



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

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FROM: Christina Rimes, CRS Coordinator
DEPARTMENT: Engineering/Stormwater
DATE: 2/5/26 **MEETING DATE:** 2/24/26

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Adoption of the 2026 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy and 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.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Three: Ensure a Fiscally Sound City

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Motion

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As a requirement of 44 CFR Part 201, the 2026 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and the Venice Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project list must be adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction. As a requirement of the Community Rating System (CRS) program, an annual progress report is prepared annually for the 2023-2028 Venice Floodplain Management Plan (FMP). Additionally, the governing body must adopt the 2025 Unified Program for Public Information (PPI), including the Flood Insurance Promotion Plan (FIPP).

These efforts contribute to the overall CRS Program and aid in the achievement of a Class 5 rating, which provides a 25% discount on flood insurance policies through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

1. The 2026 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy and the Venice Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project list
 - The LMS Working Group meets quarterly and prepared the 2026 Unified LMS. The 2026 Unified LMS was approved by the Florida Department of Emergency Management on January 27, 2026. The 2026 Unified LMS was then approved on February 10, 2026 by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

- As part of the continuing effort to complete mitigation projects and to obtain grant funding assistance, the previous mitigation actions project table is included in the Venice HMGP project list.
2. The 2023-2028 Venice Floodplain Management Plan Annual Report
 - As stipulated in the 2023-2028 Venice FMP, the annual report will be generally made available to the public. It can be requested from the Engineering Department.
 - The needs and goals of the community, pertaining to hazards and risks, have not changed since the adoption of the 2023-2028 Venice FMP on April 25, 2023. The 2023-2028 Venice 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.
 3. The 2025 Unified Program for Public Information including the Flood Insurance Promotion Plan
 - Additionally, the City participates in the Unified PPI Committee which produced the 2025 Unified PPI including the FIPP. The 2025 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 document also contains information on flood insurance coverage by jurisdiction. The document was 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 2025 Unified PPI including the FIPP was adopted by the Sarasota County Commission on January 13, 2026.

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