MEMORANDUM

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

To: The Honorable Charlie Gerdes, Chair, and Members of City Council

From: Rick Dunn, Floodplain Administrator & Building Official

Date: September 25, 2015

Subject: Attached report to FEMA

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 six (6), which provides a 20% 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

The CRS is a detailed program through which FEMA encourages local governments to adopt rules and procedures and take actions which promote flood hazard awareness and increase flood protection. Local governments that participate in the CRS activities identified by FEMA receive a rating which provides a flood insurance discount for policies in the jurisdiction. As part of the annual recertification process, local governments make annual reports regarding activities identified in the point system established by FEMA in order to maintain their rating and the accompanying discounts, which are based on the activities in the CRS program.

Every five years, a staff member of the Insurance Services Office, representing FEMA, visits to review each activity for which the City receives credit. Examples of activities or actions that garner points include public awareness campaigns such as brochures, televised information, neighborhood meetings, physical work which reduces flooding such as drainage or wetland enhancement projects, and mitigation of repetitive loss properties through purchase, removal or elevation.

Additional information is available should there be questions regarding the attached material.

This report was submitted to the City Council, through a Memorandum, displayed on our website, and placed in the local newspaper.

Attachment Enclosed

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Introduction

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a detailed program through FEMA that encourages local governments to adopt rules and procedures and take action promoting flood hazard awareness to help increase flood protection. Local governments that participate in the CRS activities identified by FEMA receive a rating that provides a flood insurance discount for policies in their jurisdiction.

Local governments complete an annual recertification process in order to maintain their rating and the accompanying discounts based on the activities in the CRS program. Annual reports are generated to identify the activities in the point system established by FEMA.

A staff member representing FEMA from the Insurance Services Office visits every three to five years to review each of the City’s activities that qualify for credit. Examples of activities or actions that garner points include public awareness campaigns such as brochures, televised information, neighborhood meetings, and physical work that reduces flooding such as drainage or wetland enhancement projects and mitigation of repetitive loss properties through purchase, removal or an increase in elevation.

On April 16, 2015 by Resolution No. 2015- 167, the City of St. Petersburg adopted the 2015 County-wide Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan. In order for Pinellas County or any of the municipalities located in the County to be eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funds, the local governments must have an adopted LMS.

The Pinellas County LMS Plan is currently undergoing a 5-year review and comprehensive update.

A copy of the adopted Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan may be reviewed at the City’s Community Planning Division located at One Fourth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 or may be viewed via the web at: www.co.pinellas.fl.us/ppc/docs/eardocs/local_mitigation_strategy.pdf.

Evaluation of the Local Mitigation Strategy Goals and Objectives

The most effective method of determining the success of the implementation of the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan is to identify the Goals and Objectives and show how each was addressed during the previous year. Actions that further the goals and objectives demonstrate execution of the countywide mitigation strategy. In many situations, the evaluation may include efforts either countywide or from other agencies to accurately reflect these objectives.
The Seven Goals Adopted for the LMS Plan

1) Become a More Disaster Resilient Community

A. Objective: Adopt comprehensive and consistent sets of goals, objectives, and policies in the local government comprehensive plan which will minimize risk and potential property damage through density restrictions, zoning, and land use regulations.

Evaluation: The City’s Comprehensive Plan contains goals, objectives and policies that, in general, minimize risk by prohibiting density increases in the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) and directing population concentrations away from the CHHA.

B. Objective: Adopt and enforce land development regulations (LDRs) including building codes and floodplain management regulations which provide for enhanced public safety, structural integrity of buildings and infrastructure in order to achieve mitigation goals.

Evaluation: The City utilizes the combination of LDRs, building codes, and floodplain management regulations to require that construction in the special flood hazard area is mitigated from flood risk.

C. Objective: Local Governments, Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and businesses should develop and maintain Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans which minimize the impact of business interruption and protect vital records.

Evaluation: The City has a Disaster Operations Plan (DOP), which includes disaster recovery assistance. The City’s Emergency Management Office is the principal participant in the Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco Community Organizations Active in Disaster. The Emergency Management Office has developed and presents specific training for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), disaster response organizations in their preparation of COOP’s, and operational continuity plans. The office also presents business continuity instruction for entrepreneurs, small business owners, and coordinates the City COOP plans for all “emergency critical” departments.

D. Objective: Continue to maintain and implement, as necessary, the Pinellas County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan but not less than once a year.

Evaluation: The City currently considers the DOP and the LDRs as the redevelopment plan. The county’s Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan was adopted in 2012.

E. Objective: Conduct research to determine impacts from climate change to the county and work regionally to identify adaptive strategies to meet future challenges, including sea level rise.

Evaluation: The City is working with federal, state, and county entities to determine potential impacts to the City and will incorporate adaptive strategies in the next update of the LMS, as appropriate.

F. Objective: Develop a local program in concert with federal and state programs to encourage and provide incentives to residents to make their homes more resistant to natural, technological, and human-caused disasters.

Evaluation: The city sends brochures to all residents in the special flood hazard area and areas of repetitive loss which provide information on retrofitting and financial assistance. The City has also reached out to property owners of repetitive loss property for informational meetings with state and federal representatives to inform the property owners about mitigation funding. The city continues to provide a Disaster
Preparedness for Small Business Owners workshop, which is a two-part presentation that provides information for disaster preparedness and disaster recovery. This workshop is offered once a month, and it is actually one of the required workshops for businesses participating in the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program. Workshop instruction is provided by the City’s Fire Department and SBE staff members.

G. Objective: Identify, assess, prioritize and harden critical facilities and key critical infrastructure.

Evaluation: The City has identified and prioritized critical facilities to harden through the LMS process and continues to seek funding for these projects. The City also funds hardening projects through the CIP budget. Fire Rescue Station #8, previously dedicated, represents state-of-the-art architecture and construction related to enduring public safety infrastructure. Station #8 is the first LEED compliant fire station in Florida. The new fire station is also compliant with current floodplain management regulations and replaced a station that was constructed below the base flood elevation. In addition to Station #8, the following newly constructed critical (city-owned) buildings include (with wind impacts in parenthesis) the following: Water Resources Administration building (160 mph), J.W. Cate Recreation Center (123 mph) and the Roberts Recreation Center (123 mph).

H. Objective: Support environmental land acquisition programs which limit existing or future development from a hazard, while protecting environmental lands and/or providing recreational opportunities.

Evaluation: The City has an environmental preservation program which includes more than 3,000 acres of protected land in the floodplain. The city also continues to pursue opportunities to acquire land in order to minimize the risk of flooding and to improve storm water quality.

I. Objective: Develop a public awareness and education campaign that informs citizens, officials, and businesses about: Potential risks; Mitigation alternatives, their costs and benefits; Incentives and funding assistance programs.

Evaluation: The City continues to provide brochures to businesses and residents which address the risk of flooding and educate the public about mitigation alternatives and possible funding sources.

J. Objective: Incorporate mitigation and preparedness activities into Neighborhood Crime Watch and CERT programs.

Evaluation: the City continues to support CERT involvement for its residents via the Pinellas County Citizen Corps. The city Emergency Management Office (EMO) has conducted approximately 15 public education events encompassing a broad range of audiences such as neighborhood associations, business and civic organizations, and congregate living facilities. Further, the EMO has partnered with external agencies, educational institutions, businesses and other entities in disaster planning, training and exercise events, which contribute to this high priority.

K. Objective: Provide hazard-specific training, such as awareness, ICS1, hazardous material handling, flood proofing, code-plus construction techniques (“Blueprint for Safety”), etc. to governmental employees, contractors and citizens to reduce our vulnerabilities.

Evaluation: The City continues to integrate ICS protocols into incident management and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into every aspect of the municipal emergency management program. These efforts include and embrace the training of city personnel at all levels. The City also has floodplain managers trained in flood proofing techniques who work with permitting staff to encourage flood proofing options to residents and businesses.
L. Objective: Adopt and enforce land development regulations (LDRs) which provide for the protection of environmentally-sensitive lands, i.e. wetlands, coastal areas and upland habitats in order to achieve mitigation goals.

