

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 33

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PINELLAS
COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.

WHEREAS, Pinellas County is located in an area that is vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County supports efforts to make our community more disaster-resistant, thereby reducing the costs of disasters, preventing or mitigating their impact to our residents, and reducing time needed for recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy represents a unified county-wide strategy toward a more disaster resistant community; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy provides the consistent framework for future pre-disaster mitigation efforts and post-disaster redevelopment, regardless of the type of future threat faced by our community; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy includes a section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the first unified county-wide Local Mitigation Strategy was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 1999, and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County established a website (www.pinellaslms.org) and copies of the plan were made available through all participating local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously approved four five-year updates to the Local Mitigation Strategy (Resolution 04-165, Resolution 10-60, Resolution 15-30 and Resolution 20-32), and

WHEREAS, after a review and update period, the Executive Summary of the 2025 draft Local Mitigation Strategy has been placed on the LMS public website and copies of the Plan are available upon request to the Housing and Community Development Department in order to obtain public comment regarding the plan pursuant to Federal Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 update of the Local Mitigation Strategy included the 10-step planning process which is consistent with FEMA's multi-hazard mitigation planning regulations pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and serves as the County's Floodplain Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information (Attachment A) has been included in Appendix H of the Local Mitigation Strategy to satisfy the floodplain management requirements of the County's Community Rating System (CRS Activity 330); and

WHEREAS, a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis for unincorporated areas of the County (Attachment B) has been included in Appendix I of the Local Mitigation Strategy to satisfy the floodplain management requirements of the County's Community Rating System (CRS Activity 510); and

WHEREAS, two publicly noticed workshops were held at a central location in Pinellas County at the Lealman Exchange (5175 45th Street N. St Petersburg) on April 15th, and virtually on October 17th, 2024 to inform the public and obtain public comments; and

WHEREAS, an online and paper surveys were released to gain public input on the LMS plan's hazard identification and risk assessment both in English and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, a LMS SharePoint site was established to coordinate the LMS Plan's planning process with all participating jurisdictions and to gain their input in updating the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at a duly assembled meeting held on the 22nd day of April, 2025, that the Board hereby adopts the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy developed by the Local Mitigation Strategy Workgroup. The LMS Plan will be in effect from May 6, 2025 through May 5, 2030. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 20-32. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Peters offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Latvala and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Latvala, Nowicki, Peters, and Scherer.

Nays: None.

Absent and not voting: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Derrill McAttee
Office of the County Attorney