



ENGINEERING DEPT.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2026

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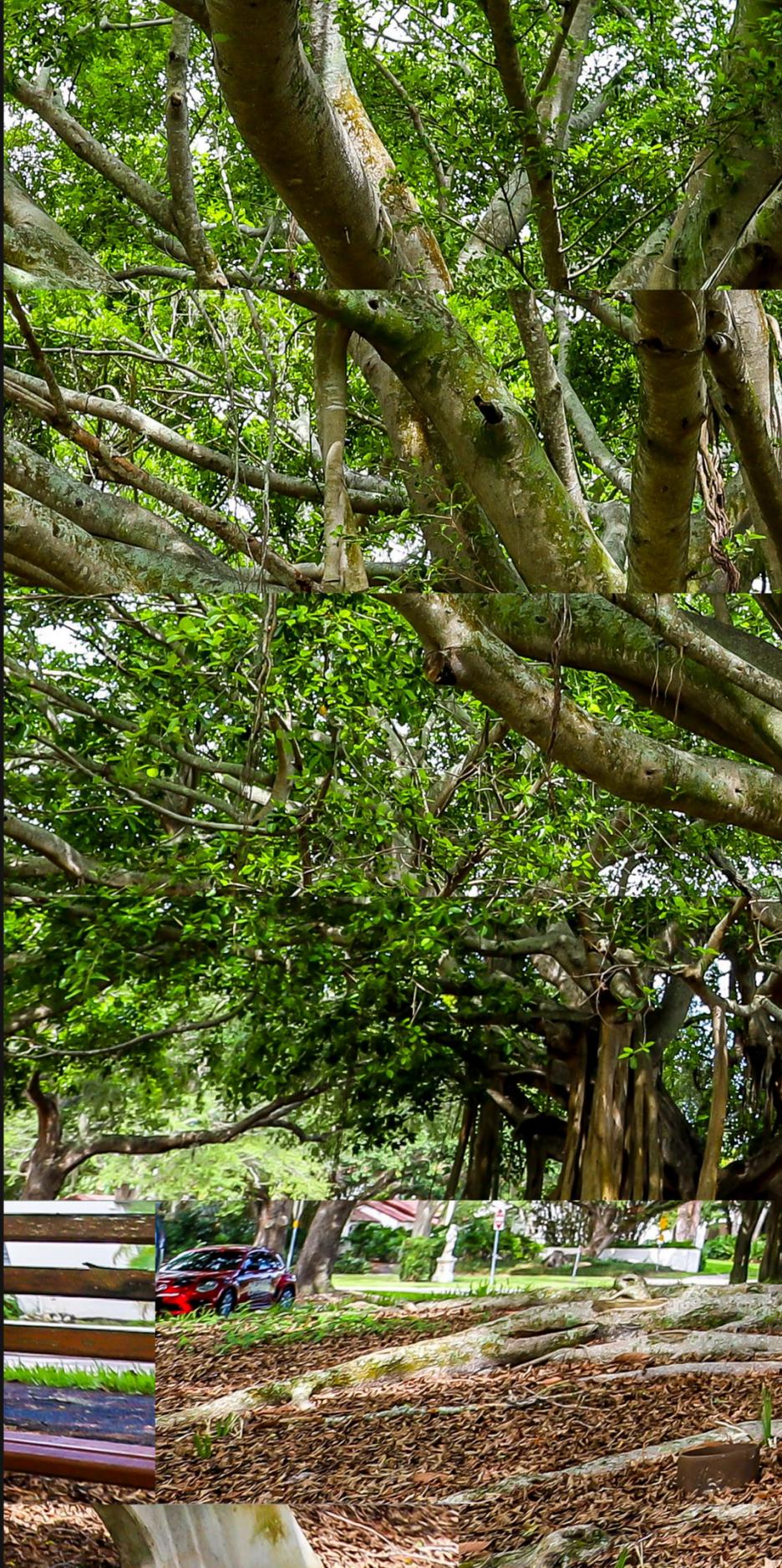


COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program that enforces higher standards than those set forth by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In return for following these higher standards, our residents received a 25% discount on NFIP flood insurance.

Some higher standards include maintaining a Floodplain Management Plan (FMP), Program for Public Information (PPI) and Flood Insurance Promotion Plan (FIPP).





2026 Sarasota County Local Mitigation Strategy

The LMS is a required, comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional plan that identifies local risks and vulnerability to natural/man-made hazards, establishing long-term, actionable strategies to reduce loss of life and property. It serves as a, "all-hazards" framework to **secure state/federal mitigation grant funding** and ensure community resilience.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project List

The HMGP project list is a part of the LMS, and projects are funded by FEMA, dependent upon a declared disaster. Projects are identified by the participating jurisdictions, then they are ranked and voted on by the members of the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group.

Venice 2023 -2028 Floodplain Management Plan Annual Report

The CRS Program requires an annual report of the Venice 2023-2028 Floodplain Management Plan. The annual report is to ensure that certain action items are meeting the goals of the FMP. The full document is required to be updated every 5 years, so the next update will start in fall of 2026.

2025 Unified Program for Public Information and the Flood Insurance Promotion Plan

The purpose of the PPI is to improve communication with citizens and to provide information about flood hazards, flood safety, flood insurance and ways to protect property and natural floodplain functions to those who can benefit from it. The FIPP shows the level of flood insurance coverage in the Sarasota County jurisdictions.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

2026 LMS

The 2026 Local Mitigation Strategy was approved by the FL Department of Emergency Management on January 27, 2026 and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on February 10, 2026.

2026 HMGP PROJECT LIST

The project list consists of any projects chosen by the City that meet Hazard Mitigation Grant Program requirements.

Venice FMP Annual Report

An annual report of the 2023-2028 Floodplain Management Plan must be approved by City Council.

Unified PPI & FIPP

The 2025 Unified Program for Public Information and Flood Insurance Promotion Plan was adopted by Sarasota County on January 13, 2026.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Adoption of the 2026 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy and the Venice Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project list, approval of the annual report of the 2023-2028 Venice Floodplain Management Plan and adoption of the 2025 Unified Program for Public Information including the Flood Insurance Promotion Plan.

