

The Local Mitigation Strategy: Your Guide To A Safer Community

Mitigation:

Actions we can take before a disaster or when we rebuild after a disaster, that will reduce our risk of property damage or loss of life in the future.



After the disaster.....

- From “why did this happen?”
to
- How can we prevent this from happening again?





Deja Vue All over again...

- DCA contracted with all counties in 1998 to develop mitigation plans for their communities.
- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires the State and local governments to have an approved Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for federal disaster mitigation funding
- DCA contracted with all counties to update their LMS and bring into compliance with DMA 2000.

Step 1: Assessing Our Risk: Vulnerability Assessment

- Identify the hazards each community could face and the probability of the hazard.
 - Flooding
 - Hazardous material incidents
 - Severe winds from tropical storms, hurricanes, tornadoes
 - Lightning, droughts, freezes, sinkholes...



Terrorism

- The tragic events of September 11, 2001 tragically demonstrate we are not immune.
- The threats are incorporated into the new LMS



Step 2: Guiding Principles

- Policies
- Regulations
- Procedures
- Programs



Step 3: Mitigation Strategies

- What are our strengths?
- What are our weaknesses?
- What are our priorities toward a safer community?



Step 4: Mitigation Projects: Actions to Take

1. Fortifying our schools (for safer shelter) and our critical facilities (fire stations, police departments, public buildings, hospitals, etc.)



Step 4: Mitigation Projects: Actions to Take

2. Drainage improvements and flood mitigation projects



Step 4: Mitigation Projects: Actions to Take

- Public Education and Training





Pinellas Mitigation Accomplishments

- Land Acquisitions
- Retrofit Of Schools And Other Key Facilities
- Flood Mitigation Initiatives
- Security Initiatives
- Ongoing Programs – CRS Communities And Floodplain Management Plans



The Local Mitigation Strategy: A Dynamic Plan

- Major Update and Re-adoption – 5 years (2009)
- Intermediate Revisions:
 - Revised at quarterly LMS meetings
 - After a major event (s)
 - After a major project has been completed

Where to Find More Information



- www.pinellaslms.org
- www.tampabayprepares.org
- www.flash.org