Evaluation: The City has an ongoing program of environmental preservation which includes a preservation zoning district that limits development activity. The City currently has approximately 3,577.69 acres in the special flood hazard area that is zoned Preservation, with a Preservation future land use plan designation.

M. Objective: Support the construction of structures that reduce the impact of hazards including storm water controls, floodwalls, seawalls, security and monitoring capabilities, and safe rooms.

Evaluation: The City continues to maintain and construct structural improvements to mitigate risk.

2) Minimize Coastal Flooding Losses in the CHHA, Coastal Storm Area, and Hurricane Vulnerability Zone.

A. Objective: Restrict permanent residential density increases, expenditure of public funds, and the location of critical facilities within the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA), the Coastal Storm Area (CSA) where applicable, and the Hurricane Vulnerability Zone (HVA).

Evaluation: the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations prohibit density increases in the CHHA and limits public investment in infrastructure in the CHHA as well.

B. Objective: Enforce adopted building codes and floodplain management regulations.

Evaluation: The City continues to enforce the adopted building codes, floodplain management regulations to minimize risk in the city, and the CRS Program.

C. Objective: Develop a program which provides incentives to encourage code-plus\(^2\) flood mitigation construction and design.

Evaluation: The City requires additional mitigation beyond the requirements of the NFIP by requiring all construction to be one foot above the crown of the adjacent roadway. The City from time to time has regulated other code-plus requirements.

D. Objective: Develop local programs in concert with federal and state programs that encourage and provide incentives to residents, to elevate their homes or businesses in the SFHA, CHHA, Coastal Storm Area, if applicable, and Hurricane Vulnerability Zone.

Evaluation: The City sends brochures to all residents in the special flood hazard area and areas of repetitive loss which provide information on retrofitting and financial assistance. The City has also reached out to property owners of repetitive loss property for informational meetings with state and federal representatives to inform property owners about mitigation funding.

E. Objective: Provide residents with up-to-date information regarding their: Hurricane Evacuation zone; Flood zone; and opportunities to participate in programs which can assist them with their mitigation efforts.

Evaluation: The City provides hurricane evacuation and flood zone information upon request and provides links to this information on the City’s website. The City also sends out brochures to property owners within the special flood hazard area and areas of repetitive loss with information regarding flood proofing options and financial assistance programs for mitigation activities.
F. Objective: Provide vulnerable residents with up-to-date information to adequately plan for potential evacuation and disasters.

Evaluation: The City partners with Pinellas County for public outreach on disaster preparations through their website, speaker bureaus, events, PCC-TV and other outreach programs. In addition the City has a Program for Public Information (PPI) specifically designed to provide outreach through stakeholders and to increase the awareness of flood hazards to all citizens.

G. Objective: Protect coastal resources through acquisition, density restrictions, and the provision of designated beach access, natural vegetation, and dune protection.

Evaluation: Through the Comprehensive Plan’s goals, objectives, policies, and land Development Regulations. The City protects coastal resources through preservation, designations, acquisitions, and density restrictions in the CHHA.

H. Objective: Identify structural projects where appropriate that minimize coastal flooding loss but protect environmental resources.

Evaluation: The City continues to maintain and improve the storm water management system to protect from flood loss and protect environmental resources such as water quality. The City has retrofitted 62 existing storm water outfalls in the Shore Acres neighborhood with tidal backflow protection and storm water quality improvements since 2010. The project budget was in excess of $4,000,000, funded from storm water utility and SWFWMD cooperative agreement grants.

3) Minimize Riverine or Inland Flooding Losses in the 25, 50, and 100-year Flood Zone.

A. Objective: Regulate residential density increases, expenditure of public funds and the location of critical facilities within the 25, 50, and 100-year flood zones.

Evaluation: The City regulates development for floodplain management purposes in the 100-year flood zone. As previously stated, the City limits residential density and expenditure of public funds for infrastructure in the CHHA.

B. Objective: Enforce adopted building codes and floodplain management regulations.

Evaluation: The City consistently enforces building codes, floodplain management regulations, and participates in the CRS Program with a Class 6 rating and a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 4 (single-family structures and 3 commercial structures).

C. Objective: Develop a program which provides incentives to encourage code-plus flood mitigation construction and design.

Evaluation: The City continues to investigate the feasibility of initiating additional freeboard requirements.

D. Objective: Develop local programs in concert with federal and state programs to encourage and provide incentives to residents to elevate their homes or flood proof their commercial buildings when located in the floodplain.

Evaluation: The City continues to participate in the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program through sponsorships of resident applications for grant funds.

E. Objective: Provide residents with up-to-date information regarding their: Flood zone; Need and availability of flood insurance; Opportunities to participate in programs which can assist them with their mitigation efforts.
Evaluation: Through-out the year the City continues to carry out public outreach disaster preparations through websites, speaker bureaus, email subscriptions, events, PCC-TV and other Public, Educational and Governmental Channels (PEGs), local and commercial TV, and radio, and CRS outreach activities.

F. Objective: Provide residents with up-to-date information to adequately plan for potential evacuation and disasters.

Evaluation: Through-out the year the City continues to carry out annual public outreach disaster preparations through websites, speaker bureaus, email subscriptions, events, PCC-TV and other Public, Educational and Governmental Channels (PEGs), local and commercial TV, and radio, and CRS outreach activities.

G. Objective: Educate the development community on Low Impact Development (LID) opportunities and transfer of density to avoid excessive development in the riverine areas.

Evaluation: The City continues to utilize websites, speaker bureaus, email subscriptions, events, PCC-TV and other Public, Educational and Governmental Channels (PEGs), local and commercial TV, and radio, and individual mailings.

H. Objective: Protect wetlands and watershed areas through acquisition, density restrictions, provision of recreational opportunities (where appropriate), and habitat restoration.

Evaluation: The City continues to investigate programs that acquire environmentally-sensitive lands and flood-prone properties in conjunction with storm water management projects.

I. Objective: Identify structural projects where appropriate that minimize flood loss including storm water projects, drainage projects, and retention areas.

Evaluation: The City continues to update the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element, local capital improvements programs, participate in the CRS Program, and the LMS project list.

4) **Minimize Storm Wind Losses in the County.**

A. Objective: Regulate the placement of manufactured housing/mobile homes and strive to replace stock with other affordable housing alternatives, including hurricane resistant modular construction.

Evaluation: The City’s Comprehensive Plan prohibits the siting of new mobile home parks in the Evacuation Level A zone.

B. Objective: Enforce adopted building codes, particularly with regards to window protection, garage doors, and roofs.

Evaluation: The City continues to enforce the building codes on a consistent basis.

C. Objective: Develop a program which provides incentives to encourage code-plus wind mitigation construction (Blueprint for Safety) and design (e.g., hip roofs).

Evaluation: The City continues to identify existing programs and non-profit partners to expand current efforts and assist homeowners in retrofitting their homes for wind design pressures; particularly window protection, bracing garage doors, and anchoring roofs.
D. Objective: Develop local programs in concert with federal and state programs to encourage and provide incentives/assistance to residents to harden their homes or businesses.

Evaluation: The City continues to distribute information through public outreach outlets discussing how-to’s in hardening structures. Provide testimonials; Support State Hurricane Preparedness Tax Holidays and Wind Retrofit Program.

E. Objective: Provide residents with up-to-date information regarding their: Hurricane wind risks; Retrofit options, their costs and benefits (rebates, insurance discounts, etc.); new construction; and opportunities to participate in programs which can assist them with their mitigation efforts.

Evaluation: The City continues to carry out public outreach for disaster preparations through websites, speaker bureaus, email subscriptions, events, PCC-TV and other Public, Educational and Governmental Channels (PEGs), local and commercial TV and radio, and CRS outreach activities. Support State Hurricane Preparedness Tax Holidays and Wind Retrofit Program.

