Appendix D: Public Involvement in the LMS Planning Process

This appendix addresses the following FEMA requirements:

§201.6(b)(1) and §201.6(c)(1): The planning process must include: An opportunity for the public to comment on the plan during the drafting stage and prior to the plan approval.

§201.6(c)(1): The plan must include: Documentation of the planning process used to develop the plan, including how it was prepared, who was involved in the process, and how the public was involved.

§201.6(c)(4)(iii): The plan must include discussion on how the community will continue to participate in the plan maintenance process.

The PBC LMS Steering Committee, Working Group, and Revisions Sub-Committee worked extensively to gather public interest in reviewing the current plan and providing suggestions or input on the future draft of the plan that you are now reading. An electronic public request was made to review the existing LMS (2020) and a dedicated email address (LMS-PBC@pbcgov.org) was created to solicit public input. These were also advertised through press releases, the LMS Times (LMS's quarterly newsletter that is distributed to the public through municipalities and the DEM website), social media (Facebook and Twitter), the DEM webpage, and through our LMS membership through their public interface in other outreach programs being conducted in the lead-up to the meetings.

A Public Input forum, on the First Draft published to the DEM webpage) was held on September 13, 2023 after-hours in order to maximize availability to interested citizens. Unfortunately, even with all the effort to gain public interest, very few members of the public attended. Those that did attend did not provide any new information that was not already included in the current LMS document, or had already been identified in the future draft that was being written.

The LMS Coordinator, at the direction of the LMS Revisions Sub-Committee, also produced an online survey to gather information from members of the public as to hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation prior to the first draft being produced. This online survey was advertised via the DEM website, various municipality webpages, social media, and word of mouth. The survey received several responses. The results of those responses were forwarded to the Revisions Sub-Committee for possible inclusion into the LMS2024 draft document. However, many of the responses were not useful or for other hazards and did not provide any new usable information for the LMS2024 draft.

A second Public Forum on the final draft was held on October 13, 2024, prior to the regularly scheduled LMS Working Group meeting, at 9:00am at the Wellington Community Center. The second Public Forum press releases, the LMS Times (LMS's quarterly newsletter that is distributed to the public through municipalities and the DEM website), social media (Facebook and Twitter), the DEM webpage, and through our LMS membership through their public interface in other outreach programs being conducted in the lead-up to the meetings.

The LMS Coordinator, at the direction of the LMS Steering Committee, also produced an online survey to gather information from members of the public as to hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation for those that were unable to attend a meeting in person. This online surveywas advertised via the DEM website, various municipality webpages, social media, and wordof mouth. The survey ran for four (4) weeks and

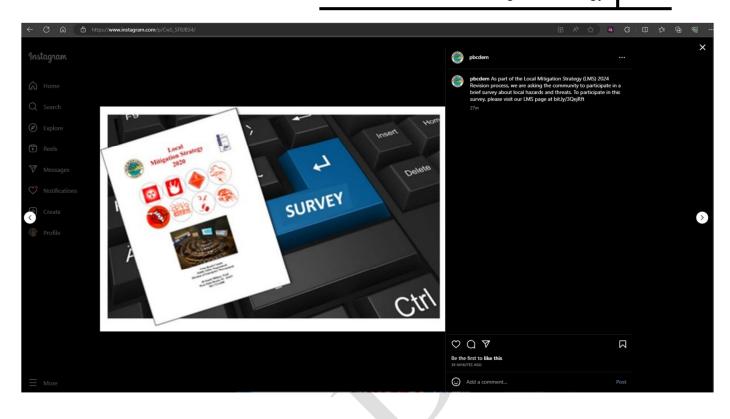
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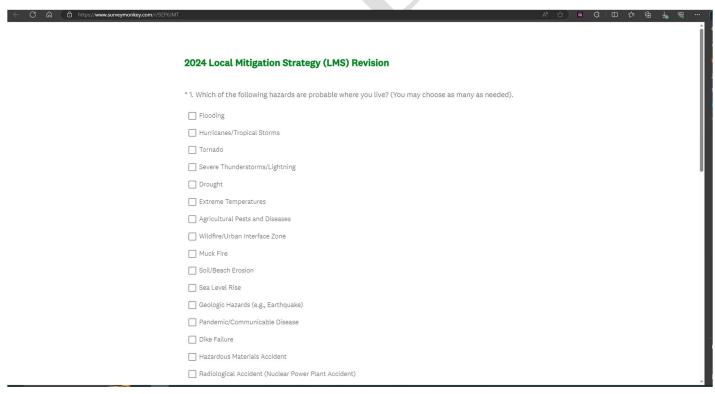
The following pages present documentation from the public input outreach that was conducted prior to the drafting of the LMS2024 update. The first set of pages deal with the public meetings.







