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RESOLUTION

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Meeting Date 7/16/2025

☒ Consent Section

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Subject: Approve by Resolution, the five-year update to the countywide Local Mitigation Strategy and adopt the Hillsborough County Program for Public Information.			
Department Name: Environmental Services			
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Assistant County Administrator	Date	Department Director	Date
Irma Muka	7/2/2025	Vivian Arenas-Battles	7/2/2025
Management and Budget – Approved as to Financial Impact Accuracy	Date	County Attorney – Approved as to Legal Sufficiency	Date
Tom Fesler	7/3/2025		
Deputy or Chief County Administrator	Date		

Staff's Recommended Board Motion:

Approve by Resolution the five-year update to the Countywide Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) for natural and manmade disasters, pursuant to federal and State law and (2) adopt the Hillsborough County Program for Public Information (PPI) as the guidance document for public outreach in support of the County's participation in the Community Rating System (CRS). The transmittal of this correspondence, approval of this Resolution, and adoption of the PPI will not impose a financial impact upon the County.

Financial Impact Statement:

The transmittal of this correspondence, approval of this Resolution and adoption of the PPI will not impose a financial impact upon the County.

Background:

The LMS is a federally required, jurisdiction-wide natural hazard mitigation plan updated every five years to maintain eligibility in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding. The LMS outlines strategies and prioritized projects to reduce the County's vulnerability to hazards. A resolution approving the LMS is required pursuant to Chapter 27P-22, F.A.C.

The LMS 2025 Update was developed through a collaborative process involving Hillsborough County, the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace, and Plant City, along with local agencies, stakeholders, and the public. The Update received conditional approval from the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and FEMA, with final approval contingent upon Board adoption.

The LMS 2025 Update also supports the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), post-disaster redevelopment efforts, and County code implementation.

The PPI is a new and updated tool to improve communication and provide additional resources on flood hazards, flood safety, flood insurance, and other floodplain-related topics. The PPI was introduced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a planning tool to provide a step-by-step coordinated strategy for flood hazard outreach. By adopting a PPI, the County is able to more effectively provide

information on this important topic and is also able to obtain additional CRS credit that would otherwise be unavailable.

The adoption of a PPI provides the County with opportunities to improve its CRS rating. An improved CRS rating increases the discounts that unincorporated residents receive on their flood insurance policies. For the PPI to qualify in the CRS Program and provide additional points toward the rating, Board approval of the PPI is required.

Following adoption, the LMS and PPI will be forwarded to the City of Tampa, City of Temple Terrace and Plant City for their consideration, as required for full plan implementation.

List Attachments: LMS Adoption Resolution, Exhibit "A"-Local Mitigation Strategy, 2025 Update, PPI 2025 update

RESOLUTION NO. R25-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT THE 2025 UPDATE TO THE COUNTYWIDE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY AND ADOPT THE 2025 UPDATE TO THE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Upon motion by Joshua Wostal, seconded by Gwen Myers, the following Resolution was approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County is located in an area that is vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to federal and state law, a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is a plan that presents a unified strategy toward reducing identified hazards within a community; and

WHEREAS, Title 42 United States Code Chapter 68 requires local governments to develop mitigation plans outlining processes for identifying natural hazards, risks and vulnerabilities that may affect their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution approving the County's first LMS for Hillsborough County and the cities of Plant City, Tampa, and Temple Terrace; and

WHEREAS, 44 CFR Part 201 requires that local governments prepare and adopt a jurisdiction-wide natural hazard mitigation plan; and requires them to review and update said plan every five years in order to be eligible to receive project grant funds under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 27P-22 of the Florida Administrative Code ("FAC"), the county-wide LMS 2025 Update sets forth the method for monitoring and evaluating changes to hazard assessments, the project priority list, the critical facilities list, the repetitive flood-loss list, and map revisions; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update has been prepared pursuant to 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 201; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update has received the conditional approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") and the FDEM; and

WHEREAS, the State and Federal conditional approval of the LMS 2025 Update will become final upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA operates the National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP"); and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update addresses hazard mitigation concerns from the standpoint of Hillsborough County's participation in the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update continues to serve as the floodplain management plan and to address repetitive flood loss properties; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update may require future amendments to address changes in Federal floodplain regulations or programs; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP's Community Rating System ("CRS") is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements; and

WHEREAS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions which meet the CRS's goals of flood loss reduction, accurate insurance rate facilitation and the promotion of the awareness of flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County is nationally ranked within the top 13.4 percent of communities participating in the CRS that are Class 5 or better; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update serves as guidance for the Hillsborough County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update works in concert with Chapter 22, Article III, Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances, Part A, which establishes mitigation efforts following a storm event; and

WHEREAS, the LMS Working Group is required by Chapter 27P-22, FAC and has a membership which is approved annually by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update incorporates the local Citizen Corps Council membership into the LMS process; and

WHEREAS, public meetings were held to receive public comment and recommendations for the LMS 2025 Update; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Update was developed by Hillsborough County, the City of Plant City, the City of Tampa, the City of Temple Terrace, community interests, stakeholders, and the communitywide Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the proposed LMS 2025 Update has been filed with the Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, and by this reference is made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County has also prepared a 2025 update to its Program for Public Information (PPI) to support ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), and to enhance public awareness and outreach regarding flood risk and mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the PPI 2025 Update aligns with the goals of the Local Mitigation Strategy and CRS Activity 330 guidelines, and was developed in coordination with the LMS Working Group and relevant stakeholders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County in a meeting duly assembled this 16th day of July, 2025:

1. That the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) 2025 Update and the Program for Public Information (PPI) 2025 Update, attached hereto by reference as Exhibit "A", are hereby adopted.
2. That the Local Mitigation Strategy 2025 Update and the Program for Public Information 2025 Update shall be forwarded to the City of Plant City, the City of Tampa, and the City of Temple Terrace for consideration and local adoption.
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH)

I, Victor D. Crist, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting of July 16, 2025, as the same appears in Minute Book 590 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 17th, day of July, 2025.

VICTOR D. CRIST, CLERK



By [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

By: See the signature block
Senior Assistant County Attorney

BOCC Staff	Approval	Date
Dept. Fiscal	<u>Mark Hobbs</u>	06/30/25
Dept. Director	<u>Kenneth E. Moran</u>	06/30/25
Procurement Services	N/A	
County Attorney: Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency	<u>Vivian Arenas-Battles</u>	6/30/25