F. Objective: Identify structural construction techniques that minimize wind loss damage to critical facilities (city halls, courthouse, and fire stations) and infrastructure (utilities, etc.).

Evaluation: The City continues to identify projects to harden both critical facilities and infrastructure. Many of these projects are listed in the LMS and of updating of the CEMP. The City continues to look for funding for these projects and also pursues these projects through the CIP program.

5) Minimize Wildfire Losses in the Wildland Urban Interface Areas.

A. Objective: Enforce adopted building codes and “Fire wise” policies (buffers, etc.) to minimize risk.

Evaluation: The City continues to enforce the adopted building codes, including regulations for fire suppression.

B. Objective: Conduct prescriptive burning programs in passive recreational areas and parks.

Evaluation: The City conducts prescribed burns in its natural areas every year. Scheduling depends on the habitat and frequency needed for best management practices. The purpose for the burns vary from fuel reduction, to invasive plant management, to ecological management.

C. Objective: Provide residents with up-to-date information regarding their fire risk and Fire wise strategies, as well as water conservation.

Evaluation: The City’s Fire Department has a safety education training team that promotes fire safety to schools and residents. The Fire Department also monitors fire risk due to weather and releases alerts and strategies to residents to help reduce their fire risk. The Department also provides fire extinguisher training to businesses that request the service. Water conservation is promoted through educational programs, information on the City’s website, and press releases.

D. Objective: Protect wildland areas through prescribed burning, acquisition, provision of recreational opportunities (where appropriate), outdoor camping/fire restrictions, and habitat restoration.

Evaluation: The City continues to protect wild lands through a variety of habitat management practices. Prescribed burns are scheduled every year to reduce fuel loads, manage exotic species/invasive plants and for ecological management. Habitat restoration is achieved through ongoing maintenance practices including exotic/invasive removal projects using contractors, staff and volunteers; monitoring natural recruitment of native plants, and replanting with native plants. Passive recreation is available on all wild lands and limited camping is allowed. All campfires require a permit from the Fire Department.
6) **Minimize Losses from Hazardous Material Incidents.**

A. **Objective:** Restrict noxious industrial land uses and the storage of potentially hazardous materials to specific areas.

   Evaluation: Heavy industrial uses are restricted to certain areas of the City through zoning, other land development regulations, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and fire safety inspections.

B. **Objective:** Enforce adopted fire and safety regulations, EPCRA reporting requirements, and adequate oversight.

   Evaluation: The Fire Prevention Division enforces applicable fire codes and regulations. All Tier Two reporting from civilian businesses is now done electronically in E-plan. Pinellas County emergency communications provides, maintains and updates the computer aided dispatch records for SARA Title III facilities.

C. **Objective:** Maintain the highest level of Hazardous Material Team response capabilities.

   Evaluation: The Fire Department maintains a hazardous materials team response in accord with the current Pinellas County contract for hazardous materials teams.

D. **Objective:** Coordinate traffic routes and roadway system with MPO.

   Evaluation: Coordination of traffic routes for hazardous materials is coordinated by FDOT, the City, and County transportation departments.

E. **Objective:** Implement local programs in concert with federal and state programs to encourage businesses and industries, including transporters, to address and mitigate any potential for release or spills.

   Evaluation: Pinellas County has oversight through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF).

F. **Objective:** Provide residents with up-to-date information regarding emergency response; i.e., warnings, shelter in place, and evacuation.

   Evaluation: This service is provided by Pinellas County and is carried out through annual public outreach disaster preparations through websites, speakers’ bureau, email subscriptions, events, PCC-TV and other Public, Educational and Governmental Channels (PEGs), local and commercial TV, and radio.

G. **Objective:** Provide training to public works, parks/recreation and utility employees with Hazardous Materials Handling training as well as responders.

   Evaluation: The City currently has yearly training through the first responder level to prevent/mitigate damages from hazardous material incidents.

