



# MONROE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE

## What Is a Local Mitigation Strategy?

### Why is it Important to Me?

A Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is the result of a planning process to identify natural hazards, develop strategies to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property damage resulting from these hazards, and educate community members about these hazards and loss reduction strategies. This planning process is structured around the four phases of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which the County’s planning consultant has aligned with the ten steps of the Community Rating System (CRS). Having an adopted Local Mitigation Strategy ensures a community is eligible for federal disaster funding. It is important for citizens to become involved in mitigation planning in their community. The planning team needs your input on the types of hazards that are your priority concern and your opinion on ways to prevent or lessen the impacts of hazards.



## What is the Community Rating System (CRS)?

The CRS is a national program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to encourage communities to reduce their risk to flood-related hazards. The CRS rewards the efforts communities take to go above and beyond the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by providing discounts on flood insurance premiums. Specifically, the CRS encourages communities to reduce flood damage to existing buildings, manage development, protect new buildings, preserve and/or restore natural floodplain functions, help insurance agents obtain flood data, and help individuals obtain flood insurance.

## What Hazards are Addressed by the Plan?

The following hazards will be evaluated for inclusion in the Monroe County Multi-Jurisdictional HMP:

- ▶ Flood
- ▶ Hurricane and Tropical Cyclone
- ▶ Severe Storms and Tornadoes
- ▶ Wildfire
- ▶ Coastal Erosion
- ▶ Extreme Heat
- ▶ Sea Level Rise and Climate Change
- ▶ Cyber Threat
- ▶ Radiological Incident

## What Can I Do to Participate?

Visit the website. Get more information and follow the planning process at [www.monroecountyfl-LMS.com](http://www.monroecountyfl-LMS.com). The website contains announcements for upcoming meetings, minutes and presentations from past planning meetings, information on the identified hazards, draft planning documents for review, a public survey, and more.

Take the survey. A public outreach survey is available in hard copy format, on the plan website, and at <http://www.monroecountyfl-lms.com/survey.html>. Complete a survey ASAP to ensure your opinion is captured!

Send us information or comments. If you have information to share for inclusion in the plan, please contact planning consultants Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. by email: [david.stroud@woodplc.com](mailto:david.stroud@woodplc.com) and [abigail.moore@woodplc.com](mailto:abigail.moore@woodplc.com). Additionally, please review and comment on the draft plan that will be made available for public review at [www.monroecountyfl-LMS.com](http://www.monroecountyfl-LMS.com) prior to being submitted to FEMA. You will be able to provide comments on draft documents via the plan website after they are posted (date to be determined).