MEMORANDUM

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

To: The Honorable Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Chair and Members of City Council
From: Noah Taylor, Community Rating System Coordinator
Date: May 3, 2018
Subject: Attached Local Mitigation Strategy Report

Attached for your information is the annual progress report for the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), the LMS was adopted by the City in April of 2015. This report is being submitted to FEMA as part of the yearly recertification necessary to maintain the City’s participation in the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS identifies the discount that property owners will receive for flood insurance policies for property located with the City.

St. Petersburg currently has a rating of five (5), which provides a 25% discount for flood insurance policies. Each year the City recertifies that it is continuing to participate in the activities required by the CRS program. This update is a requirement of the recertification process.

Background

Pinellas County, its municipalities, and other stakeholders have developed a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) that defines the various types of potential hazards to the community, ways to minimize the impact of these hazards, and roles and responsibilities of the municipalities. The LMS has been in effect since 1998, and the 2014 update to the LMS focused on using the 10-step process consistent with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Management Planning (FMP) element of the Community Rating System (CRS).

Each year the LMS Working Group meets and reviews the LMS action items. The action items are updated as appropriate and implemented projects and success stories are added. The Working Group also amends the LMS if they identify any other appropriate changes to the action plan. Once approved by the State, the County posts the updates on the LMS website, www.PinellasLMS.org, sends a media release, and each jurisdiction submits the updates to their governing board. This report is for the 2017 update.

This report was submitted to the City Council, through a Memorandum and the LMS Report can be found on our website at www.stpete.org/flooding.

Attachment Enclosed

Cc: Kanika Tomalin, City Administrator
    Tom Greene, Assistant City Administrator
    Alan Delisle, City Development Administrator
    Dave Goodwin, Planning & Economic Development Director
    Rick Dunn, Building Official
    Elizabeth Abernethy, Zoning Official
    Amber Boulding, Emergency Management Manager
    Noah Taylor, CRS Coordinator