



## **2023 Status of Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Reduction Plan**

Resolution 2015-03, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida adopted the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy on June 1, 2015. This memo is our progress report. It was prepared by the City Manager who serves as the CRS Coordinator for the City.

This status report has been distributed to the Council and is available to the media and the public. A copy of the report has been placed on the City Hall Bulletin Board located at 444 Causeway Blvd. The Status Plan notice is being posted on the City's website.

The Floodplain Management and Repetitive Loss Reduction Plan set out goals to be achieved. Each goal and the progress activity are listed below.

1. **Beach Nourishment** - Beach Nourishment was last completed in the City of Belleair Beach in July of 2018. Funding for the 2024 nourishment remains uncertain. Pinellas County continues to explore alternative funding scenarios for the next project.
2. **Regulatory Standards** - The City Council amended Belleair Beach City Code Chapter 74, Floodplain Management Ordinance, of the Code of Ordinances on April 3, 2006, to bring the Floodplain Management Ordinance into full compliance with State and Federal approved model ordinances. Chapter 74, Floodplain Management Ordinance was further amended by Ordinance 06-06A adopted on October 2, 2006, to address certain issues raised by the Florida Department of Community Affairs and to restate the Floodplain Management Ordinance in its entirety for easier comprehensive and enforcement. The following Ordinances were approved by City Council on June 3, 2013: Ordinance 12-04A Repeals Chapter 74 in its Entirety and replaces Ordinance 12-04; Adopting a New Chapter 74 of the City Code Pertaining to Flood Hazard Maps, designating a Floodplain Administrator; Adopting Procedures and Criteria for Development in Flood Hazard Areas, and for Other Purposes. Ordinance 13-02 Amends Chapter 10 of the Belleair Beach City Code by Adopting Amendments to the Florida Building Code. Ordinance 13-03 Amends Section 94-201 Pertaining to Zoning Limitations on Mobile and Modular Housing. These Administrative Amendments are required to agree with the new Florida Building Code adopted in March of 2012 and were approved by FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.
3. **Informing the Public** - The City provided Flood Facts in May 2023 to each resident of the City and mailed a copy to local area real estate firms, financial institutions, and insurance offices. Flood Facts is a city-wide newsletter providing information on hurricanes, flood insurance, surviving the storm and being prepared to evacuate. In addition, a copy of this brochure and other documents on floodplain management, flood insurance and flood hazard information are provided in the City Welcome Bags for new residents and are available for download from the City's website. Congruent information was presented on June 8th at the Water Safety and Hurricane Expo held at City Hall. Representatives from PSFRD, PCSO, Pinellas County, 10 Tampa Bay, and Bay News 9 volunteered time to speak to Belleair Beach residents.
4. **Integrated Map** - The City provides the August 2021 FIRM maps of the community for download on its website.
5. **Elevation Records** - the City maintains a record of Flood Elevation Certificates for many properties in the City. The Elevation Certificates are available on the City's website at [www.cityofbelleairbeach.com](http://www.cityofbelleairbeach.com).

6. **Informational Display** - The City maintains literature on flood hazards, flood insurance and other floodplain management topics in its entry foyer area.
7. **Develop Database** - The City reviews the listing of Repetitive Loss Properties provided by FEMA and updates the information as needed.
8. **Flood Hazard Program** - The City continues to operate its program to advise property owners and residents of flood hazards through its yearly outreach program.
9. **Awareness** - The City continues its yearly outreach program of property owner awareness of local, state, and federal programs that can assist them in minimizing flood risks for their individual families and property.
10. **Explore Alternatives** - The City brought its floodplain management regulations into compliance with the adoption of Ordinance 14-07 in 2014. In June of 2013 City Council approved Ordinance 12-04A Repealing Chapter 74 in its entirety and replaced Ordinance 12-04; adopting a new Chapter 74 of the City Code pertaining in Flood Hazard Maps; Designating a Floodplain Administrator; Adopting Procedures and Criteria for Development of Flood Hazard Areas and for other purposes.

#### **Additional Activities Undertaken**

- Completed ISSA application to obtain Repetitive Loss Properties data.
- May 4, 2021: The City adopted Pinellas County's Program for Public Information and Floodplain Management to improve communication to the public and provide information on flood hazards, flood safety, flood insurance and ways to protect property.
- Implemented a new stormwater monthly fee of \$15.00 per residential unit to provide for additional improvements to the system effective October 1, 2020.
- The City hosted a Flood Insurance Workshop for citizens on April 19, 2023. The workshop covered Risk Rating 2.0, the new flood insurance requirements with Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, and private flood insurance non-renewals.
- Map information service: This is an ongoing activity. It is publicized in Flood Facts and online at the City website.
- Provided site specific information and assistance to inquiries including map information.
- Projecting a Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$3.7 Million for Stormwater Improvement in the FY 2023-24 Budget.