



MEMORANDUM

Meeting Details: March 27, 2024, BOC Workshop Meeting

Prepared For: Honorable Mayor Rostek and Board of Commissioners

Staff Contact: Community Development Department

Subject: Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and Community Rating System (CRS) Update

Background

Madeira Beach participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). Submittal of these annual reports to the Board is a program requirement. Participation in this program provides enhanced public safety, reduced damage to property and public infrastructure, avoidance of economic disruption and loss, and supports a resilient Madeira Beach. Because Madeira Beach participates in the NFIP CRS, residents and businesses may get up to a 15% discount on their flood insurance premiums.

Discussion

The annual updates required by the CRS program include the following:

- Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Annual Update, which includes:
 - Multi-jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI)
 - Flood Response Plan (FRP)
 - Flood Insurance Improvement Plan

The LMS is a countywide hazard mitigation plan that includes the County and participating municipalities (this includes Madeira Beach), as well as several agencies and non-governmental stakeholders. LMS is a plan developed to reduce and/or eliminate the risks associated with natural and man-made hazards. These plans must be in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Without an approved LMS, the city would be unable to apply for various Federal hazard mitigation grants. The current LMS also serves as the City's Floodplain Management Plan. Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System requires the adoption of a Floodplain Management Plan. The city adopted the countywide LMS in 2020. The LMS will be updated in 2025 and will be brought before the Madeira Beach Board of Commissioners for review and adoption.

The PPI is a step-by-step coordinated approach to flood hazard outreach. The City's purpose in developing this plan is to improve communication with citizens, and to provide information about

flood hazards, flood safety, flood insurance, and ways to protect property and floodplain functions to those who can benefit from it.

The Flood Warning and Response Plan is a CRS activity to ensure timely identification of impending flood threats, disseminate warnings to appropriate floodplain occupants, coordinate flood response activities to reduce the threat to life and property, and ensure timely damage assessments, including substantial damage determinations, as required by FEMA. The Pinellas County Flood Warning and Response Plan, which includes the Substantial Damage Management Plan, is an appendix of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The Substantial Damage Management Plan outlines the County's coordinated approach to identifying and inspecting damaged structures after a storm event. The purpose of this plan is to improve recovery efforts and streamline the process for rebuilding after a storm event.

LMS Story map: <https://pinellas-egis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=8695af04cb7d47ba9f854a6fe1e5bebc>

Pinellas County LMS: <https://www.pinellaslms.org/>

Fiscal Impact

No foreseen fiscal impact.

Recommendation

No recommendation needs to be made; this is an update.

Attachments:

Resolution 2020-12

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