

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
From: Isaac Brownman, Public Works Director
Report date: February 22, 2021
Meeting date: March 1, 2021
Subject: Resolution 2021-05, Adoption of the 2021 Sarasota County Local Mitigation Strategy

Recommended Action

Pass Resolution 2021-05.

Background

In October 1999, the Town Commission passed Resolution 99-13, formally adopting the initial Sarasota and Manatee County Local Mitigation Strategies (LMS) under an agreement with the Department of Community Affairs. These documents set the standards for guiding principles to implement disaster mitigation activities that in turn can reduce losses to public and private infrastructure resulting from major disasters.

Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K) which requires States to update the Local Mitigation Strategies on a five-year cycle. These updates incorporate the impacts of hazards that occurred during the previous five years and associated mitigation actions to reduce additional future losses for like events.

The LMS process requires local community participation in order to pursue and receive future pre- and post- disaster mitigation funding opportunities, such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). As an example, the Town has been awarded an HMGP Grant as a result of Hurricane Irma impacts, to provide wind mitigation for the roof and windows to harden the Town Hall facility, including a generator upgrade for expanded back-up power distribution during power outages.

Staff continues participation with both Sarasota and Manatee County LMS Working Groups to update and amend the goals, objectives, mitigation project lists and initiatives. Similarly the Town Commission passed Resolution 2020-20, adopting the 2019 Manatee County Local Mitigation Strategy updates on June 30, 2020

The Sarasota County Commission adopted the current 2021 update to the Sarasota County LMS via Resolution 2021-017 on February 9, 2021. Upon the Town adopting the Sarasota County 2021 update, the LMS Plans will be submitted to the State and FEMA for formal recognition.

Staff Recommendation

Pass Resolution 2021-05.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 2021-05 (Available within Town Clerk's Office)
- B. Sarasota County Resolution 2021-017 (Available within Town Clerk's Office)
- C. Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy (Available within Town Clerk's Office)

End of Agenda Item