

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** October 15, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**TITLE:**

Resolution No. 43-2024 -- adopting the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024

**SUMMARY:**

Resolution 43-2024 approves and authorizes the formal adoption of the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024. The Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024LMS 2024 provides a comprehensive approach to effectively reduce the impact of current and future hazards and risks faced within Palm Beach County. The Board of County Commissioners approved the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024 on September 17, 2024, and it must now be adopted by all municipalities and special districts in Palm Beach County by August 6, 2025, for full approval.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Palm Beach County Public Safety Department, Division of Emergency Management has prepared the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024. This effort involved coordination with local governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters and input from the private sector and other members of the public.

The purpose of the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024 is to develop and execute an ongoing methodology for reducing the community's vulnerability to identified natural, technological and human caused hazards. The strategy provides a rational, managed basis for considering and prioritizing hazard-specific mitigation options, and for developing and executing sound cost-effective mitigation projects. The Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy serves as a basis for justifying the solicitation and use of local, state, federal and other funding sources to support hazard mitigation projects and initiatives.

The Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024 has been determined to be compliant with all federal standards by the State Hazard Mitigation Officer 2024 in the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management on August 6, 2024. The Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners has since approved the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation 2024 on September 17, 2024. All municipalities and special districts are now required to adopt it by August 6, 2025, for full approval.

The City of Lake Worth Beach is required to adopt the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024 to be eligible for any mitigation funding in the future. Failure to do so will negate the City's community hazard mitigations plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/not approve Resolution No. 43-2024 to approve and adopt the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy 2024

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Resolution

Link to PBC Mitigation Strategy: [PBC Mitigation Strategy](#)