



September 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Frank M. Chillura & City Council Members

THROUGH: Gerald J. Seeber, City Manager

FROM:  Robert R. Gordon, P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Local Mitigation Strategy Annual Progress Report

In 1999, the City Council adopted the County-wide Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) which encompasses Unincorporated Hillsborough County and the cities of Plant City, Tampa, and Temple Terrace. In August of 2015 the City adopted the five-year update to the LMS, identifying and prioritizing hazard mitigation projects.

The goal of the LMS is to minimize the effects of any potential natural or man-made disasters on our community and its infrastructure. Appendix G of the current County-wide LMS plan contains a list of proposed projects to accomplish the plan's goals. In accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Requirements, below are updates on the projects listed in the County-wide plan that relate to the City of Temple Terrace.

This annual report is prepared for submittal for continued credit under the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (NFIPCRS). In December of 2013, the City was pleased to announce to its residents that its class rating through the program had been reduced from eight to six. As required under the CRS, this memo must be distributed to the media and be made available to the public. Copies of this report and of the current plan will be available for review at the Public Works Department, 11210 N. 53rd Street, Temple Terrace, Florida, 33617.

1. Project Updates

Project/Objective #2.1 - Retrofit Existing Structures – This is primarily a public information program designed to encourage residents to retrofit existing structures to better withstand natural hazards

Status – Ongoing. Information regarding the availability of retrofitting evaluation and recommendation assistance by City employees is on the City’s website. Additionally, the information is included in the annual outreach projects to property owners in the special flood hazard area and the flier sent to all utility customers.

Project/Objective #3.1 - Hazard Mitigation Education – Provide residents and business owners with a variety of hazard mitigation educational information to protect themselves against potential disasters.

Status – Ongoing. Information regarding hazard mitigation is on the City’s website. Additionally, the information is included in the annual outreach projects to property owners in the special flood hazard area and the flier sent to all utility customers.

Project/Objective 117.1 – Richlyne Street Stormwater Pond Storage Enhancement Project – Improve storm water storage capacity to prevent flooding.

Status – Completed. The City dredged the pond for enhanced storage capacity and replaced both pumps. The pump intakes were also screened to prevent debris from clogging the flow.

Project/Objective 117.2 – Pleasant Terrace Stormwater Master Plan Project – Retrofit Stormwater storage and conveyance for the Pleasant Terrace neighborhood .

Status – Ongoing. The City needs additional funding to complete the project and is researching storm water assessment fees.

Project/Objective 117.3 – SWFWMD CFI Grant Request for Stormwater Fee – Submit application for cooperative funding initiative (CFI) grant to the SWFWMD.

Status – Completed. The grant has been approved and will be awarded in October of 2015 to help the City implement the storm water assessment fee to help with flooding issues.

2. Recommendations

- a. City staff should continue their efforts of implementing the plan's ongoing recommendations.
- b. The City should continue its participation in the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group and work with neighboring communities to reduce stormwater and drainage problems that cross corporate boundaries.
- c. City staff should update the City's website to include this update and a link to Local Mitigation Strategy.
- d. City staff should continue the City's public outreach programs regarding flood protection information.
- e. City staff should continue providing citizens with site-specific information and assistance to inquiries, including map information and flood protection advice.
- f. City staff should continue implementing small-scale projects to correct localized flooding issues.
- g. Maintain the City's drainage system in accordance with the City's various operating procedures.