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**Local Mitigation
Strategy Plan**



A multi-jurisdiction mitigation plan for:

**The City of Gulf Breeze
The Town of Jay
The City of Milton
and
Santa Rosa County, Florida**

Produced by a cooperative effort through the

***Santa Rosa County Local Mitigation Strategy Task
Force***

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Event Tracking

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Feb 10, 2005		Resolution	County	Approval of Plan
April 14, 2005	New plan conditionally approved by FEMA/DCA (pending adoption by local governments)	Digital file	E & E/ McDonald/Bates	
April 18, 2005		Resolution	Town of Jay	Approval of Plan
April 27, 2005		Resolution	City of Gulf Breeze	Approval of Plan
April 28, 2005		Adoption	County	Adoption of Plan
May 10, 2005		Resolution	City of Milton	Approval of Plan
May 25, 2005		Adoption of a unified priority list	LMS Task Force	
Feb 15, 2006	By-law revisions	Digital file	LMS Task Force	
Aug 31, 2006		Annual Presentation to Board and written report	County/Marsh	
Sep 16, 2008	By-law revisions	Digital file	LMS Task Force	
2009	Updates for 5 year review		LMS Task Force	

Santa Rosa County
Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio
BFE – Base Flood Elevation
C – Celsius
CDBG – Community Development Block Grant
CEMP – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
CR – County Road
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
CRS – Community Rating System
DCA – Florida Department of Community Affairs
DEM – Division of Emergency Management
DEP – Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DFIRM – Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map
DMA2K – Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
EEE – Eastern Equine Encephalitis
F – Fahrenheit
FAC – Florida Administrative Code
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM – Flood Insurance Rate Map
GIS – Geographical Information System
HMGP – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
IFAS – Institute of Food and Agricultural Services
LMS – Local Mitigation Strategy
LOC – Level of Concern
MEMPHIS - Mapping for Emergency Management, Parallel Hazard Information System
MPH – Miles per Hour
NFIP – National Flood Insurance Program
NHC – National Hurricane Center
NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service
NWFWMD – Northwest Florida Water Management District
PDM – Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant Program
SFR – Single Family Residential
SR – State Road
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USGS – United States Geological Survey
WNV – West Nile Virus
WWTP – Waste Water Treatment Plant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Santa Rosa County and the municipalities of Gulf Breeze, Jay and Milton are threatened by a number of natural hazards that could cause costly disasters in neighborhoods, business districts, and rural areas. These hazards potentially endanger the health and safety of the population, and jeopardize economic and environmental vitality. Because of the importance of avoiding or minimizing the vulnerabilities to these hazards, the public and private sector interests of Santa Rosa County have joined together to create a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Task Force to undertake a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional planning process that has culminated in the publication of the "Santa Rosa County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan."

This LMS Plan updates and replaces a plan adopted in ~~the late 1990's~~ February 2005 by the four local government jurisdictions of the County. This plan was developed as a result of the U.S. Congress passing the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, or DMA2K. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the DMA2K program at the national level. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM), through its Bureau of Recovery and Mitigation, administers the program at the state level.

DMA2K requires the State of Florida to maintain a complete, adopted and approved state mitigation plan. In order to accomplish this, the county and municipalities must also develop a complete, adopted and approved local mitigation strategy plan consistent with the provisions of DMA2K. ~~The original plan of the late 1990's adopted by the County and municipalities was not consistent with DMA2K. Thus, a redevelopment of the plan was undertaken. This plan is a revision of the redeveloped plan.~~ This revision was accomplished by staff and citizen input.

The LMS Task Force has included the hazards threatening the jurisdictions of Santa Rosa County and estimated the relative risks posed to the community by those hazards, as indicated in the County and Municipality Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (CEMP). Information has been gathered from a variety of sources (including property appraiser, planning offices, and federal programs). This information has been used by the LMS Task Force to assess the vulnerabilities of the facilities and neighborhoods of the County to the impacts of future disasters involving those hazards. Using this information the committee has worked to identify proposed projects and programs that will avoid or minimize these vulnerabilities to make the communities of Santa Rosa County much more resistant to the impacts of future disasters.

Vulnerabilities and impacts to the community were then developed into "mitigation strategies." Mitigation strategies are designed to identify ways to reduce vulnerability to disasters. The mitigation strategies were assembled in a five-year plan that allows the County and municipalities to co-join these efforts with other local planning and budgeting processes.

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Adoption of the plan is a multi-jurisdictional function. The County and each municipality must independently accept and adopt the LMS Plan by resolution or ordinance. Adoption, and plan approval by FEMA, is required in order to be eligible for disaster dollars following a Presidential Disaster Declaration, or to apply for Pre-Disaster Mitigation funds (PDM) which were created by the passage of DMA2K.

This document details the work of the Santa Rosa County LMS Task Force over the past several years to develop the planning organization, to undertake the needed technical analyses, and to coordinate the mitigation initiatives that have been proposed by the participating jurisdictions and organizations. Through publication of this local mitigation plan, the committee continues to solicit the involvement of the entire community to make the people, neighborhoods, businesses and institutions of Santa Rosa County safer from the impacts of future disasters.

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