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Mr. Miles E. Anderson  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Division of Emergency Management  
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

Reference: Sarasota County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are pleased to inform you that the Sarasota County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy is in compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The plan is approved for a period of five (5) years, to February 23, 2016.

This plan approval extends to the following participating jurisdiction that provided a copy of their resolution adopting the plan:

- Sarasota County (unincorporated)

The approved participating jurisdiction is hereby an eligible applicant through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

A fifth program, Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), does not have a requirement for a local Hazard Mitigation Plan. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation is required for some programs.

We commend the participants in the Sarasota County plan for the development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted.

For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs. In addition, please be aware that if any of the approved jurisdictions participating in this plan are placed on probation or are suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program, they may be ineligible for certain types of federal funding.

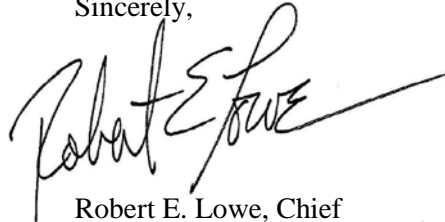
We strongly encourage each Community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years.

We also encourage each Community to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included within a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development.

When the plan is amended or revised, it must be resubmitted through the State as a “plan update” and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan.

The State and the participants in the Sarasota County plan should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or Sarasota County have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Gabriela Vigo, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (229) 225-4546, or Linda L. Byers of my staff at (770)-220-5498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Lowe", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert E. Lowe, Chief  
Risk Analysis Branch  
Mitigation Division