



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

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THRU: Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer

FROM: Christina Rimes, CRS Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

DATE: February 10, 2025

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Floodplain Management Plan Annual Report, Local Mitigation Strategy Project List Annual Update, and Unified Program for Public Information & Flood Insurance Promotion Plan Annual Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As a requirement of the FEMA Community Rating System program, progress reports are prepared annually for the Floodplain Management Plan (FMP), the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) project list and the Unified Program for Public Information (PPI) & Flood Insurance Promotion Plan (FIPP). **The City was promoted to a Class 5 community from our most recent audit outcome. As a result, on April 1, 2025, City residents will receive a 25% discount on their flood insurance premium (this is a 5% increase over the current 20% discount).**

Floodplain Management Plan

- As stipulated in the FMP, the annual report will be generally made available to the public. It can be requested from the Engineering Department or online at venicegov.com/government/engineering/floodplain-management-information. This annual progress report for the FMP was prepared by the CRS Committee on February 4, 2025.
- The needs and goals of the community, pertaining to hazards and risks, have not changed substantially since the adoption of the FMP on April 25, 2023. The FMP will expire April 25, 2028. The CRS Committee will continue to meet quarterly to evaluate opportunities to improve the effectiveness of the floodplain management and outreach activities.

Local Mitigation Strategy Project List

- As part of the continuing effort to complete mitigation projects and to obtain grant funding assistance, the LMS project list was updated to highlight projects completed in the last year and add future projects. The updated LMS project list is incorporated into the FMP as an update to the Sarasota County LMS Plan.

Unified Program for Public Information and Flood Insurance Promotion Plan

- Additionally, the City participates in the Unified PPI Committee which produced the Unified PPI and Flood Insurance Promotion Plan (FIPP). The Unified PPI and FIPP allows for a comprehensive outreach approach to provide communities and property owners with clear, coordinated messages delivered cost-effectively and consistently. The report also contains information on flood insurance coverage by jurisdiction. The yearly report

is prepared by the unified PPI Committee consisting of a representative from each jurisdiction and various stakeholders throughout the County. The committee meets quarterly, and the annual progress report was prepared by the committee on December 10, 2024.

Floodplain Management

- All new construction and substantial improvements are required to comply with the city floodplain ordinance and construct above the 100-year floodplain elevations. The Florida Building Code also requires one additional foot of freeboard above the base flood elevation in the 100-year floodplain. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) also requires that floodplain compensation calculations be completed to reduce any off-site floodplain impacts.
- No additional updates of the floodplain ordinance have been completed this year.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Six: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Presentation with Action Requested

Adoption of the Floodplain Management Plan Yearly Report, Local Mitigation Strategy Project List Update, and Unified Program for Public Information and Flood Insurance Promotion Plan Yearly Report

Yes	N/A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Document(s) Reviewed for ADA compliance (required if for agenda posting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney Reviewed/Approval
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Risk Management Review
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finance Department Review/Approval
		Funds Availability (account number):