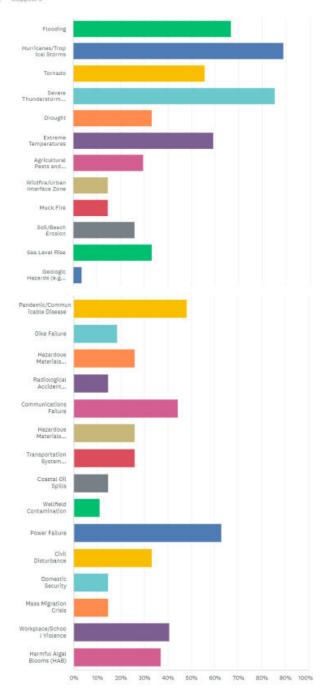




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	Power Failure
	☐ Civil Disturbance
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	□ Workplace/School Violence
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	* 3. Are there any other known or unknown hazards that were not mentioned in Question 1? If so, please identify the hazards(s).
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	4. If you entered a hazard in Question 3, what ideas do you have about a solution or project that may mitigate such a hazard?
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Which of the following hazards are probable where you live? (You may choose as many as needed).

Answered: 27 Skipped: 0



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Considering the hazards above that are probable where you live, do you have any ideas or suggestions for how to mitigate the hazards you identified? (Note: Mitigation is the act of addressing the hazard before it occurs again). Please be specific about how this hazard can be mitigated

Answered: 27 Skipped: 0

- Education on what to expect from the disaster, when it could happen, and how it could affect me.
- 2. Earlier warnings and better forecasting products
- 3. Education the community on preparedness and recovery resources
- 4. We can plan, prepare and be alert for any hazard. React calmly.
- 5. More tax dollars to support the mitigation efforts.
- 6. Preparation, education, increased local drainage, man-made reefs,
- Continued training and exercises
- Improved drainage systems along roadways.
- 9. N/A
- 10. Plan and mitigate
- 11. Have more education and peaceful conversations to get along with others, instead aggressive escalation without any compromise being made to resolve an issue.
- 12. Public education is one of the most important methods of mitigating these hazards. It is also important to come up with a framework strategy that all local government entities can review and incorporate into their strategic planning.
- Upgrades to power supply, improvements or improved maintenance of storm water management system,
- 14. Flooding Open the gates to canal and NOT after the fact
- 15. Green harvest instead of archaic practices
- 16. Address global warming at every level of government & society
- 17. More patrol from the Police Department for neighborhood robberies (people coming from other neighborhoods nearby).
- Better storm water and drainage systems. Stronger buildings. Water conversation. Underground power lines.
- 19. Designate certain local large box retailers and government centers as disaster recovery/resource areas that will always have electricity, water and a go to place for emergency supplies
- 20. Na
- 21. Have the county commissioners believe in climate change, and be willing to spend dollar to mitigate the risks.
- 22. Green harvesting sugar cane vs burning
- 23. In my community sugarcane burning is a minor hazard and green harvesting can help eliminate those hazards.
- 24. Follow the emergency Operations plan.
- 25. Address climate change
- 26. No.
- 27. Flooding Storm drains need to be opened so that flooding does not happen.

