

Polk County CRS 510 Progress Report 2022



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The Polk County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) serves as the County's Floodplain Management Plan under the Community Rating System (CRS). Under CRS Activity 510, the County is required to complete a Floodplain Management Annual Progress Report and provide it to the public. This document serves as that report.

Adoption of the Polk County LMS 2020

The Polk County LMS was originally adopted on June 15, 2005, as part of County Resolution 05-121. A plan update was adopted on August 4, 2010, as part of resolution 10-116. As part of the ongoing 5-yr cycle revision, the most recent update to the LMS was adopted August 4, 2020, through County Resolution 2020-133.

Report Preparation and Distribution

The progress report was prepared by Lori Lehr in coordination with Scott Anderson, CRS Coordinator for Polk County. A copy of the 2020 LMS can be obtained by going to the Polk County website: https://polkcountylms.org/download/2020_lms_strategy_update/Polk%20County%20Multi-jurisdictional%20LMS%2008_04_2020%20ADA.pdf. The Annual Report will be published on the County Community Rating System page on the County's website: <https://www.polk-county.net/floodplain-management/the-community-rating-system>. The report will also be sent to the State of Florida's NFIP office as required by the CRS program.

Description and Implementation of Action Items

A Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (LMSWG) meets at least once a year to perform ongoing review and evaluation of the LMS. The LMSWG consists of representatives from local municipalities, local organizations and County government and is coordinated by staff of the County's Emergency Management Division. Currently the LMSWG is planning to meet again in September to review potential updates including revisions to the Prioritized Projects List (PPL) of projects eligible for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding. The LMSWG met two times in 2022 the first meeting was in January and the second in November.

Recommendation for New Projects or Revised Recommendations

The LMS PPL is revisited each year. Completed or obsolete projects are removed, and new projects are added to the PPL. A call for updates is made to each community prior to each annual meeting. The PPL that was updated in 2022 is attached and labeled as Attachment 1.

Projects are completed as local funding and or grant funding becomes available.