

## MEETING NOTES

Hillsborough County LMS Working Group  
Thursday, May 16, 2024; 1:30 PM Via MSTeams

### Attendees

Facilitators: Troy Salisbury (Hazard Mitigation Manager), Monica Martin (Hazard Mitigation Planner & LMS Coordinator)

Officers: Jose De Jesus (Chair), Lauren Storch (Vice-Chair)

Committee Members: Ben Allushuski, Zahra Andilib, Alexandar Awad, Allan Biddlecomb, Brian Cook, Frank Coughenour, Ross Dickerson, Derek Doughty, Sean Ewais, Ken Farrell, Daniel Gessman, Dianne Good, Eugene Henry, Ali Howerton, Christina Hummel, Jonah Katz, Eric Lindstrom, Garry Lisiewski, Brian McCarthy, Trinity Miller, Kevin Moran, Robert Parris, Hillary Paul, Carmine Pisano, Diana Ramirez, Whit Remer, Barbara Spaulding, Allanna Stephens, and Ashley Tharp.

Guest Attendees: Meghan Maraia Blancher, Julia Bontempo, Scott Choquette, Kristin Combs, Joe Mastandrea, Jesse Nelson, Matthew Pleasant, John Allan Stock, and Angie Speir.

### I. Welcome

#### a. Introductions

- i. The meeting started at 1:30 p.m., and introductions were made.

### II. Action Items

#### a. Meetings Minutes

- i. Whit Remer moved a motion to approve the meeting minutes (as is) for March 28, 2024, and Kevin Moran seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

#### b. LMS Project List Additions

##### i. Unincorporated Hillsborough County (HC)

##### 1. Countywide Disaster Shelter Supplies

- a. Description: Disaster shelter supplies for 20 shelters throughout the Tampa Bay region of Hillsborough County, FL.  
Estimated Cost: \$268,688; Expected Completion Year: 2024

Jonah Katz moved a motion to approve the Countywide Disaster Shelter Supplies project to the LMS Project List, and Carmine Pisano seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

##### ii. City of Temple Terrace

##### 1. COTT LS River Run Rehab

- a. Description: The project calls for the rehabilitation of the City's existing River Run lift station located at the corner of 78<sup>th</sup> Street and Capwood Avenue, and involves the replacement of the pumps, internal piping, electrical controls, instrumentation valve vaults, and emergency generator.  
Estimated Cost: \$900,000; Expected Completion Year: 2027

Christina Hummel moved a motion to approve the COTT LS River Run Rehab project to the LMS Project List, and Brian Cook seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

iii. **City of Tampa**

**1. Citywide Watershed Master Plan**

- a. Description: Complete a WMP for the entire City of Tampa.  
Estimated Cost: \$5,000,000; Expected Completion Year: 2026

**2. Manhattan: Vasconia to Bay-to-Bay Flooding Relief**

- a. Description: Construct new drainage system to alleviate flooding.  
Estimated Cost: \$8,200,000; Expected Completion Year: 2027

**3. Beach Park Flooding Relief**

- a. Description: Install new stormwater system to alleviate flooding.  
Estimated Cost: \$930,000; Expected Completion Year: 2024

**4. Hyde Park Groundwater Diversion**

- a. Description: Install underdrains to capture saltwater intrusion and alleviate flooding.  
Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000; Expected Completion Year: 2024

**5. Golfview Flooding Relief**

- a. Description: Upsize existing and install new drainage conveyance system.  
Estimated Cost: \$7,800,000; Expected Completion Year: 2028

**6. Lower Peninsula Southeast**

- a. Description: Construct new stormwater system and pond.  
Estimated Cost: \$55,000,000; Expected Completion Year: 2025

Mr. Remer moved a motion to approve all listed projects (COT: Citywide Watershed Master Plan, Manhattan: Vasconia to Bay-to-Bay Flooding Relief, Beach Park Flooding Relief, Hyde Park Groundwater Diversion, Golfview Flooding Relief, and Lower Peninsula Southeast) to the LMS Project List, and Robert Parris seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

