

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E., Division of Flood Control and Water Supply Planning

DATE: March 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2025 Martin County Local Mitigation Strategy

Agenda Item Background:

Formal adoption of Martin County's 2025 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) update by the District's Governing Board is required to receive federal hazard mitigation grant program funding, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the District's projects in Martin County. There is no cost for the District associated with the formal adoption of this plan.

The LMS was developed and revised by the Martin County Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the Martin County LMS Committee and other subcommittees and governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters, and with input from the private sector and other members of the public. The purpose of the Martin County LMS is to mitigate natural, technological, and human-made hazards that pose risks to public health and safety, threaten economic stability, and impact the quality of the natural environment. The Martin County LMS provides a rational, managed basis for considering and prioritizing mitigation options, and for developing and executing sound, cost-effective mitigation projects. The Martin County LMS provides a basis for justifying the solicitation and use of local, state, and federal funding sources to support hazard mitigation projects and initiatives. Martin County's 2025 LMS is available online at <https://www.martin.fl.us/Mitigation>.

Additional Item Background:

- The 2025 LMS update was developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 201.6 and was approved for a period of five years pending formal community adoption by the jurisdictions in Martin County, by the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) on December 2, 2025.
- The Martin County Board of County Commissioners formally adopted the 2025 LMS update on January 6, 2026.
- The LMS allows communities to identify hazards and prioritize unfunded projects to mitigate those hazards when funding becomes available from local, state, and federal sources.
- The LMS adoption is required to become eligible to receive FEMA grant funding for hazard mitigation programs, before and after a disaster strikes, including:
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
 - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- The adoption of Martin County's 2025 LMS update in accordance with FEMA's Program Administration by States requirements, should be effective December 2, 2025, the date

of approval of the most current LMS.

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

The adoption of Martin County's 2025 LMS update supports the District's strategic priority of Flood Control, as well as hazard mitigation strategies in general, by advancing coordination with local, state, and federal partners and becoming compliant with the requirements of the FEMA mitigation grant programs.

Funding Source:

There are no associated costs for the adoption of the Martin County 2025 LMS update.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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