



**Hillsborough  
County Florida**

## MEETING NOTES

Public Outreach Meeting  
Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), 5-Year Update  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020; 6:00 PM

Via GoToMeeting

### **Staff and LMS Working Group Attendees:**

Kevin Moran, Troy Salisbury, Christina Hummel, Chris Zambito, Jason Dudjak, Derek Doughty, Ashley Cantrell Tharp, Daniel Gessman, Shawn College, Bill Twaite, Manuel Perotin, Camryn Henry, Elizabeth Dunn, Catherine Hayes, Allison Yeh, Audrey Cain, Jose Dejesus, Seung Park, Michael Taylor, Randy Goers, Holly Wade, Joe Mastandrea, Kyle Dollman, Jacquelyn Colina, Jie Gao, Brian Cook, Matt Goolsby, Gonzalo Valdes.

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Participants were greeted and introductions were made by Kevin Moran and Troy Salisbury. Mr. Salisbury thanked the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group (WG), which includes multi-jurisdictional and community partners, for their efforts. Participants were encouraged to use the chat feature and/or to e-mail [salisburyt@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:salisburyt@hillsboroughcounty.org) to submit questions that would be answered during the Q & A portion of the public information meeting.

### **2. About the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS)**

Mr. Moran reviewed the following information:

- Address requirements
  - The Code of Federal Regulations, 44 CFR §201.6 – Local Mitigation Plans (eCFR.gov, 2014) requires that the LMS be reviewed and revised every five years.
    - The current strategy expires July 27, 2020.
    - The update process formally started in March 2019.
  - Under Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) enacted under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), Hillsborough County (including the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace, and Plant City) is required to have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation funding.
    - *Funding Examples:*
      - *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)*

- *Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program*
- *Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program*
- Florida Administrative Code 27P-22.004 requires that the plan be reviewed, and updates be submitted to the State by the last business day in January of every year in order to be eligible for HMGP.
- Other applicable standards include the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Standards.
  - Hillsborough County is EMAP Accredited and the Hillsborough County LMS is compliant with the EMAP Standards.
  - The applicable Standards include:
    - 4.1: Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Consequence Analysis
    - 4.2: Hazard Mitigation

### **3. What is the Purpose of the LMS?**

Mr. Moran advised the County published the LMS for many reasons, including:

- Reducing risk to people, property, and critical infrastructure
- Updating the plan in accordance with Community Rating System (CRS) requirements
- Updating plan information to reflect progress and current conditions
- Maintaining compliance with state and federal legislative requirements for local hazard mitigation plans
- Maintaining grant eligibility for participating jurisdictions
- Increasing public awareness and education about the plan and planning process

### **4. The LMS Working Group (WG)**

Mr. Moran introduced the concept of the WG, thanked Elizabeth Dunn, and stated that the Working Group is open to volunteers from the community. Interested residents were encouraged to visit [HCFLGov.net/LMS](http://HCFLGov.net/LMS) for more information about the WG.

An overview of the process completed by the WG was described by Mr. Moran and transitioned into the hazard assessments, which included discussing:

- Interacting with Private Sector and Regional Government Entities – Examples include TECO, MacDill AFB, Hospitals, Insurance, FDOT, FDEM, FEMA, SBA, Engineering & Design Firms
- Assessing other studies to inform the process – Examples include Community Vulnerability Study (USF), Transportation Assessment Plan (Plan Comm), and Cost of Doing Nothing (TBRPC)
- Assessing existing policies to inform strategy and, in the future, be informed by the updated strategy – Examples include Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Floodplain Management Plan

### **5. Hillsborough County's Main Natural Hazards**

Mr. Moran stated the LMS is concentrated on built infrastructure to support human health and safety, which is why the County focuses so greatly on Natural Hazards. Several of the

other hazards addressed within the LMS were discussed, however, the focus was regarding the mitigation for those issues are and continue to be primarily focused on policy implementation and educating the public.

#### **6. *Proposed Mitigation Projects***

Mr. Moran discussed the proposed and retired/archived lists.

#### **7. *Mitigation Projects***

Mr. Moran discussed the current project list and reminded participants if they had questions to submit them for the Q & A portion.

#### **8. *The LMS and the Community Rating System (CRS)***

Mr. Moran discussed the Community Rating System (CRS) by focusing on the following points:

- The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP program requirements.
- Communities that participate in the CRS program receive discounted flood insurance premium rates.
- The more favorable the CRS rating is for a community, the higher the discount provided.
- Having a local mitigation strategy helps in obtaining a more favorable CRS rating.
- Hillsborough County currently has a CRS rating of 5. The provided table shows premium reductions as they relate to CRS rating.

#### **9. *Value of the CRS Program***

Mr. Moran discussed the efforts that have led to a significant reduction for Flood Insurance Policy Holders, which included:

- Annual Flood Insurance Premium discounts due to participation in the CRS program
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy counts
- Annual dollars saved per community due to participation in the CRS program

#### **10. *Resources***

#### **11. *Public Input***

Mr. Moran explained the LMS WG would collect public input about the LMS via survey, and the survey & a recording of the presentation would be available at [HCFLGov.net/LMS](http://HCFLGov.net/LMS) within 24 hours and the survey will be open for one week (June 17-24) before it goes to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for adoption.

#### **12. *Q & A***

Members of the public were offered the ability to ask questions related to the 5-year update. There were minimal questions by the public.

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm