



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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

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TITLE: Consent Resolution - Adoption of 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 2012 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 and December 10, 2009. The City adopted both revisions on March 15, 2005 and April 20, 2010.

This is a multi-jurisdictional strategy with City staff participating in the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group and various sub-committees. This Enhanced Local Mitigation Strategy (ELMS) has been a catalyst for positive change for the County's mitigation program in multiple ways. It is a beneficial cost-effectiveness screening tool and a framework for a more robust integration of hazard mitigation into the County's core civic business processes. Moreover, it has been the drive of more involved mitigation partnering opportunities for the Emergency Management Division, Risk Management Division, the County's property insurer, and the Broward County Government Operations Climate Change group.

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 to the City.

Related CAM(s): 05-0235 (R-2)
10-0537 (CR-04)

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1 Broward County October 2012 Enhanced LMS
Exhibit 2 Resolution
Exhibit 3 Broward County LMS Application Letter

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