

Community Rating System
Activity 510 (Floodplain Management Planning)

Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

Date this Report was Prepared: April 29, 2025

Name of Community: Lee County

Name of Plan: Lee County 2022 Joint Local Mitigation Strategy

Date of Adoption of Plan: May 17th, 2022

Date of FEMA Approval: June 21st, 2022

5-Year CRS Expiration Date: June 19th, 2027

1. How can a copy of the original plan or area analysis report be obtained:

Click [Lee County 2022 Joint Local Mitigation Strategy](https://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan/mitigation) or visit
<https://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan/mitigation>

2. Describe how this progress report was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public:

The LMS Chair and CRS Coordinator for Lee County collaboratively prepared this report to reflect progress on CRS-related mitigation action items implemented and documented over the past calendar year. The LMS Chair updates the status of CRS-related mitigation action items on a rolling basis, which is then pulled at the time of this report.

This report was presented to Lee County's Disaster Advisory Council (DAC), as established in Administrative Code 2-23, on April 29th, 2025. All DAC meetings are open to the public and media. The public notice, agenda, and slides for the April 29th DAC meeting are attached.

3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

This report highlights two significant implementation updates:

- 1) Lee County has maintained its CRS Class 5 Rating as informed by FEMA on November 21, 2024. This follows FEMA's earlier July 19, 2024, promise to maintain the county's rating pending submission of a satisfactory plan by November 18, 2024. This contributes to Goal 2.4 outlined on page 18 in the Joint Local Mitigation Strategy.

- 2) Lee County has restructured both its DAC and LMS Working Group. Both entities offer multi-jurisdictional support for continued CRS efforts.

The current implementation status of all specific mitigation action plan items is attached.

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:

“Goal 2.4: Maintain or improve the Community Rating System score for Lee County and its political subdivisions over the next five years.”

- The Town of Fort Myers Beach received notice of FEMA’s decision to place its jurisdiction on probationary status effective as of November 18, 2024. The Town of Fort Myers Beach is committed to updating its residents on CRS and NFIP premiums, and the jurisdiction maintains its strong participation within the DAC and LMS Working Group.

5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?

- The LMS Working Group meets to evaluate its project scoring criteria (including a subcomponent reflecting anticipated CRS benefit) in the upcoming months after finalizing HMGP endorsements for Debby, Helene, and Milton.
- The LMS Working Group is currently scoring Debby project proposals with Helene/Milton scoring scheduled after June 15th, 2025. Most of the proposals are flood risk reduction or generator project types.