



# CITY OF PORT ST LUCIE

## COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item #: 11D  
Meeting Date: 12/12/16

TO: Mayor and City Council

THRU: Russ Blackburn, City Manager *RB*  
James E. Angstadt, P.E., Public Works Director *JEA*

FROM: Christina Daigle, Special Projects Coordinator *CD*

Agenda Item: Resolution: Providing for the adoption of the unified local mitigation strategy program for St. Lucie County; providing an effective date

Submittal Date: 12/2/2016 *16-R97*

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**STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:** The Local Mitigation Program/Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program supports the City's vision to be "the Safe; Beautiful; and Friendly City for All Ages.

**BACKGROUND:** The LMS program is part of the City of Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan and is used when Federal funding for hazard mitigation projects is available. The LMS plan requires an update approximately every five (5) years. In 2000, 2005, and again in 2010, the City of Port St. Lucie partnered with St. Lucie County, other municipalities and non-profit organizations such as the American Red Cross to develop a countywide LMS. Each member of the LMS is responsible for: Planning for a short and long-term LMS risk reduction process; regularly updating the LMS document; maintaining a list of jurisdictional prioritized mitigation projects; maintaining an evaluation criteria to rank LMS mitigation projects.

**ANALYSIS:** The objectives are to: Improve the total communities' resistance to damage from known natural, technological, and societal hazards; place St. Lucie County in a position to compete more effectively for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funds; reduce the cost of disasters at all levels; and speed community recovery from disasters.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** Mitigation projects are grant funded and no city funds are expended.

**LEGAL INFORMATION:** The attached Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to legal form and sufficiency by O. Reginald Osenton, City Attorney, on November 30, 2016.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Based upon our past success and the need to continue reducing the City's risk to potential hazards, staff is recommending approval of the resolution.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:** In order to take advantage of potential grant funding, specific to mitigation projects, we must adopt, by resolution, St. Lucie County's LMS Program.

**PRESENTATION INFORMATION:** No presentation planned. Staff will be present at meeting, should questions arise.

**REQUESTED MEETING DATE:** 12/12/2016

**LOCATION OF PROJECT:** city-wide

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Resolution for approval with attached Exhibit "A"; 2. Additional LMS background information.

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

# **ATTACHMENT “1”**

**(to Council Agenda Memorandum)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIFIED LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PROGRAM FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, in 1999 the City of Port St. Lucie entered into an interlocal agreement with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners to develop a Local Mitigation Strategy Program in conjunction with the Florida Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to that interlocal agreement, city staff has actively participated in the development of a Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program for St. Lucie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port St. Lucie by Resolution 00-R31, adopted on July 10, 2000, approved the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program for the City of Port St. Lucie; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners by Resolution 05-073, adopted on February 22, 2005, approved the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program for St. Lucie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port St. Lucie by Resolution 05-R53, adopted on July 25, 2005, approved the updated Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program for St. Lucie County as approved by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners by Resolution 05-073; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners by Resolution 10-299, adopted on November 23, 2010, adopted the St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port St. Lucie by Resolution 11-R63, adopted on September 19, 2011, approved the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program for the City of Port St. Lucie; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners by Resolution 16-094, adopted on June 7, 2016, approved the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program for St. Lucie County; and

RESOLUTION 16-R97

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie deems it appropriate to approve and adopt the St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan (Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program) as adopted by St. Lucie County on June 7, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, THAT:**

Section 1. The City of Port St. Lucie hereby approves and adopts the St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan, also referred to as the Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program, as approved by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners by Resolution 16-094, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan, also referred to as the unified Local Mitigation Strategy Program, is hereby incorporated as a part of the City of Port St. Lucie's Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor

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Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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O. Reginald Osenton, City Attorney

# **EXHIBIT “A”**

**(To Authorizing Resolution)**

RESOLUTION 16-094

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:

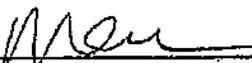
1. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K) requires that all communities, tribes, and states have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved hazard mitigation plan, consistent with the DMA2K requirements, to retain eligibility for FEMA hazard mitigation grant funding.
2. A Florida Department 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 June 7, 2016, 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 Kim Johnson, Chairman	AYE
Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky, Vice Chairman	AYE
Commissioner Tod Mowery	AYE
Commissioner Paula A. Lewis	AYE
Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson	AYE

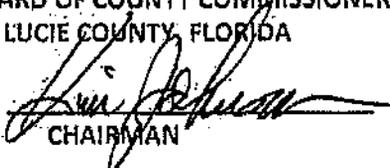
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

ATTEST:

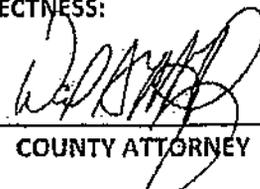
  
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:   
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:

  
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COUNTY ATTORNEY

# **ATTACHMENT “2”**

**(to Council Agenda Memorandum)**

## **BACKGROUND: LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS)**

In 1997, the Florida Department of Community Affairs received funding and direction from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to create the Local Mitigation Strategy Program. The program addresses hazardous risks to a community and does not deal with environmental preservation, except to the extent that they may be related to particular hazard mitigation project or issue. It requires each local community and county in the State to conduct a self-evaluation of their hazard mitigation needs and to develop a local program that would work to eliminate or minimize those hazards. "Hazards" include not only the commonly accepted natural hazards of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, but also such hazards as civil unrest, drought, freeze, and hazardous material spills or accidents. Key historical dates include:

December 11, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners for St. Lucie County and the Department of Community Affairs entered into an agreement whereby the County, in joint cooperation with each of the municipalities in the County, would develop a unified mitigation strategy program.

January 8, 1999, an Inter-Local Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners for St. Lucie County and the City of Port St. Lucie was entered into for the purpose of the program's development.

July 10, 2000, the City of Port St. Lucie adopts Resolution 00-R31 in support for the Local Mitigation Strategy

October 30, 2000, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster to authorize a program for pre-disaster mitigation, streamline the administration of disaster relief, control the Federal cost of disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

January 22, 2005, the City of Port St. Lucie adopts Resolution 05-R33 in support for the LMS.

August 19, 2010, the updated LMS plan is FEMA compliant.

November 23, 2010, St. Lucie County approves LMS plan by resolution

September 19, 2011, the City of Port St. Lucie adopts Resolution 11-R63 in support for the LMS.

June 7, 2016, St. Lucie County approves LMS plan by resolution

June 21, 2016, the updated LMS plan is FEMA compliant.

The current LMS plan can be viewed at: <http://www.stlucieco.gov/home/showdocument?id=2575>  
In short, the purpose of the LMS program is "To develop a unified approach among municipal governments and County for dealing with hazards and hazard mitigation challenges."

The objectives are to:

- Improve the total communities' resistance to damage from known natural, technological, and societal hazards;

- Place St. Lucie County in a position to compete more effectively for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funds;
- Reduce the cost of disasters at all levels; and
- Speed community recovery from disasters.

**PRIORITIZED PROJECTS LIST (PPL):** The objective of developing the unified and countywide PPL is to challenge individual jurisdictions to better focus their mitigation efforts and dollars. The existence of this list will enhance local efforts to receive federal disaster mitigation funds, both pre- and post-disaster, if available. It also puts participating jurisdictions in a more competitive position for other federally sponsored mitigation grant funds. The PPL is updated on a yearly basis or as needed as old projects are accomplished and new hazards or increased vulnerabilities are identified.