



## Board of County Commissioners

Kevin Ruane  
District One

August 5, 2024

Cecil L Pendergrass  
District Two

Dear NFIP Policyholder,

Ray Sandelli  
District Three

I am writing to reassure you that Lee County Government continues to diligently work on the behalf of residents like you in Unincorporated Lee County who have flood insurance policies underwritten by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Brian Hamman  
District Four

Mike Greenwell  
District Five

Soon you will be receiving a communication from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) related to your flood insurance policy – and prior to receiving it, Lee County would like to provide you an update and some reassurance. FEMA is required to send this letter in August, and some of the language may understandably cause you concern.

Dave Harner, II  
County Manager

Richard Wm. Wesch  
County Attorney

Donna Marie Collins  
County Hearing  
Examiner

Specifically, the letter will speak to removing Unincorporated Lee County from the Community Rating System (CRS), which is what is now giving you up to a 25% discount on your flood insurance. The letter also may say that all policyholders would receive a \$50 surcharge on their policies if the County were placed on probation. The letter may also tell you that if our community is suspended, then no one in the affected area will be eligible for federal flood insurance.

First, none of that is slated to happen during this hurricane season. We have many months to coordinate with FEMA to create our collaborative plan and to avoid being placed on probation from the NFIP.

We are actively working with FEMA on a plan that negates the need for much of what will be mentioned in the letter.

Lee County has been working with FEMA since Hurricane Ian made landfall in 2022 and has had weekly meetings with FEMA since this past spring. ***In fact, the County was notified July 19 that FEMA will maintain Unincorporated Lee County's CRS rating of 5 and NFIP policyholder discounts while the county and FEMA continue to work on a plan to address identified continuing issues.***

NFIP policyholders in Unincorporated Lee County are at the forefront of our priorities, and our Lee Board of County Commissioners is committed to retaining your discount and continuing participation in this important flood insurance program.

If you have questions now or after you receive your NFIP letter, please email us at [LeeCountyFEMA@leegov.com](mailto:LeeCountyFEMA@leegov.com). We also ask that you visit our special website that is dedicated to this issue. We are providing transparency and context every step of the way. Go to [www.leegov.com/femacrs](http://www.leegov.com/femacrs).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Harner, II".

Dave Harner  
County Manager  
Lee County Government