H. **Objective:** Protect environmental resources from the impacts of potential spills or releases through prevention activities, preparedness planning and enhanced response capabilities and provision of adequate resources.

   Evaluation: The City Fire Department provides emergency response and through coordination with industry programs, such as the Pollution Preventions & Resource Recovery (P2R2) program, has minimized the use of hazardous materials in industrial processing.
7) **Minimize Losses from Security Attacks.**

A. **Objective:** Adopt key recommendations for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Buffer Zone Protection, etc. including territorial protection, access management, surveillance, etc.

Evaluation: The City endorses all state and federal strategies intended to mitigate the potential impacts of terrorist attacks, such as CBRNE incidents. Both public and private enterprises have received, and will continue to receive, municipal support for prudent and innovative policies and procedures for security-sensitive construction and architecture.

B. **Objective:** Incorporate the use of site profiler for threat and vulnerability analysis of critical infrastructure and key assets.

Evaluation: The Water Resources Water Treatment and Distribution facilities have been evaluated according to federal regulations and vulnerability assessments. Homeland Security specialists have performed site evaluations of the water facilities.

C. **Objective:** Local governments and businesses should develop and maintain Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans which minimize the impact of business interruption and protect vital records.

Evaluation: The City Emergency Management Office is the principal participant in the Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco Community Organizations Active in Disaster. The Emergency Management Office has developed and presented specific training for NGOs, disaster response organizations in their preparation of COOP’s, and operational continuity plans. The office also presents business continuity instruction for entrepreneurs, small business owners, and coordinates the city COOP plans for all “emergency critical” departments.

D. **Objective:** Develop local programs in concert with federal and state programs to harden critical facilities, critical infrastructure, key assets, and minimize vulnerabilities to attack.

Evaluation: The City continues to exercise vigilance in the identification and pursuit of federal and state programs that would provide cost-effective funding for hardening of critical facilities and infrastructure. Several “hardening” projects have been completed (see Objective G on page 3). The City and emergency management staff participate in RDSTF regional critical infrastructure protection subcommittee.

E. **Objective:** Provide residents with up-to-date information to adequately plan for potential evacuation or shelter in place.

Evaluation: The City Office of Emergency Management conducts year round presentations; primarily focusing on hurricane preparedness that includes specific information and instructions pertaining to evacuation, risk sheltering, preparation, acknowledgement of evacuation zones, and the potential of storm tide surge. Presentations also include information on disaster recovery, including the use of tools, water and food safety and utility safety.

F. **Objective:** Develop programs to protect the region’s water supply from deliberate sabotage.

Evaluation: The City continues to secure water supply facilities in accordance with recommended Federal Homeland Security multi-layer systems for protection from deliberate sabotage. Perimeter fence systems, electronic surveillance and a security plan are maintained to insure integrity of the water system.
LMS Current Status

The City of St. Petersburg continued to support the countywide Local Mitigation Strategy Plan and participated in meeting with the Pinellas LMS Workgroup during FY 2014/15. St. Petersburg, along with other communities throughout Pinellas County, began updating the entire LMS in 2014. The LMS was adopted by resolution on April 16, 2015. This resolution referenced that the LMS, with the inclusion of a mitigation strategies discussion and an action plan, would function as the City’s Floodplain Management Plan.

Summary and Conclusions

The City of St. Petersburg has performed well during the FY 2014-2015 period in its efforts to meet the objectives of the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy and local flood plain management goals. The City maintained a Class 6 community rating, despite the implementation by the Insurance Services Office to a new CRS manual.

The City has hired a full time CRS Coordinator to focus on obtaining a Class rating of 5 and to produce information that will address the requirements of the Community Rating System program. This will provide a 25% premium discount on most National Flood Insurance Program policies issued or renewed within the community.

The floodplain management efforts continue to be implemented in an efficient manner. The success stems from continuous monitoring of the Community Rating System efforts and the City’s commitment to making them an important factor of everyday planning and operations.