III. **LMS Plan**

a. **Updates**

i. **5-Year LMS [Presentation from Dewberry]**

- 1. Scott Choquette, Project Manager, from Dewberry (HC Consultant for the County's 2025 LMS Update), provided a brief presentation on the LMS update & the public/LMS engagement process. This presentation included background information, project timelines, public outreach, hazard identification & risk assessment, select HIRA results, and next steps. Questions from the LMS WG were answered.

ii. **LMS Project List**

- 1. Monica Martin provided a quick summary of the recent updates to the LMS Project List, which included standardization methods & including newly required fields from FDEM.

#### **IV. Potential Grant Projects / Grant Status / New Funding Opportunities**

##### **a. HMGP Ian**

- i. Ms. Martin advised the submission deadline was extended to June 7, 2024.

#### **V. Updates from Key Stakeholders**

##### **a. Unincorporated Hillsborough County**

###### **i. Innovation & Resiliency**

1. Troy Salisbury advised the County is currently working on the 2025 LMS update and the Vulnerability Assessment, advised the public survey is live & provided a summary of the current public outreach efforts being made.

###### **ii. Sustainability**

1. Ali Howerton advised the County did a tree planting event on Earth day in April 2024 at Frost Elementary School (pilot project), updates are being made to the Sustainability & Resiliency Action Plan (SRAP) by meeting with departments individually.

###### **iii. Floodplain Management and Community Rating System (CRS)**

1. Ms. Hummel advised the plans have been fully updated and will be submitted to FEMA to see if the County can update the 2008 maps for 2025-28. She noted the next CRS meeting will be occurring in June, the PPI (Program for Public Information) is fully adopted, and the County will be working on the annual review after September.

###### **iv. Energy Management**

1. Sean Ewais was introduced as the County's new Energy Manager and provided his background in Energy Management & his excitement now to be with the County (including working on energy data, tracking facilities & utilities data, monitoring productions/addressing alerts, installing a new electric vehicle (EV) station, and working on a second phase – design – of a solar project at Falkenburg Road for the Sheriff facilities with installation in 2025).

###### **v. Emergency Management**

1. Dianne Good advised she's working on grants for shelter equipment (ex: cots & other supplies) to assist with capacity. She advised she's also working on Community Plan amendments. Ms. Good highlighted OEM completed updating nine of their plans and are excited to continue to assist with the 2025 LMS update.

###### **vi. Environmental Protection Commission (EPC)**

1. Ms. Howerton reported for Michelle Jenkins, which included the EPC continuing promotional support for the County's solar co-op, SUN (the membership is open through early summer), the evaluation of EV workplace charging costs/options/funding, and continued participation & support of community air sensor monitoring grant project development. Mr. Salisbury added the EPC also had a very successful Clean Air event.

##### **b. Cities**

**i. City of Tampa**

1. Mr. Parris noted the City is still working with FDEM (completing additional asks) in regards to the HMGP submittals (Fire Stations #6 & 17), and the City's grants team is also working on additional grants as well. Ben Allushuski also mentioned the City has their 3-year cycle CRS verification visit scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ii. Plant City**

1. Frank Coughenour advised the City has joined the County's efforts to update the Vulnerability Assessment and looks forward to discussing the differences between the City's & the County's.

**c. University of South Florida (USF)**

- i. Daniel Gessman advised USF has a \$3M stormwater project that started the following week, and has multiple stormwater improvement projects around the USF area.

**VI. Announcements / Activities**

- a. Mr. Salisbury advised the Vulnerability Assessment / LMS Public Outreach meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2024 at Riverview Library from 7:30 pm.

**VII. Future Meetings**

- a. Lauren Storch reminded the group of the quarterly LMS Working Group meetings scheduled for 2024.

Ms. Hummel motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Coughenour seconded. The Motion passed unanimously and adjourned at 2:30 pm.