

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY AS THE FORMAL GUIDE FOR SARASOTA COUNTY'S HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 42 U.S.C. §5165, 44 C.F.R. §201.6, Part I of Chapter 22, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 27P-22.

WHEREAS, The Sarasota County Local Mitigation Strategy is the representation of Sarasota County's commitment to reduce vulnerability and risks from natural hazards, serving as a policy guide as resources are committed toward reducing the effects of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, Sarasota County is subject to natural hazards including, severe weather, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires and faces potential damage to life, property, natural resources and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy Work Group is comprised of employees and community members of Sarasota County Government and the City of Sarasota, the City of Venice, the City of North Port, the Town of Longboat Key, Sarasota County School Board and Sarasota Memorial Hospital, is open for participation to any and all interested parties, and is chaired by the Emergency Management Chief, or his designee, and

WHEREAS, the Work Group has identified these local hazards and has assessed county-wide vulnerability and risk to these hazards, ultimately identifying and prioritizing mitigation initiatives that would reduce local vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, initiatives identified, based upon established and accepted criteria, on the Local Mitigation Strategy Initiatives Lists are given more consideration by state-managed funding programs, including but not limited to the Hazard Mitigation Grant program, the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant Program, the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance trust Fund, Communities Trust, Community Development Block Grant, Coastal Partnerships Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy can serve as the Flood Mitigation Plan as required of all communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and seeking project funding from the Flood Mitigation Assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy supplements and compliments the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan as required of all coastal counties in Florida by Florida Administrative Code rule 9J-5 as part of the county Comprehensive Growth Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy is designed to be a process-oriented document with review and revision policies that allow the Local Mitigation Strategy to be changed to meet new or changing conditions including hazard-event frequency, perceived local needs, completed projects and initiatives, and funding opportunities; and

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WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy includes the Sarasota County Floodplain Management Plan, a requirement of the Community Rating System program that serves as a guide for best management floodplain activities; and

WHEREAS, the Sarasota County Floodplain Management Plan will continue to be updated to meet the requirements of the Community Rating System program with updates automatically incorporated into the Local Mitigation Strategy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA:

1. The Sarasota County Local Mitigation Strategy is adopted as the formal guide for Sarasota County's Hazard Mitigation Activities.
2. The County Administrator or his designee is authorized to apply for funding to support these activities.
3. This resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 2010-207.

ADOPTED this the 12 day of Jan., 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Karen E. Rushing
Clerk of the Circuit Court
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

By: 

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