

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2024 REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE PURSUIT OF FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PROCESS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County is susceptible to a variety of natural, technological, and human-caused disasters, including but not limited to, severe weather, hazardous materials incidents, nuclear power plant emergencies, communicable diseases, and domestic security incidents as well as climate change impacts and sea level rise that causes increased inundation, shoreline erosion, flooding from severe weather events, accelerated saltwater contamination of ground water and surface water supplies, and expedited loss of critical habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Mitigation Act”), was enacted to establish a national disaster hazard mitigation program to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from disasters; and to assist state, local, and tribal governments in implementing effective hazard mitigation measures to ensure the continuation of critical services and facilities after a natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition for qualifying for and receiving future Federal mitigation assistance funding as well as reimbursement for Presidentially Declared Disasters, the Mitigation Act requires governments to have Federal Emergency Management Agency approved hazard mitigation 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County, in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters, and with input from private sector and other members of the public, developed and revised the Local Mitigation Strategy (“LMS”); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 revised LMS has been approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and adopted by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the LMS Steering Committee recommends the formal adoption of the 2024 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy, including planned future enhancements described therein, by the County and all participating municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Council has determined that adoption of the 2024 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy is a benefit to the Town and serves a valid public purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**Section 2.** The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves (“Town Council”) hereby approves and adopts the 2024 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy Plan in its entirety, as revised by the LMS Steering Committee as submitted to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Section 3.** The Town Council authorizes the appropriate Town of Loxahatchee Groves elected officials, staff and consultants to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of proposed mitigation initiatives described in the 2024 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy Plan and

upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the actions in accordance with the mitigation strategies as set out by the LMS.

**Section 4.** The Town of Loxahatchee Groves will continue to support and participate in the LMS planning and implementation process as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Palm Beach County LMS Steering Committee.

**Section 5.** The Town Council will consider incorporating climate change concerns, sea level rise and natural hazards into the local comprehensive plan and into future reviews of flood prevention regulations and zoning codes.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, the Resolution is hereby:

**ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

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*Voted:*  
Mayor Anita Kane, Seat 3

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Town Clerk

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*Voted:*  
Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog, Seat 5

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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*Voted:*  
Councilmember Phillis Maniglia, Seat 1

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Office of the Town Attorney

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*Voted:*  
Councilmember Laura Danowski, Seat 2

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*Voted:*  
Councilmember Robert Shorr, Seat 4