**St. Johns County Floodplain Management Plan Annual Progress Report**

**April 2022**

**Community Rating System (CRS)**

**Activity 510 Floodplain Management**

**CID: 125147**

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a program under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that provides discounts on eligible flood insurance policy premiums. Participating communities earn points for activities aimed at reducing flood losses. One of the activities St. Johns County, the City of St. Augustine and the City of St. Augustine Beach participate in is Activity 510- Floodplain Management Planning.

To maintain participation in the CRS, communities participating in Activity 510 must submit an annual update. The St. Johns County multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) serves as the Floodplain Management Plan. The following questions are required to be answered as a part of the annual update.

1. **How can a copy of the credited Hazard Mitigation Plan (Floodplain Management Plan) or Repetitive Loss Area Analysis be obtained?**

The current LMS was recently updated. It was adopted by resolution on May 19, 2020 by St. Johns County, May 11th by the City of St. Augustine, and May 4th by the City of St. Augustine Beach. The plan received final approval from FEMA on June 1, 2020 and will expire again on June 1, 2025. A copy of the plan can be obtained from <https://www.sjcemergencymanagement.com/lms.html>.

1. **Describe how** **this annual progress report (not the credited Hazard Mitigation Plan or repetitive Loss Area Analysis) was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public:**The annual report was prepared by the LMS Working Group chairperson, Laura Nelson with input from the county and city CRS coordinators. It will be made available on the St. Johns County Emergency Management website [www.sjcemergencymanagement.com](http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.com), released by the St. Johns County Communications Division as a media release and submitted to the governing bodies via the County Administrator/City Managers.
2. **Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:**

The LMS Working Group has established a list of Mitigation Initiatives, also known as the Project List. The list contains projects that mitigate each of the potential hazards, including the flood hazard, and are eligible for HMGP, FMA, BRIC, CDBG-DR and other federal, state and local funding. New projects are recommended by Working Group Members at the quarterly meetings. The members then vote on the project, and, if accepted, the project is then rated according to a Guiding Principles ranking system developed by the Working Group. The ranking system ranks items using criteria such as: availability of funds, viability of project, social equity, environmental impacts, and population benefitted.

The attached project list details the status of each project/action item in the plan. Projects continue to be funded mainly by past cycles of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and local revenue. As additional resources become available, projects will be implemented as possible.

1. **Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:**While projects continue to be identified and implemented, resources such as staff, time and money continue to be barriers to implementing all the desired projects on the list. LMS Working Group members have been fortunate to be able to fund a number of projects over the last few years; many of which are still in progress. While progress has been slow due to programmatic regulations and approvals, projects are still moving forward.
2. **What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?**The LMS Working Group meets quarterly to update the project list and discuss ongoing initiatives. Project managers share their best practices with the rest of the Working Group to ensure all involved parties are as efficient as possible. As new projects are identified they are added to the list of projects and implemented as funding and resources become available.