

Nassau EM Stakeholders Whole Community Working Group

LMS Task Force Meeting

Attendance:

- NCEM – Martha Oberdorfer
- County – Greg Becker, Constance Lake, Scott Pedigo, and George Murray
- CoFB – Katie Newton
- Hilliard – Alicia Head, Lee Ann Wollitz, and Cory Hobbs
- Callahan – not present
- St Johns County Resilience – Matthew De Bruen

Discussion:

Martha displayed NCEM's first draft of the LMS document – 66 pages so far, includes detailed planning process, the county profile, basic hazard profiles, and prompts for additional information from each jurisdiction (e.g., local hazard impacts in the past five years, changes to ordinances, CRS data, planned strategies to mitigate future incidents.) Also will need appendices and need include all of the County's current and planned CLAM projects.

Alicia and Lee Ann have some project ideas to mitigate flooding and lightning impacts in Hilliard that they will provide for inclusion; will summarize recent incidents that involved natural hazards; have already provided a comprehensive list of ordinance updates to encourage/enforce mitigation.

Katie will provide summary of ordinances pertaining to mitigation for CoFB. Also provided an update on the status of CoFB's current mitigation projects – they are returning some grant funds for the sea wall destroyed during H. Matthew because they won't be able to meet the deliverables; Drainage projects are moving forward – Andre will provide a complete update to Mark before the end of the month.

Constance has updated information for CRS – will wait until the beginning of 2025 hurricane season to get new numbers of policies and total claim data for recent years. Martha asked her for a summary of the projects/actions that her office has initiated/maintained to get the CRS points.

Additional information for the LMS –

Approximately 396 acres on Amelia Island donated to the North Florida Land Trust (NFLT) to ensure it would remain in its natural state forever. The *Thornton's Family Preserve* property is adjacent to Ft. Clinch State Park and runs about two miles between the state park and Egan's Creek. It is within NFLT's *Salt Marsh and Coastal Resilience Priority Preservation Area* and the *Atlantic to Okefenokee Conservation Corridor (A2O)*. The A2O stretches from the Atlantic Ocean on the east coast to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge to the west, with 55,864 acres that NFLT and Nassau County hope to preserve. Earlier this year, the A2O was approved for inclusion in the *2025 Florida Forever Priority List* by the DEP's Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC).

What we need now – before the next LMS Task Force Meeting:

1. Each jurisdiction's current ordinances and plans that address hazard mitigation (underway or approved capital improvements to infrastructure, short-term and long-term, rebuilding,

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retrofits, new construction, land acquisition) related to each of the natural hazards identified as primary local concerns:

- *Severe Thunderstorms (including lightning, hail, tornado)*
 - *Tropical Cyclones (including surge and Coastal Erosion)*
 - *Floods (inland and coastal)*
 - *Extreme Temperatures (high and low)*
 - *Droughts*
 - *Wildfires*
2. What is your jurisdiction's **future** strategy/plan (include ongoing projects, changes to ordinances, potential capital improvements, land acquisition, retrofits, new hardened construction) to deal with each of the identified natural hazards?

Provide a short paragraph specific to each hazard component:

- *Severe Thunderstorm*
 - *High Wind*
 - *Lightning*
 - *Hail*
- *Tornado*
- *Tropical Cyclone*
- *Storm Surge*
- *Coastal Erosion*
- *Riverine Flooding*
- *Areal and Flash Flooding*
- *Extremely High Temperatures*
- *Winter Weather Cold Temperatures*
- *Drought*
- *Wildfire*