



Agenda Item # C - 6

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM:

Adoption of Resolution No. 25-01, a Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Florida approving and adopting the 2024 Revised Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

ISSUE:

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as a condition for qualifying for and receiving future Federal mitigation assistance funding as well as reimbursement for Presidentially Declared Disasters, requires such governments to have Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") approved hazard mitigation plans in place that identify the natural hazards that could impact their jurisdictions, identify actions and activities to mitigate the effects of those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement such plans. The adoption of the 2024 Revised LMS Plan is in the best interest of the residents of the Village of Royal Palm Beach. Amendments to the LPS can be found in attached Exhibit A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve.

Initiator:	Village Manager	Agenda	Village Council
	Approval:	Date:	Action:
Village Engineer		01/16/25	

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2024 PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County is susceptible to a variety of natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was enacted to establish a national disaster hazard mitigation program to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from disasters, and to assist state, local and tribal governments in implementing effective hazard mitigation measures to ensure the continuation of critical services and facilities after a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as a condition of qualifying for and receiving future Federal mitigation assistance funding as well as reimbursement for Presidentially Declared Disasters, requires such governments to have Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) approved hazard mitigation plans in place that identify the hazards that could impact their jurisdictions, identify actions and activities to mitigate the effects of those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement such plans; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County’s Local Mitigation Strategy (“LMS”), in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters, and with input from the private sector and other members of the public, developed and revised the Palm Beach County LMS; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Local Mitigation Strategy has been approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (“FDEM”) and FEMA subject to adoption by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the LMS Steering Committee recommends the formal adoption of the 2024 Local Mitigation Strategy, including planned future enhancements described therein, by the County and all 39 participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council determines that adoption of the 2024 LMS Plan is in the best interests of the residents and citizens of the Village of Royal Palm Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are ratified as true and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Village Council hereby approves and adopts the 2024 Local Mitigation Strategy Plan in its entirety, as submitted to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the FDEM and FEMA.

Section 3. The Village Council authorizes the appropriate Village officials to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of proposed mitigation initiatives described therein and, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the actions in accordance with the mitigation strategies set out by the LMS.

Section 4. The Village of Royal Palm Beach will continue to support and participate in the LMS planning and implementation process as required by FEMA, FDEM and the Palm Beach County LMS Steering Committee.

Section 5. The Village of Royal Palm Beach will consider incorporating climate change concerns, sea level rise and natural hazards into the local comprehensive plan and into future reviews of flood prevention regulations and zoning codes.

Section 6. The Village Council directs the Village Clerk to transmit an original of this executed Resolution to the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, attention Local Mitigation Strategy Coordinator, for filing in the Office of the Clerk & Comptroller.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2025.

Mayor Jeff Hmara

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Village Attorney

LMS2024 Revision Summary

The Local Mitigation Strategy

The Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is a living document that **develops** and **executes** an ongoing methodology for reducing a Palm Beach County's (PBC) vulnerability to identified natural, technological, and human caused hazards. The LMS **provides** the rational, managed basis for considering and prioritizing hazard-specific mitigation options, and for developing, and executing sound, cost-effective mitigation projects through the Prioritized Project List (PPL). The LMS **provides the basis for justifying the solicitation** and use of local, state, federal, and other funding sources to support hazard mitigation projects and initiatives.

The Purpose is Mitigation. The methodology is the LMS. The instrument is the PPL. The goal is Resilience.

LMS2024 – Why Do We Have an LMS

- Formally adopted in 1999, the LMS is a **statutory requirement** in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Fla. Stat. § 252.3655 (2022).
- It allows communities to identify hazards and prioritize unfunded projects to mitigate those hazards when funding becomes available from local, state, and federal sources.
- It is required in order to receive financial assistance through Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) before and after a disaster strikes.
- It puts local communities in control of projects and funding priorities.

LMS2024 – Updates to LMS2020

- PBC commissioned a new threat hazard and identification risk assessment (THIRA) in 2021, used in the LMS2024, to illustrate our risks and determine the level of capability they need in order to address those risks.
- Historic events for natural hazards were added through 2023 and deleted if older than 10 years, unless they had significant impact to the County. In which case, they were left in the document.
- Recent years have shown increased vulnerabilities as modeling, and mapping capabilities improve, and as more information is gathered on potential impacts of climate change, and sea level rise. This LMS integrates updated information on storm surge and sea level rise and climate change into our hazards, mitigation measures, mapping and project list.
- Collaboration with the Office of Sustainability and participation in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact has increased the number of planning stakeholders we are working with for assessments.
- Analyses of local flooding conditions as it relates to PBC communities
- Update of Agricultural Pests and Diseases with specifics on the citrus industry
- Updates in severities of Pandemic/Communicable Diseases (mosquito borne diseases)
- Improved project tracking system through creation of a WebEOC internet based board, and encouraged participants to track projects; illustrates all of the mitigation work being done in Palm Beach County

Adoption of LMS2024

Your jurisdiction must adopt the LMS2024 in order to be eligible for any mitigation funding in the future (HMGP, PDM, and/or FMA grants). Adoption of LMS2024 is paramount to your community remaining a viable stakeholder in mitigation research, identification, and prioritization. Our communities utilize the LMS to include mitigation in their development, and redevelopment projects through inclusion in their Master Plans and Capital Improvement plans. Communities are proactively including mitigation projects into their internal funding, and capital improvement budgets. LMS2024 is your comprehensive approach to effectively reduce the impact of current, and future hazards, and risk faced within Palm Beach County.

Failure to adopt LMS2024 will negate your community hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects.