



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

TO: Town Council

FROM: Richard Gallant, Public Works Director

VIA: Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Hurricane Milton / Tornado

Background: The attached is the detailed timeline of the actions taken by the Town of Loxahatchee Groves for preparations and response to Hurricane Milton and the EF-3 tornado that ripped through our Town. The account below is as complete as possible and any errors or omissions are purely accidental. Before, during, and after the event, the Town Manager, Emergency Management Director, and all Town staff did our best to document the event in real time but as there are a lot of moving pieces in a storm of this magnitude, minor events could have been overlooked and not documented below.

Staff, along with the Town's debris management contractor Ashbritt, will provide an overview of the impact and aftermath of Hurricane Milton and the EF-3 tornado that preceded it. The presentation includes a timeline, a debriefing/lessons learned and current status of remaining EOC operations through the close of the 90 day FEMA declared disaster period in early January.

Staff is very thankful to the Council, LGLA, CERT and Neighbors Helping Neighbors for springing into action immediately following the tornado and storm. The Town and its residents really came together and we have seen amazing things happen quickly. There are many wonderful things born of this unprecedented tornadic activity in our area. We were lucky that we did not get a heavy rainstorm and also that it moved quickly through the state. We have had a great test of our readiness and emergency management procedures.

We intend to hold a debriefing with the various community organizations and volunteers to fully review our process, coordination and communication so that we will be able to incorporate into our Emergency Management Plan for the coming year.

Recommendations: Receive and File