



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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Director

October 24, 2014

Mr. Kelvin Bledsoe  
Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy Coordinator  
20 South Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33415

Re: Palm Beach County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved Pending Adoption

Dear Mr. Bledsoe:

This is to confirm that we have completed a State review of the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) plan update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, Palm Beach County developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions and our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions. We have determined that the Palm Beach County LMS plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption, for the jurisdictions below:

Palm Beach County, Unincorporated  
City of Atlantis  
City of Belle Grande  
City of Boca Raton  
City of Boynton Beach  
Town of Briny Breezes  
Town of Cloud Lake  
City of Delray beach  
Town of Glen Ridge  
Village of Golf  
City of Greenacres  
Town of Gulf Stream  
Town of Haverhill  
Town of Highland Beach  
Town of Hypoluxo  
Town of Juno Beach  
Town of Jupiter  
Jupiter Inlet Colony  
Town of Lake Clarke Shores  
Town of Lake Park

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City of Lake Worth  
Town of Lantana  
Town of Lexahatchee Groves  
Town of Manalapan  
Town of Mangonia Park  
Village of North Palm Beach  
Town of Ocean Ridge  
City of Pahokee  
Town of Palm Beach  
City of Palm Beach Gardens  
Town of Palm Beach Shores  
Village of Palm Springs  
City of Riviera Beach  
Village of Royal Palm Beach  
City of South Bay  
Town of South Palm Beach  
Village of Tequesta  
City of Wellington  
City of West Palm Beach

Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions' documentation of their adoption resolutions to our office, we will send all necessary documentation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will issue formal approval of the Palm Beach County LMS plan.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jamie Leigh Price at 850-413-9925 or [Jamie.price@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Jamie.price@em.myflorida.com).

Respectfully,



Miles E. Anderson,  
Bureau Chief, Mitigation  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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Attachments: MEMORADUM: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Chair/Coordinator

FROM: Miles E. Anderson, Mitigation Bureau Chief  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Florida Division of Emergency Management *ME/jlp*

RE: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)

Florida is currently operating under PAS with regard to the review and approval of Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) plans.

Under this designation, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) will manage the approval of LMS plans with minimal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) oversight. FEMA will continue to send final approval letters to local communities for their mitigation plans.

**The process:**

Plan updates should be submitted to the state for review six (6) months prior to the plan expiration date. Once received, FDEM will complete the first review of each LMS plan within 30-days of receipt whenever possible. Once the plan has been reviewed by FDEM, the county will be notified that the plan is either in need of revisions, approved pending adoption, or approved.

- **Needs Revisions:** If the plan is determined to be insufficient the FDEM Mitigation Planning Unit will provide technical assistance to the local jurisdiction until they believe that the plan adequately meets the regulations according to FEMA's standards.
- **Approved Pending Adoption (APA):** After FDEM reviewers determine that the plan adequately meets all regulations according to FEMA's standards, they will notify the local jurisdiction by email and letter that the plan is ready to be adopted.
- **Approved:** Once a plan is adopted, FDEM will notify FEMA that the LMS plan is approved and provide a copy of the adoption resolution, the final plan, and a completed Plan Review Tool. FEMA will issue a formal approval letter for FDEM to transmit to the local community.

If you have any questions or need any further information regarding this change please do not hesitate to contact your state LMS liaison.

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