Q3



Are there any other known or unknown hazards that were not mentioned in Question 1? If so, please identify the hazards(s).

Answered: 27 Skipped: 0

- No
- 2. Airplane accidents. I know there is a transportation accidents, but not sure that includes airplanes, as there are lots of small planes flying around
- N/A
- 4. None
- 5. No
- 6. most were covered
- 7. Space weather
- 8. N/A
- 9. Sugar cane burning
- 10. No
- 11. Sugarcane Burning
- 12. Not that I can think of.
- 13. None
- 14. Mosquito spraying
- 15. Sugarcane burning
- 16. Sugar cane field burning
- 17. Unsafe driver's vehicular accidents.
- 18. N/A
- 19. NO
- 20. N/A
- 21. Tallahassee exerting too much control over local governmental affairs. We should be able to ban plastic bags, require solar on new construction, and put EV chargers on every corner if it is what we deem important to our community.
- 22. Sugar Cane Burning
- 23. Sugarcane Burning
- 24. No
- 25. Dangerous air pollution due to sugarcane burning.
- 26. Sugar Cane burning smoke and toxic chemical exposure, plus the burning contributes to global warming.
- 27. No

Q4



If you entered a hazard in Question 3, what ideas do you have about a solution or project that may mitigate such a hazard?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 9

- 1. N/A
- 2. Not sure what I can do to mitigate this
- 3. N/A
- 4. Not sure
- Green harvesting alternative provides sustainability and can promote economic opportunity to surrounding communities
- 6. Awareness
- Stop utilizing sugarcane burnings as the means of harvesting and transition into greener alternatives.
- 8. N/A
- 9. Municipality/ District-keep posted on current weather conditions
- 10. Green harvesting
- 11. Stop burning and go to green harvesting. Most sugar producing countries have outlawed or strongly regulate sugar cane field burning. In 2008 during negotiations to sell land to the state of FL for Everglades restoration, US Sugar put out a press release stating even with a loss of half their land they could create more jobs by going to green harvesting. There is much here to be examined.
- 12. Traffic turn signals at every intersection. More traffic patrol the drivers in this county are terrible they do not know the rules of the road. Merge into closest lane not wait to cross 3 lanes impeding traffic. Signs to be polite to other drivers and to stay off of the phones while driving. Pay Attention.
- 13. N/A
- 14. N/A
- 15. Green Harvesting
- 16. Green Harvesting
- 17. Green harvesting
- 18. Stop the burn. Use green harvesting

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Local Mitigation Strategy LMS2024 Revision Review & Public Forum

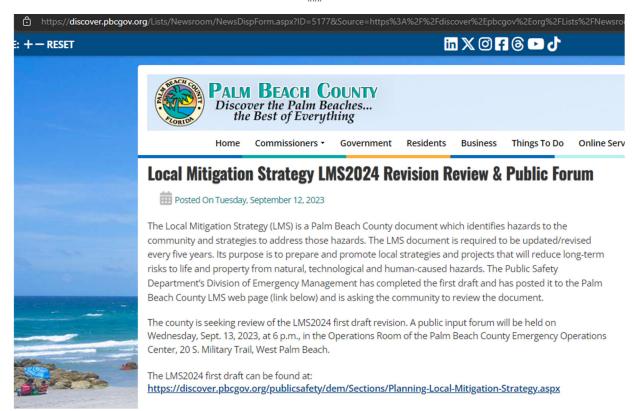
The Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is a Palm Beach County document which identifies hazards to the community and strategies to address those hazards. The LMS document is required to be updated/revised every five years. Its purpose is to prepare and promote local strategies and projects that will reduce long-term risks to life and property from natural, technological and human-caused hazards. The Public Safety Department's Division of Emergency Management has completed the first draft and has posted it to the Palm Beach County LMS web page (link below) and is asking the community to review the document.

