

Community Rating System
Activity 510 (Floodplain Management Planning)

Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

Date this Report was Prepared: April 11, 2024
Name of Community: Lee County
Name of Plan: Lee County Joint Unified Local Mitigation Strategy
Date of Adoption of Plan: June 19, 2023
5-Year CRS Expiration Date: October 1, 2024

1. How can a copy of the original plan or area analysis report be obtained: [Lee County Joint Unified Local Mitigation Strategy](#)

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 *Joint Unified Local Mitigation Strategy* was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 19, 2023.
- The report was distributed to members of the Disaster Advisory Committee (DAC), which functions as the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group for the county and its political subdivisions.
- Regular meetings of the Disaster Advisory Committee (DAC) provide the public and government leadership opportunities to receive updates on the Local Mitigation Strategy and its associated project list. Agendas and minutes for these meetings are distributed to DAC members, who in turn provide updates to their respective jurisdictions and/or agencies.
- Lee County and its political subdivisions updated the Local Mitigation Strategy and included the project list. This update and revision process included public notices through local media and review and approval by relevant governing bodies. This process was scheduled to conclude in 2022 to coincide with the state and federal-mandated timeline for revision and adoption of the Local Mitigation Strategy, however, it was delayed until 2023 due to the response to and recovery from Hurricane Ian.
- During this reporting period, the DAC updated the LMS project list and approved projects for the following Notice of Funding Availability for HMGP opportunities.
 - Hurricane Ian NOFA
 - Hurricane Nicole NOFA
 - Hurricane Idalia NOFA

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:

- Progress on all Goals and Objectives as outlined in pp. 17-20 of the *Joint Unified Local Mitigation Strategy* continued through this review period as planned, with these special considerations:
 - All Lee County political subdivisions applied for HMGP and CDBG funding because of post-Hurricane Ian eligibility. As a result, the County is making transformational progress toward accomplishing projects on the project list.
 - The County's Emergency Operations Center activated at these times during the reporting period: COVID-19 March 14, 2020, to June 21, 2021; Hurricane Ian September 26, 2022, to April 23, 2023; Hurricane Nicole November 7-10, 2022; and Hurricane Idalia August 28-30, 2023.

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.
 - FEMA notified Lee County of a CRS reduction for unincorporated Lee County and 4 jurisdictions within Lee County. We are working to address this matter in the hopes of reversing the initial decision by FEMA.

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

- The DAC meets regularly to discuss mitigation opportunities and projects listed on the *Joint Unified Local Mitigation Strategy* project list.
- The next DAC meeting is scheduled to occur on May 24, 2024.
- As part of the current review and update of the *Joint Unified Local Mitigation Strategy*, the DAC will propose and discuss recommendations and actions for the project list.