mitigation strategies into its Comprehensive Plan and future updates to flood prevention regulations and zoning codes.

Section 6. The Town Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, with attention to the LMS Coordinator, for filing with the Palm Beach County Office of the Clerk and Comptroller.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.