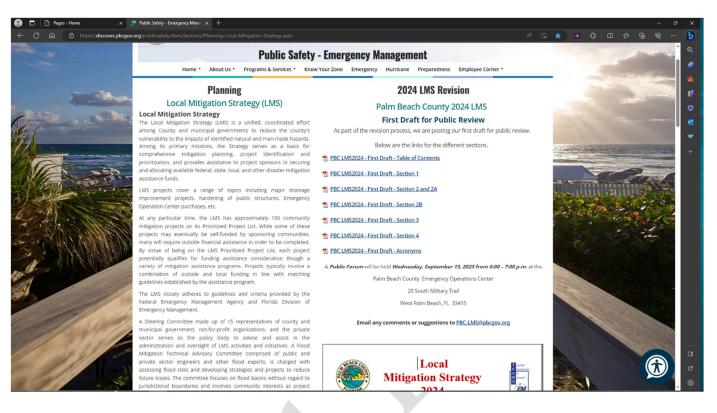
The county is seeking review of the LMS2024 first draft revision. A public input forum will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at 6 p.m., in the Operations Room of the Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center, 20 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

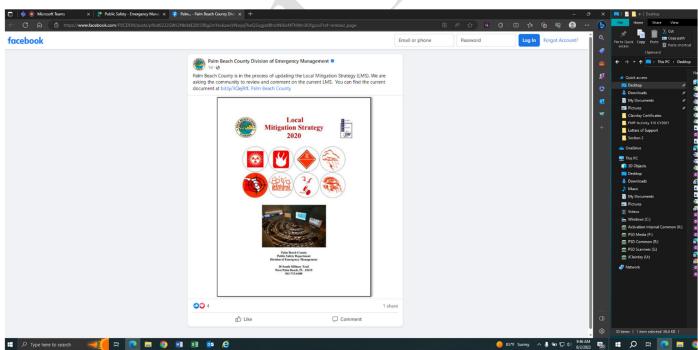
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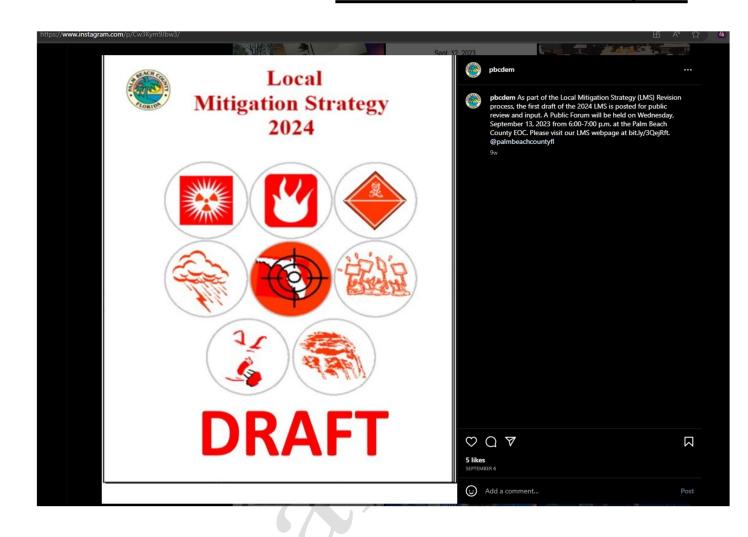
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SFWMD Resiliency Coordination Forum & LMS Open House August 30, 2023







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Director's Corner

By Mary Blakeney, FPEM, Director, PBCDEM



As we head into the heart of the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season we must remain vigilant of all the risks associated with each and every hurricane independently as they make landfall anywhere in Florida. Seeing the impacts Hurricane Ian had on our peers around the state was overwhelming. Whether we are confronted with a direct landfall or are hundreds of miles away from landfall; every storm is different. We need to continuously remind our resi-

dents that every storm posses different risks and we need to focus on those risks for OUR county.

Because of these risks, this is why our Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and the work our community puts into mitigation is so important. We need to all provide our input into our LMS updates this year to ensure we are clearly identifying those risks and leveraging every opportunity to mitigate our communities. Every dollar of mitigation could save us six dollars in recovery.

