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September 22, 2020

Robert Ridle, Deputy Police Chief
Fort Pierce Police Department
920 South Federal Highway
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Dear Chief Ridle,

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) approved the St. Lucie County 2021 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) according to federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d) upon subject to formal adoption by the community including the following jurisdictions:

St. Lucie County, Unincorporated	Fort Pierce Utility Authority
City of Port St. Lucie	North St. Lucie Water Control District
City of Fort Pierce	South Florida Water Management District
Town of St. Lucie Village	School Board of St. Lucie County
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District	St. Lucie County Fire District

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the LMS on September 7, 2021 under Resolution 21-340 (attached). The Resolution was forwarded to FDEM on September 14, 2021. Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions' documentation of their adoption resolutions, FDEM will issue them to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will in turn issue a formal approval of the LMS.

Please be reminded that an approval of the LMS will allow the City to maintain eligibility of all FEMA Mitigation Grants. When the resolution is approved, please forward it to me, so that I may in turn, send it to FDEM. A copy of the LMS is available in the LMS website: <https://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-services/a-z/public-safety/disaster-preparedness/local-mitigation-strategy>.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at vilchezg@stlucieco.org, 772-462-8107. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Vilchez, MBA, MPCP
Emergency Operations Manager

Attachments: Resolution, FDEM Approval Pending Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 21-340

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K) requires that all communities, tribes, and states have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved hazard mitigation plan, consistent with the DMA2K requirements, to retain eligibility for FEMA hazard mitigation grant funding.
2. A Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) approved hazard mitigation plan is required for the purpose of certifying compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Rate Program.
3. On August 4, 2021, FDEM found the St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan compliant with federal standards subject to formal adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida that this Board does hereby adopt the St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan.

Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky, Chair	AYE
Commissioner Sean Mitchell, Vice Chair	AYE
Commissioner Linda Bartz	AYE
Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson	AYE
Commissioner Cathy Townsend	AYE

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 7th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:


DEPUTY CLERK



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:


COUNTY ATTORNEY



STATE OF FLORIDA

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ron DeSantis
Governor

Kevin Guthrie
Director

August 4, 2021

Ron Parrish, Director
St. Lucie County Emergency Management
15303 West Midway Road,
Fort Pierce, Florida 34945

Re: St. Lucie County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved Pending Adoption

Dear Director Parrish,

This is to confirm that we have completed a State review of the St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, St. Lucie County developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions and our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions. We have determined that the St. Lucie County LMS plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption, for the jurisdictions below:

St. Lucie County, Unincorporated
City of Port St. Lucie
City of Fort Pierce
Town of St. Lucie Village
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District
Fort Pierce Utility Authority

North St. Lucie Water Control District
South Florida Water Management District
School Board of St. Lucie County
St. Lucie County Fire District

Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions' documentation of their adoption resolutions to our office, we will send all necessary documentation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will issue formal approval of the St. Lucie County LMS.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your LMS Liaison Kristin Lentz at Kristin.Lentz@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4519.

Respectfully,

Miles E. Anderson

Miles E. Anderson,
Bureau Chief, Mitigation
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Digitally signed by Miles E. Anderson
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Management, ou=Mitigation,
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Attachments: MEMORADUM: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)

cc: FEMA Region IV, Mitigation Division – Risk Analysis Branch