

STATUS OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND REPETITIVE LOSS REDUCTION PLAN

2015

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 in the City Bulletin Board located at the 25th Street Park and 2nd Street Park and is available for review at the City Hall. 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 noted in the following:

1. Goal -Beach Nourishment- Beach Nourishment was completed in the City of Belleair Beach in July of 2012. Phase I of the 8.7 mile Sand Key project covered nourishment from Sand Key South, including Belleair Beach to 312 Gulf Boulevard in Indian Rocks Beach. Tropical Storm Debby washed away \$25 million of beach sand along the Pinellas County coast, from Sand Key to Sunset Beach. Sunshine and Sunset beaches on Treasure Island and Upham and Pass-A-Grille beaches on St. Pete Beach are tentatively scheduled for nourishment beginning in July 2014. The total construction costs for this nourishment project was \$16,182.00.

2. Goal -Regulatory Standards- The City Council amended Belleair Beach City Code Section Chapter 74, Flood Protection, of the Code of Ordinances on April 3, 2006 to bring the Floodplain management regulations into full compliance with State and Federal approved model ordinance. Chapter 74, Flood Protection 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 Flood Protection regulations in its entirety for easier comprehensive and enforcement. The following Ordinances were approved by City Council on June 3, 2013: Ordinance 12-04 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 Florida Division of Emergency Management.

3. Goal -Informing the Public- The city provided Flood Facts in April 2015 to each resident of the City and mailed a copy to local area real estate firms, financial institutions and insurance offices. In addition, a copy of this brochure and other information on floodplain management, flood insurance and flood hazard information is provided in the City Welcome Packet for new residents and is available for download from the City's website. A city-wide newsletter was mailed to every resident in June 2015 providing information on hurricanes, flood insurance, surviving the storm and be prepared to evacuate.

4. Goal -Integrated Map- The city provides the September 2003 FIRM maps of the community for download on its website.
5. Goal -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
6. Goal-Informational Display- The city maintains literature on flood hazards, flood insurance and other floodplain management topics in its entry foyer area.
7. Goal -Develop Database- The city reviews the listing of Repetitive Loss Properties provided by FEMA and updates the information as needed.
8. Goal-Flood Hazard Program- The City continues to operate its program to advise property owners and residents of the flood hazards through its yearly outreach program.
9. Goal -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. Goal-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 to Flood Hazard Maps; Designating a Floodplain Administrator; Adopting Procedures and Criteria for Development of Flood Hazard Areas and for other purposes.

Additional activities undertaken Include:

-Designed proposed new Community Center to withstand 140 MPH wind load, and was built on pilings with a finished floor slab elevation of 12.00 North American Vertical Datum (NAVD). The base flood elevation for the site is at 10.00 NAVD and 11.00 NAVD. The building is one foot above the required FEMA flood elevation. Due to the elevation on the new Community Center, the cost of flood insurance substantially decreased. Construction of the new Community Center was completed September 22, 2009.

-Emailed the Largo library to ensure flood related information is available for the public.

-Completed the State mandated Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the City's Comprehensive Plan. This is a first step in the multiyear process to revise the Comprehensive Plan to meet all current state and local requirements as well as citizen concerns on development, infrastructure and environmental protection.

-Amendments to the City of Belleair Beach Comprehensive Plan (DEO Number 14-CIE1, City Ordinance 14-10) were sent to the Department of Economic Opportunity in December, 2014. This amendment was reviewed in accordance with Subsection 163.3177(3) (b), Florida Statutes, relating to the review of comprehensive plans. The Plan is updated annually and is no longer reviewed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. A courtesy notice is sent to the Department and to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

-The City's outreach project, Flood Facts, which was distributed to the community, local real estate, financial and insurance offices, addressed the following topics:

- Flood hazard
- Flood map
- Flood safety
- Flood insurance
- Property protection
- Permit requirements
- Substantial improvement requirements
- Drainage maintenance
- Natural and beneficial functions

-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 inquirers including map information.

-Set a Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$40,000 for Stormwater Improvement in the 2015-2016 Budget.

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