We look forward to a continued partnership with everyone serving our LMS.

Mitigation Matters!



Palm Beach County Spotlight



County Warning Point

The County Warning Point (CWP) is located at the Palm Beach County's Emergency Operations Center and is staffed with Communicators 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week who serve as Palm Beach County's primary point of contact for a wide variety of both natural and human-caused emergencies, including technological hazards. The CWP collects, organizes, and disseminates information in reference to emergency and non-emergency events within the County.



The CWP ensures that the County's population and emergency management agencies are warned of developing emergency situations and can communicate emergency response decisions as mandated by State Law. The CWP is far from a dispatch center. It is a *Situational Awareness* hub that collects, analyzes, and shares information with local, state, and federal partners to aid in their response roles. Their mission is to provide agencies and stakeholders with the most accurate information available relating to ongoing or impending hazardous situations throughout the county and region.

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FLORIDA RESILIENT PROGRAM

The Florida Resilient Program enhances efforts that protect inland waterways, coastlines, and shores that serve as invaluable natural defenses against sea level rise. By providing grants and education, investments in the county's communities for the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms and flooding.

Special topics associated with the Resilient Florida Program

- Sea Level Impact Projection (SLIP) Study
- Living Shorelines
- Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation
- Statewide Assessment

Palm Beach County Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Project Funding Requests

<u>Year</u> <u>Requested</u>	Municipalities / Agencies	<u>Total</u> <u>Requested</u>	Number of Projects
2022—2023	4	\$27,858,000	11
2023—2024	4	\$3,807,364	4

For more information, follow: https://floridade_______Elorida



PBC LMS Revisions

Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management is requesting public input on the current LMS which can be found at:

https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/ Planning-Local-Mitigation-Strategy.aspx

Email any comments to: PBC-LMS@pbcgov.org

The first draft will be posted on the LMS website in early September. A Public Forum for input has been scheduled for:

September 13, 2023 @ 6:00 pm PBC EOC—Operations Room 20 S Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415

For more information, contact: Jerri L. Clairday at (561) 712-6481 or JClairday@pbcgov.org

King Tides 2023

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a King Tide is a non-scientific term people often use to describe exceptionally high tides. Tides are long-period waves that roll around the planet as the ocean is "pulled" back and forth by the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun as these bodies interact with the Earth in their monthly and yearly orbits.

Days when Palm Beach County can expect the highest tides in 2023 are:

- September 29—October 2
- October 27—31
- November 26

KNOW YOUR ZONE!!

Do you live near the coast, poor drainage areas, or sheet flow? Access Palm Beach County's *Flood Zone Look-up Tool* to determine if your address could be adversely affected by the King Tides.

https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/ dem/pages/know-your-zone.aspx

Request for LMS Times Articles

Ve want to celebrate your mitigation efforts nat keep Palm Beach County safe and beautiful. We are requesting community input for publication in the LMS Times quarterly newsletter. Has your community implemented or completed a mitigation project? If so, please submit a narrative of approximately 500 words along with high resolution photos to:

Jerri L. Clairday, LMS/CRS Coordinator JClairday@pbcgov.org



Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management Local Mitigation Strategy 2024 Revision First Draft – Public Forum

Sign-In Sheet

Palm Beach County EOC – Broadcast Studio Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

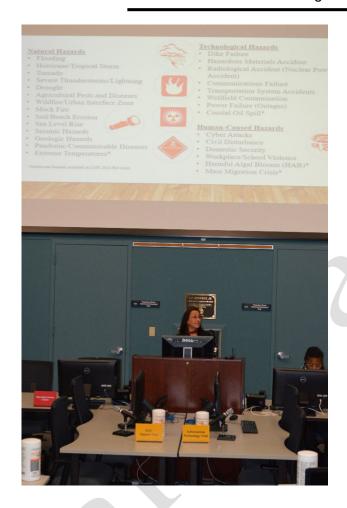
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