



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

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TITLE: Resolution Adopting Broward County's Enhanced Local Mitigation
Strategy (ELMS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution supporting and adopting the Broward County October 2017 revised Multi-Jurisdictional Enhanced Local Mitigation Strategy (ELMS).

Background

In 1997, Broward County developed a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in compliance with federal hazard mitigation planning standards to minimize the impacts of a natural or man-made disaster. The City adopted the original LMS on December 12, 2000. The LMS was revised on December 30, 2004, December 10, 2009 and December 11, 2012. The City has adopted three revisions on March 15, 2005, April 20, 2010 and March 19, 2013.

The 2017 update of the plan further expands the hazard identification and vulnerability assessment components to examine new emerging threats and hazards for possible inclusion. The ELMS conforms to the scope of work items in the FEMA mitigation grant, while also closely mirroring the FEMA Enhanced State Mitigation Plan regulations (where appropriate for locals) and the State's preliminary draft Enhanced Plan Guidance. For facilitating the ELM planning process and preparing the ELMS plan, the County hired a consulting firm to oversee the development of it.

The ELMS process has helped explore mitigation opportunities on a longer time horizon (i.e., 10 to 20 years) than the required 5-year update. The primary ELMS components that will lead to more robust integrated mitigation efforts in the County include: 1) a more detailed look at the County's risk to natural hazards; 2) emphasis on collaboration and coordination with other agencies and organizations (especially municipalities), the private sector and Climate Change Government Action Group; 3) integration into other pre- and post-disaster recovery processes; 4) integration into community planning processes; 5)

development of innovative tools to increase local mitigation funding; 6) development of beneficial tools to better evaluate mitigation project ideas for FEMA funding; 7) review past mitigation actions to better define and validate their effectiveness and; 8) exercise of recovery and mitigation actions, strategies, and objectives to increase likelihood of success in post-disaster environment.

Approval and adoption of this Enhanced Local Mitigation Strategy (ELMS) plan is necessary in order to maintain eligibility for hazard mitigation grant funding. Additionally, the ELMS serves as the City's floodplain management plan as part of the Community Rating System, which affords insurance rate discounts to residents.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 Broward County October 2017 Enhanced LMS
Exhibit 2 Broward Mitigation Plan Approved Pending Adoption
Exhibit 3 Resolution

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