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City of Callaway CRS Progress Report 2024

On September 22, 2020, the City of Callaway Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 20-36 adopting the updated Bay County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan. Upon acceptance, the City committed to continued participation in the updating and expansion of the Bay County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan. This memorandum shall serve as part of the City's effort to continue to update and expand on the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan and shall serve as the annual progress report required as part of the City's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This report will be available to all local news and media outlets, and to the public via the Callaway website: www.cityofcallaway.com and on file at the Callaway Planning Department.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the LMS Plan is to identify strategies to mitigate our community from future natural disasters, including flooding. The LMS Plan is considered a guiding or planning document to help the city achieve this means. Although voluntary, communities that adopt a hazard mitigation plan must update their plan documents and processes to continue to remain eligible for various pre- and post-disaster grant programs, funding opportunities, and other mitigation programs. In 2019, Callaway, Bay County, and other local municipalities undertook the process to update the LMS Plan to avail our communities to these opportunities and programs. During this process, representatives from the County and local municipalities completed the update to the LMS Plan through a coordinated effort. Once the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) found the update to the Bay County LMS Plan compliant with federal standards, the city adopted the plan by Resolution No. 20-36. The City of Callaway has continued to coordinate with other local government jurisdictions to keep the LMS Plan updated and monitor the progress of the goals and objectives specified in the plan.

Information concerning the City's vulnerability to certain natural hazards can be found in the 2020 Bay County LMS Plan. Copies of the plan are available at the City of Callaway Planning Department, the Bay County Emergency Operations Center, Bay County website: www.baycountyfl.gov and the Bay County Public Library.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE LMS

The goals of the Bay County LMS Plan are intended to serve as general guidance that define the long-term hazard mitigation strategies for the city, County, and other local municipalities. As previously stated, the use of these goals and strategies help guide the City of Callaway in its efforts to reduce or prevent flooding and other natural hazards.

Identifying Areas Vulnerable to Hazards and Appropriate Mitigation Actions

The City of Callaway has identified drainage improvement projects that have or should significantly help reduce or lessen the impacts in an area vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding and storm surges from hurricanes and other tropical events (Table 1). Many of these projects are intended to improve deficient stormwater drainage infrastructure.

Table 1

Project	Description	Status
4th Street	Increase crossover pipe size & clean drainage ditch	Complete
Donna Ave.	Replace deteriorated 24" culvert	Complete
Berthe Ave. & Boat Race Road	Install catch basin and 18" pipe to enclose ditch	Complete
Gay Ave. Outfall Easement	Cleared easement and cleaned ditch	Complete
S. Kimbrel Ave.	Increased stormwater structures capacity to improve drainage for the basin	Complete
N. Kimbrel Ave.	Increase culvert size and raised roadway	Complete
Lois Street	Increase drainage capacity to alleviate flooding	Complete
City Wide	Ditch cleaning through NRCS Grant Funding	Complete
Callaway Point	Stormwater drainage improvements grant funding	Complete
Wallace Road	Cross over drain installed	Complete
Hugh Thomas Drive	Stormwater drainage improvements	Complete
Fox Pond	Clean up and rehabilitation	Complete
Lannie Rowe Pond	Clean up and rehabilitation	Complete
Highline Retention	Create retention pond	Complete
Boat Race Road Drainage	Add additional culverts for drainage	Complete
Collinfurst Retention Pond	Clean up and rehabilitation	Complete
Berthe Ave. Bridge	Replace bridge and re-enforce east side detention pond berm	In construction
Berthe Spillway	Under design	Construction in 2025
Cherry Street	Improve drainage system	Delayed
Jan Drive	Improve drainage system	Complete

Genevieve Ave.	Improve drainage system	Complete
Fox Pond	Continued clean up and rehabilitation	Under construction
Lannie Rowe Pond	Continued clean up and rehabilitation	Under construction
Cemetery Drainage / Sims Ave.	Improve drainage	Construction in 2025
Poston Road	Drainage / road repair	Construction in 2025
Gore Park	Improve drainage	Construction in 2025
Benton Drive / Ross Drive	Raise road to eliminate flooding	Potential project
Sukoshi Drive	Improve drainage system	Potential project
Pridgen Street	Improve drainage system	Potential project
Lance Street	Improve drainage system	Potential project
Enzor Street	Improve drainage system	Potential project

Enhance Public Awareness and Understanding

As a participant in the CRS program and as a goal of the LMS Plan, the City of Callaway encourages public outreach, awareness, and understanding of the issues associated with flooding and natural disasters. The city provides mail-outs and flood-proofing information to residences that have been identified in a repetitive loss area. The City has consistently made itself available to property owners, insurance agents, real estate agents, and other members of the public to educate them on ways to mitigate flooding and natural disasters. The City has retained copies of old FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) to provide a comprehensive overview of changes and modifications to the flood map to owners and agents.

LMS Mitigation Initiatives

Because the Bay County LMS Plan has been adopted by the City of Callaway, the City remains eligible for various pre- and post-disaster grant programs and other mitigation programs to help fund projects listed in the Mitigation Projects List.

Promote Compliance with State & Federal Programs

There are several State and Federal programs, policies, and regulations that encourage local governments to develop and adopt hazard mitigation strategy plans. Since adopting the Bay County LMS Plan, the City has promoted and continues to encourage consistency with these programs, policies, and regulations. To comply with the policies and

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regulations of the NFIP, the City amended portions of its floodplain management regulations. The City has continued to enforce all applicable flood plain management regulations and requirements.

Enhance Local Policies for Hazard Mitigation Capability

Florida Building Code has been amended to comply with FEMA/NFIP standards. City Commission adopted Ord. No. 1032 to align the City's floodplain management regulations with both State and Federal requirements. During past years the City has adopted and implemented policies in the Comprehensive Growth Development Plan that are aimed at enhancing hazard mitigation. Policies have been put in place to direct future growth away from coastal high hazard areas and buffer from environmentally sensitive areas, including low lying wetland and tributaries. The City has adopted policies to limit increases in densities and restrict development and redevelopment in vulnerable coastal areas and to control erosion and sediment during development and construction activities. Erosion and sediment controls will ultimately reduce the frequency of repairs to drainage and storm sewers and will have a long-term benefit for drainage and stormwater runoff in the city.

YEAR END STATUS OF THE CRS PROGRAM

Since the last CRS Annual Recertification, City staff continues to coordinate with Bay County and other local municipalities concerning updates to the LMS Plan and hazard mitigation efforts. The city has considered improvements to deficient stormwater infrastructure a top priority. The city has completed several drainage projects that will aid in controlling stormwater runoff and help relieve areas from flooding. The City of Callaway is currently a class (7) CRS class rating because of the activity established and enacted by staff and other community leaders. This class rating should ultimately allow for a reduction in flood insurance premium for policy holders in Callaway.