



Town of Loxahatchee Groves

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TO: Town Council

FROM: Richard Gallant, Public Works Director

VIA: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: February 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution 2025-11 Local Mitigation Strategy

Background:

In 1999 Palm Beach County and its 37 municipalities formally adopted the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in accordance with Federal Guidelines. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that all LMS programs revise their plans to ensure they are in compliance with current federal guidelines established in response to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that participating LMS programs have plans in place that identify the hazards that could impact their jurisdictions, identify actions and activities to mitigate the effects of those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement plans in order to qualify and receive future Federal mitigation assistance funding as well as reimbursement for Presidentially Declared Disasters.

Palm Beach County revised their plan in 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019. On April 15, 2008, Resolution 2008-006 was passed by the Town Council entering the Town in the Local Mitigation Strategy. On September 7, 2010, Resolution 2010-008 adopted the 2009 revisions. On January 20, 2015, Resolution 2015-07 adopted the 2014 revisions. On December 3, 2019, Resolution 2019-66 adopted the 2019 revisions.

On August 12, 2024, Palm Beach County's Division of Emergency Management was notified that LMS Plan update is compliant with Federal standards, subject to formal adoption by Palm Beach County and all 39 participating municipalities. The County formally adopted the plan on September 17, 2024.

The 2024 LMS Plan can be found on Palm Beach County's Public Safety- Emergency Management website at <https://discover.pbc.gov/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx>.

Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 2025-11, Adopting the 2024 Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan