

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Meeting

Date: July 19, 2024; 9:30 AM

Location: Collier County South Regional Library; Meeting Room A/B (8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy; Naples, FL 34113)

Attendees: William Lang, Working Group Chair; Amy Howard, Emergency Management Staff Liaison; Phil Snyderburn, Collier County Public Utilities & Solid Waste Division; Karen Vivian, LCEC; Sam Kroll, Florida Forest Service Caloosahatchee District; James Von Rinteln, Interested Citizen; Carl Alvarez NCH Systems; Dan Truckey, Port of the Islands CID; Noah Dietrich, Naples Airport; Cal Jordan, Naples Airport; Kathy Eastley, Collier County Transportation; Tonia Selmeski, Collier County Resiliency; Andy Miller, Collier County Transportation

Absent: Representatives from the following Affiliation/Participating jurisdictions were absent: Citizen Corps, City of Marco Island, City of Naples, Collier County Public Schools, Collier County Facilities Management, Collier Mosquito Control District, Everglades City, Greater Naples Fire Control District, North Collier Fire & Rescue District, South Florida Water Management District, & Salvation Army

Committee Vacancies: Collier County Parks & Recreation District; Collier County Growth Management Department; Immokalee Fire Control District

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by William Lang at 9:33 AM. A quorum was established with seven voting members present. A large contingency of staff from the Collier County Community Planning & Resiliency Division were present.

II. Review & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the April 19, 2024, regular meeting was distributed and reviewed.
 - **Motion:** Karen Vivian, motioned to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2024, regular meeting as presented without changes. The motion was seconded by Phil Snyderburn and approved unanimously.

III. Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Update

The group discussed the ongoing process of updating the LMS to reflect current hazards and mitigation strategies. This update is crucial for maintaining FEMA and state approval for future HMGP funding.

- **Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Update:** The group discussed the upcoming 6-month deadline of October 11, 2024, for the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan update. Preparation for initiating a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) with outside vendor WSP was confirmed. There is a potential for a special meeting or an adjustment to the regular meeting schedule to allow the LMSWG time to review any changes/updates to the LMS Plan.
- **Vulnerability Assessment (VA) Steering Committee:** At the end of the LMSWG members not included in the assessment were excused, and those remaining reviewed the VA scope of

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work guidance, which will incorporate both incorporated and unincorporated Collier County critical assets.

IV. Project Update and Prioritization

- **Grant Opportunities:** The group discussed various grant opportunities and their potential impact on local mitigation efforts.
- **Submitted Mitigation Project Determinations:** The group reviewed the determination letters for *HMGP – Hurricane Ian (DR-4673)* projects. The agenda had them listed as HMGP – Hurricane Idalia (DR-4734) in error.
 - The following applications were determined ineligible:
 - **4673-(397), City of Naples**, Public Beach End Barrier Hardening (Flood Risk Reduction) See Determination Letter.
 - Representative from the jurisdiction was not present.
 - **4673-(672), Port of the Islands Community Improvement District**, Wastewater treatment facility filters, (Other) See Determination Letter.
 - The jurisdiction requested that the project remain on the Project Priority List (PPL)
 - **4673-(632), Lee County Electric Coop, Inc. (LCEC)**, Marco Island Substation (2), Infrastructure Retrofit, See Determination Letter.
 - The jurisdiction requested that the project remain on the Project Priority List (PPL)
- **New Projects:** There were no new projects submitted to the working group for this quarter.

V. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

VI. Next Steps & Closing Remarks

The group discussed upcoming meeting dates:

- Fourth Quarter: October 18, 2024, at South Regional Library at 9:30 AM
- First Quarter: January 17, 2025

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Upon motion by Karen Vivian, and second by Jim von Rinteln, the LMSWG meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM and the Vulnerability Assessment Steering Committee resumed.

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June 7, 2024

Mr. Miguel Flores
Public Works Project Manager
City of Naples
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Naples, Florida 34102

**REF: FEMA-4673-DR-FL Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Application 4673-(397), City of Naples, Public Beach End Barrier Hardening,
Flood Risk Reduction
Ineligibility Determination**

Dear Mr. Flores:

This letter is to inform you that the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Mitigation staff has completed our review of the above-referenced Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application.

While we value the amount of time, labor, and resources spent in preparing your HMGP application, we have come to the conclusion that the project is not eligible for funding per FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance Part III, Section E.2 Ineligible Activities:

- *The project addresses deferred rehabilitation, restoration, and/or rehabilitation of existing structures without increasing the public's level of protection from coastal flooding.*

If you have questions regarding your application, please contact Rita Knaff, Project Manager, at (850) 400-8876 or email: rita.knaff@em.myflorida.com.

Respectfully,

Laura Dhuwe
Bureau Chief, Mitigation
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

cc: William Lang, Collier County LMS Chair



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May 28, 2024

Ms. Karen Vivian
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**REF: FEMA-4673-DR-FL Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Application 4673-(632), Lee County Electric Cooperative Inc, Marco Island
Substation (2), Infrastructure Retrofit
Ineligibility Determination**

Dear Ms. Vivian:

This letter is to inform you that the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Mitigation staff has completed our review of the above-referenced Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application.

While we value the amount of time, labor, and resources spent in preparing your HMGP application, we have come to the conclusion that the project is not eligible for funding under the HMGP as outlined in 44 CFR 206.434 (C) (5) ELIGIBILITY.

Be cost-effective and substantially reduce the risk of future damages, hardship, loss, or suffering resulting from a major disaster.

If you have questions regarding your application, please contact Chris Williams, Project Manager, at (321) 300-7854 or email Chris.Williams@em.myflorida.com.

Respectfully,

Laura Dhuwe
Bureau Chief, Mitigation
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

cc: William Lang, Collier County LMS Chair
Sarah Bullock, LCEC Chief Financial Officer



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June 25, 2024

Mr. Dan Truckey
Vice Chairman
Port of the Islands Community Improvement District
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**REF: FEMA-4673-DR-FL Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
4673-(672) Port of the Islands Community Improvement District,
Wastewater Treatment Facility Filters, Other
Ineligibility Determination**

Dear Mr. Truckey:

This letter is to inform you that the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Mitigation staff has completed our review of the above-referenced Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application.

While we value the amount of time, labor, and resources spent in preparing your HMGP application, we have come to the conclusion that the project is not eligible for funding under the HMGP as outlined in FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance Part III, Section E.2. Ineligible Activities:

- Projects for the purpose of water quality infrastructure
- Projects for the purpose of irrigation systems

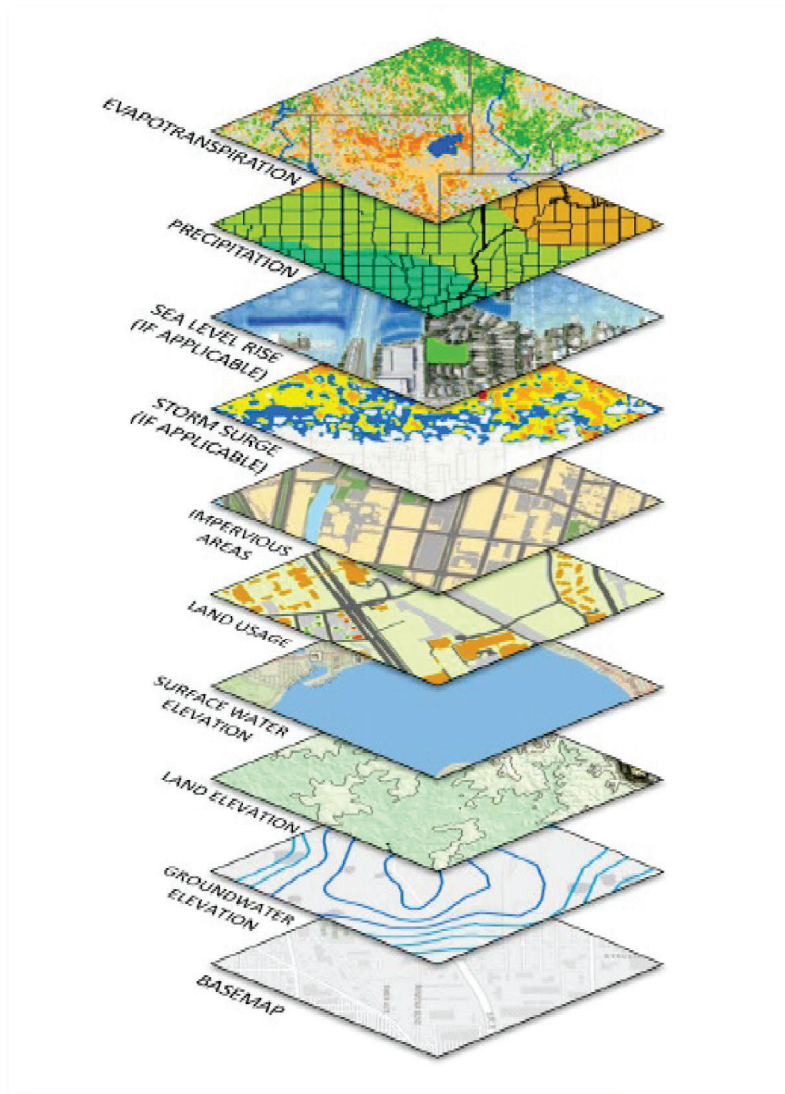
If you have questions regarding your application, please contact Rita Knaff, Project Manager, at (850) 400-8876 or email Rita.Knaff@em.myflorida.com.

Respectfully,

Laura Dhuwe
Bureau Chief, Mitigation
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cc: William Lang, Collier County LMS Chair

Standardized Vulnerability Assessment: Scope of Work Guidance



Example Input Data Schematic for Flood Simulation Models (Esri, 2020; FDEP, 2017; HPRCC, 2022; Jean-Paul Rodrigue, 2015; NOAA, 2022; NOAA, 2018; USGS 2021; USGS, 2018)

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Introduction

1. Purpose

This document is provided to ensure state-funded Vulnerability Assessments (VAs) are standardized to meet the requirements of the statute, [s. 380.093, F.S.](#), and to maximize funding for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (the Department) Resilient Florida Program grant awardees. The standardized scope of work guidance (the "guidance") is designed to assist local governments, both coastal and noncoastal, in developing the project, project cost estimates, and assist communicating requirements to consultants, when applicable, in the preparation of a statutorily compliant VA. Additionally, a minimum standard for locally performed VAs are necessary to provide a common framework for the development of a statewide assessment. This guidance will refer to the "project team" which represents either the local government and/or any contracted third parties including consultants, project managers, GIS professionals, engineers, hydrologists, etc. This guidance includes, but may not be limited to, minimum tasks, required data, standards, scenarios, methodologies, and example deliverables of a VA. Example deliverables that illustrate best practices excerpted from previous state-funded VAs are included throughout.

2. Application

The guidance is organized with **recommended** and **required** minimum required tasks which include statutorily required data, standards, elements, methodologies for VAs in coastal and noncoastal communities. The guidance also includes example deliverables for each task. The **recommended** tasks are meant to serve as best practices and reinforce concepts from the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#) to include in the scope of work which can be tailored to meet the needs of each community. Local governments are encouraged to add more location specific detail, as well as standard formats, specifications, and legal requirements required by their organization. Appendix A provides generalized cost estimates for each task based on previously conducted VAs around the state. The purpose of the generalized costs is to provide a framework for estimating the overall cost of preparing a vulnerability assessment depending upon selected tasks and deliverables. These generalized estimates can be used when determining appropriate funding sources and fiscal resources necessary to complete the VA. Appendix B contains notes from focus groups held on conducting noncoastal assessments. Appendix C contains the Department's GIS Standards. Appendix D and E relate to the Vulnerability Assessment Checklist and contain Exhibit I which will be included in all grant agreements and the checklist to be submitted to the Department at the conclusion of the assessment.

Standard Scope of Work Tasks

1. Kick off meeting (recommended)

After a notice-to-proceed is issued, the project team should meet to develop an overall project management plan and to address initial actions. Meeting attendees should discuss the project scope, project goals, schedule, key milestones, and deliverables - to develop a consistent project approach. The kick-off meeting should be hosted by the local government and should identify potential representatives to serve on the project steering committee. Prior to the meeting, the project team should prepare the sign-in sheet, draft project schedule and other meeting materials as necessary.

The project team should prepare a draft list of representatives to serve on the project Steering Committee based on discussions with the local government. It is recommended that the Committee be limited to no more than 10 representatives to better manage meeting outcomes.

Recommended representatives for the Steering Committee are (NOAA, 2021):

- Public Safety – emergency planning officials, hazard mitigation planners, state, and/or local floodplain manager
- Transportation – local transit authorities, highway planning and maintenance officials, metropolitan planning organization, ports authority
- Utilities – public and private utilities
- Building and Housing – building regulation and inspection officials, public housing authorities, local developers/builders associations, local realtors associations, local engineering/architects associations
- Community and Economic Development – local community development and economic development officials, nonprofit community development organizations, chamber of commerce, major business interests
- Education – local colleges and universities, school district officials, nonprofit education and advocacy organizations, extension agents
- Environment – environmental planning and management officials, coastal planning and management officials, sustainability planning officials, land conservation organizations, nonprofit organizations
- Planning – local and regional planning officials, zoning and codes, nonprofit planning organizations, land development
- Parks and Recreation and Cultural Resources – local recreation and cultural resource officials, nonprofit recreation groups and organizations, cultural resource groups
- Human and Social Services – health care and mental health organizations, social service providers, elderly and child advocacy organizations, neighborhood and community associations, religious and charitable organizations
- Local Elected Officials
- Community Leaders or Champions – Cultural groups with diverse and socio-economic backgrounds
- Researchers and Scientists – State science officer, local weather forecast office, climate researchers
- State and Federal Governments, NGOs – Sea Grant Agent, State Coastal Management Program, National Association of Counties Representative (NACo), National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERR), National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE),

University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) representative, state agencies, water management district representative

Example Deliverables: Draft list of Steering Committee members for consideration by the local government/project team. Minutes prepared by the project team, for review and approval by the local government, which documents all decisions and agreed upon outcomes of the meeting. The project team should prepare a draft email detailing the project purpose, goals, schedule, project meeting dates and locations, and overall desired outcomes to potential steering committee members, requesting their participation on the committee.

2. Assemble steering committee, and conduct public outreach (recommended)

2.1. Assemble steering committee

After reviewing and approving the steering committee list, the project team should distribute the draft email prepared in Task 1 requesting steering committee participation and confirmation of the potential committee member's acceptance or denial.

Example Deliverables: A list of local representatives that have confirmed participation on the steering committee for final approval by the local government.

2.2. Conduct Steering Committee Meetings

The project team should coordinate with the local government in determining the number, dates, times, and locations for the steering committee meetings, based on critical decision points in the project process. The goal of the steering committee meetings is to assist in reviewing the goals of the project, review draft materials, provide input for study direction, assist in identifying geographic context, appropriate modeling methodologies, assist in identifying available data and resources, identify relevant assets, and review project findings and recommendations. A minimum of 2 steering committee meetings is recommended, at the beginning and end of the project, however, more may be necessary to provide guidance at critical decision points throughout the project process. Additional guidelines and recommendations for stakeholders to include can be found in Chapter 1 of the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#).

Example Deliverables: Meeting agendas indicating location, date, and time of meeting; sign-in sheets specifying attendees; presentation(s) from the meeting; summary report of committee recommendations and guidance including attendee input, meeting outcomes, methodologies selected, appropriate resources and data, relevant assets and review study deliverables for accuracy and applicability.

Table 1 Example of a Deliverable Listing Steering Committee Members, Affiliation, and Meeting Participation, Orange County (Amec Foster Wheeler, 2017)

Member Name	Affiliation	Meeting Date					
		10/24/16	11/30/16	1/19/17	3/23/17	8/7/17	12/18/17
Jason Taylor	Orange County	✓	✓	✓			
Luis Martinez	Orange County					✓	
Daniel Negron	Orange County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Amy Bradbury	Orange County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gregory Goligowski	Orange County						
Nadia Vanderhoof	Orange County						
Kelsie Davis	Red Cross	✓	✓	✓			
Bill Graf	SFWMD	✓	✓		✓		
Michelle Cechowski	ECFRPC	✓					

2.3. Public Outreach Meeting #1

The project team should, in coordination with the local government when applicable, conduct at a minimum, two public outreach meetings during the course of the project. The purpose of this initial meeting is to allow the public to provide input during the initial data collection stages, preferred methodologies, and data for analyzing potential sea level rise impacts and/or flooding, guiding factors to consider, and critical assets important to the community. The project team should be responsible for preparing all social media notifications, meeting invitations, meeting materials, presentations, and graphics utilized during the meeting, based on prior approval from the local government when necessary.

Public outreach should be conducted during the data collection stages of the project. Stakeholder groups (from the list above) not included in the steering committee should be invited to attend public outreach meetings. Including public outreach early in the project can influence critical asset inventories, particularly when it comes to determining the community's cultural assets. It is recommended that a video or audio recording of public outreach meeting(s) be uploaded on a publicly accessible webpage to allow citizens to be involved who could not attend.

Additional guidelines and recommendations can be found in, [s. 380.093, F.S.](#), and Chapters 1 and 2 of the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#).

Example Deliverables: Meeting agenda indicating location, date, and time of meeting; sign-in sheets identifying the number of citizens, steering committee attendees, and county/municipality staff attendees; presentation(s) from the meeting; video or audio recording from the meeting posted to public webpage, if available; summary report including attendee input and meeting outcomes. Copies of any social media posts, announcements, presentations, and graphics utilized during the conduct of the meetings should be provided.

3. Acquire Background Data (required)

The project team, in coordination with the local government when applicable, should research and compile the data needed to perform the VA, based on the requirements as defined in [s. 380.093, F.S.](#) Three main categories of data are required to perform a VA:

1. Critical/regionally significant assets
2. Topographic data
3. Flood scenario-related data

Examples of required data and data sources for the development of a VA in each of the three categories listed include:

3.1. Critical/Regionally Significant Assets Inventory

The inventory should include:

Transportation assets and evacuation routes, including airports, bridges, bus terminals, ports, major roadways, marinas, rail facilities, and railroad bridges.

Critical infrastructure, including wastewater treatment facilities and lift stations, stormwater treatment facilities and pump stations, drinking water facilities, solid and hazardous waste facilities, military installations, communications facilities, and disaster debris management sites.

Critical community and emergency facilities, including schools, colleges, universities, community centers, correctional facilities, disaster recovery centers, emergency medical service facilities, emergency operation centers, fire stations, health care facilities, hospitals, law enforcement facilities, local government facilities, logistical staging areas, affordable public housing, risk shelter inventory, and state government facilities.

Natural, cultural, and historical resources, including conservation lands, parks, shorelines, surface waters, wetlands, and historical and cultural assets.

Potential Data Sources include but are not limited to:

- Property/parcel geo-referenced data (public, historic, natural resources, land use) – sourced from Florida Geospatial Open Data, local water management districts – Florida Land Use, Cover, and Forms Classification System (FLUCCS), Florida Master Site File – Division of Historical Resources, locally sourced county and municipality data.
- Critical Facilities – sourced from Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Critical Facilities Inventory, USGS Geographic Names Information System, FEMA/Dept. of Homeland Security, locally sourced county and municipality data
- Flood Elevation Certificates – sourced from FDEM Elevation Certificates, locally sourced county and municipality data
- Roadway/Transportation Network data – sourced from USGS The National Map transportation layer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Infrastructure

Foundation-Level Data, OpenStreetMap, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Open Data Hub, NavTeq/HERE roads database.

- Building Footprints – sourced from Microsoft/Esri, Google, locally sourced county and municipality property appraiser data.

3.2. Topographic Data

- Survey data – sourced from FDEM Florida Elevation Certificates, locally sourced county and municipality data of Finished First Floor Elevations (FFE) and roadway crests for selected critical assets
- LiDAR, Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data – sourced from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) DEM, U.S. Interagency Elevation Inventory, USGS National Elevation Dataset, Florida Geospatial Open Data, local water management district GIS hubs, locally sourced county and municipality data
 - DEM used for state-funded vulnerability assessments should be 3-meter cell size at a minimum.

3.3. Flood Scenario-Related Data

As applicable, the following flooding scenario-related data should be included.

- Precipitation data – currently sourced from NOAA Atlas 14, local water management district, USGS, Florida Flood Hub (when available). The USGS is developing a change factor that would be applied to NOAA Atlas 14 rainfall distribution curves to account for future climate variability in South and Central Florida. The USGS Geo Data Portal and National Hydrologic Model (NHM) Infrastructure are valuable sources for climate data (USGS, 2022; USGS, 2020). The Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) modeling team should account for any uncertainties associated with the future climate data projections used in the study. Precipitation projection data should include the 100-year, 24-hour rainfall event at a minimum.
- Groundwater level data – groundwater flooding can be prevalent in low elevation karst areas and coastal communities where sea-level rise (SLR) has raised the groundwater level in the topmost aquifer. Groundwater levels determine aquifer storage capacity and can also significantly influence soil infiltration rates under shallow water table conditions. Therefore, groundwater levels throughout the study area should be known, especially in areas where shallow water table conditions exist. The groundwater level data could be sourced from the Department. Generalized Well Information System (GWIS), one of the five Water Management District, potentiometric surface maps developed by the USGS (FDEP, 2016).
- Sea level rise (SLR) projections – sourced from NOAA's 2017 intermediate-high and intermediate-low SLR projections for 2040 and 2070 at a minimum, and optionally, other projections available from NOAA Digital Coast website, Florida Flood Hub.

- Tidal datums and tidal flooding – sourced from NOAA Tides and Currents website, NOAA Digital Coast SLR viewer, Florida Flood Hub.
 - Storm surge – sourced from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood depth grids and water surface elevation grids (which are non-regulatory products provided to local municipalities), National Hurricane Center’s Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model, USACE Coastal Hazards System South Atlantic Coastal Study (SACS).
- Hydro stratigraphic Information (if applicable, with justification) – geology exerts significant control over the hydrologic response of a study area because of its control over the water table location. Across most of Florida, the Intermediate Aquifer System provides varying degrees of confinement to the underlying Floridan Aquifer System and controls the depth to the water table in the topmost aquifer. Each Water Management District maintains data related to the hydro stratigraphic units within its jurisdiction.
- River channel cross-section (if applicable) – accurate data on river or stream cross sections, top of bank elevation, overbanks, and seasonal high-water stages are important in areas with major rivers and streams. Channel cross-section data should be collected at a resolution to define the conveyance volume available at the channel accurately.
 - Land use data – how the municipalities manage their land would lead to future land use changes resulting in increased or decreased flooding. Therefore, studies should account for potential future land use changes and, most importantly, the spatial extent of total impervious area (TIA) and directly connected impervious area (DCIA). The UF GeoPlan Center has collaborated with the FDOT to produce future land cover data for the entire state, which is updated annually as more data become available from various municipalities. Florida 2060 and Florida 2070 projects produced alternative land use scenarios based on varying degrees of potential urban area development in the state (UF GeoPlan Center, 2022). Land use data are also maintained by the local water management districts, counties, and municipalities. Recently Southwest Florida Water Management District has started acquiring GIS shapefile defining the extent of the impervious areas alongside their LiDAR data. Municipalities should reach out to their respective water management district to see if similar impervious area extent data exists for their study area.
 - Evapotranspiration data – evapotranspiration (ET) losses constitute the second largest term in the water budget equation of any watershed in Florida. ET losses significantly influence flood peaks due to its control over antecedent soil moisture content preceding any rain event. Grid-based ET data for the entire state can be obtained from the USGS.

An example schematic of flood scenario-related input data used for flood simulation models is shown in the figure below.

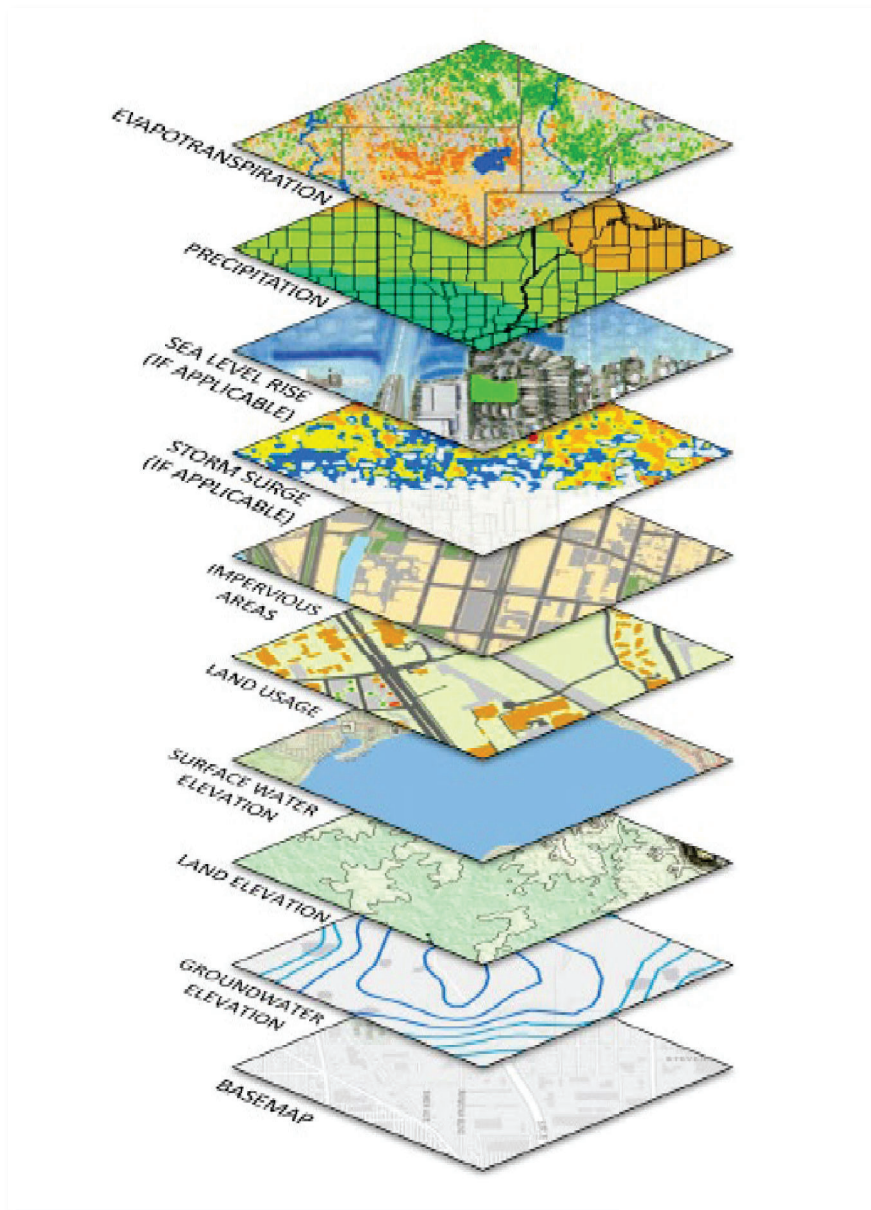


Figure 1 Example Input Data Schematic for Flood Simulation Models (Esri, 2020; FDEP, 2017; HPRCC, 2022; Jean-Paul Rodrigue, 2015; NOAA, 2022; NOAA, 2018; USGS 2021; USGS, 2018)

GIS metadata should incorporate a layer for each of the four asset types as defined in [s. 380.093\(2\) 1-4, F.S.](#):

1. Transportation assets and evacuation routes
2. Critical infrastructure
3. Critical community and emergency facilities
4. Natural/cultural/historic assets

GIS files and associated metadata must adhere to the Department’s GIS Data and Metadata Standards, and raw data sources should be defined within the associated metadata (see Appendix C).

Sea level rise projection data should include NOAA’s 2017 intermediate-high and intermediate-low projections for 2040, 2070 at a minimum. Other projections can be used at the community’s discretion. Storm surge data used must be equal to or exceed the 100-year return period (1% annual chance) flood event.

In the process of researching background data, the consultant should identify data gaps, where missing data or low-quality information may limit the Vulnerability Assessment’s extent or reduce the accuracy of the Vulnerability Assessment’s results. The consultant should rectify any gaps of necessary data if funding is available.

Example Deliverables: A technical report should be prepared outlining the data compiled and findings of the gap analysis; a summary of recommendations to address the identified data gaps and actions taken to rectify them, if applicable; GIS files with appropriate metadata of the data compiled, to include locations of critical assets owned or maintained by the county/municipality and regionally significant assets, classified as defined in [s. 380.093\(2\) 1-4, F.S.](#):

Table 2 Example of a Deliverable Summarizing Asset Data from FDEP Grant #R2132, City of North Miami (NEMAC+Fernleaf, Brizaga, Inc., & Collective Water Resources, LLC, 2021)

Asset Theme	Dataset	Source	Data Type
Commercial Properties	Miami-Dade County Parcels	Miami-Dade County GIS Hub	Polygons (GIS)
	Esri Business Locations	Esri Business Analyst program	Points (GIS)
Critical Facilities and Government-owned Properties	Miami-Dade County Parcels	Miami-Dade County GIS Hub	Polygons (GIS)
	City Facilities	City of North Miami	List of Addresses
	State HAZUS Essential Facilities Inventory	FL Department of Emergency Management	Database

Table 3 Example of a Deliverable Summarizing Precipitation Projections from FDEP Grant #R1910, City of Naples (Molloy, 2020)

	Baseline	RCP 4.5 (mid-century stabilization)			RCP 8.5 (rapid economic growth “business as usual”)		
		2030	2060	2100	2030	2060	2100
Average Total Annual Precipitation (inches)	49.1	+0.2	+0.7	-0.9	+0.8	+0.5	-4.5
1-year, 24-hour Storm (inches)	4.0	+0.0	+0.0	+0.0	+0.0	+0.1	+0.0
10-year 24-hour Storm (inches)	7.0	-0.1	+0.1	+0.5	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2
100-year 24-hour Storm (inches)	11.0	+0.1	+0.7	+2.4	+1.0	+1.3	+1.6

4. Draft Vulnerability Assessment

4.1. Exposure Analysis (required)

The project team should perform an exposure analysis. The purpose of this task is to identify the depth of water caused by each sea level rise, storm surge, rainfall, and/or compound flood scenario.

Per Chapter 2 of the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#):

Exposure Analysis: Performed to identify the depth of water caused by various flooding and, if appropriate, sea-level rise.

As defined in [s. 380.093, F.S.](#), the water surface depths (i.e., flood scenarios) used to evaluate assets should include the following data:

- Tidal flooding, if applicable, including future high tide flooding, which must use thresholds published and provided by the Department. The analysis should also geographically display the number of tidal flood days expected for each scenario and planning horizon (as applicable/practicable).
- Current and future storm surge flooding, if applicable, using publicly available NOAA or FEMA storm surge data. The initial storm surge event used must equal or exceed the current 100-year flood event. Higher frequency storm events may be analyzed to understand the exposure of all critical assets.
- Rainfall-induced flooding using spatiotemporal analysis or existing hydrologic and hydraulic modeling results. Future boundary conditions should be modified to consider sea-level rise and high tide conditions (as applicable/practicable).
- Compound flooding or the combination of tidal, storm surge, and rainfall-induced flooding (as applicable/practicable).

As defined in [s. 380.093, F.S.](#), the following scenarios and standards should be used for the exposure analysis:

- All analyses performed in North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).
- If applicable, at least two local sea-level rise scenarios, including the 2017 NOAA Intermediate-Low and Intermediate-High sea-level rise projections.
- At least two planning horizons that include planning horizons for the years 2040 and 2070.
- If applicable, local sea level data that has been interpolated between the two closest NOAA tide gauges. Local sea level data may be taken from one such gauge if the gauge has higher mean sea level. Data taken from an alternate gauge may be used with appropriate rationale and Department approval if it is publicly available or submitted to the Department.
- Encompassing entire municipality/county and including all critical assets owned or maintained by the municipality/county.
- The exposure analysis should use the most recent publicly available DEM which meets the defined minimum standard of 3-meter cell size. The minimum standard modeling technique for the exposure analysis is the “Modified Bathtub Model,” which identifies all

areas under a target elevation as potentially flooded with a hydrologic connectivity filter applied to remove isolated inundated areas not connected to a major waterway. A more detailed explanation of the Modified Bathtub approach is outlined in the 2017 NOAA publication *Detailed Method for Mapping Sea Level Rise Inundation* (NOAA, 2017).

Example Deliverables: The project team should provide a draft VA documenting the modeling process, type of models utilized and resulting tables and maps illustrating flood depths for each flood scenario; GIS files with results of exposure analysis for each flood scenario, with appropriate metadata identifying the methods used to create the flood layers. GIS files and associated metadata must adhere to Resilient Florida’s GIS Data and Metadata Standards (see Appendix C).

Table 4 Example of a Deliverable Illustrating Flood Depths at Each Flood Scenario for Chosen Assets from FDEP Grant #R1927, City of St. Pete Beach
(Kimley Horn & Associates, 2020)

Exposure Level	City Lift Stations	City Buildings	City Roadways
	Flood Levels		
High	Exceeds station electrical controls	Exceeds Finished Floor Elevation	Greater than 6-inches above centerline of roadway
Medium	Less than 8-inches below station electrical controls	6-inches or less from Finished Floor Elevation	Up to 6-inches above centerline of roadway
Low	Above wet well top slab elevation	6-inches to 12-inches from Finished Floor Elevation	Above the shoulder of the roadway

City Buildings		Finished Floor Elevation (ft)	Flood Level Elevations (ft)								
Building Description	Address		100 Year/ 24 Hour	25 Year/ 24 Hour	2050 SLR (Intermediate)	2050 SLR (Intermediate) + 25 Year/24 Hour	2050 SLR (Extreme)	2050 SLR (Extreme) + 100 Year/24 Hour	Category 1 Hurricane	King Tide	King Tide 2050 SLR (Intermedi
St. Pete Beach Public Library	375 73rd Ave	7.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.011	-	-
Don Vista Center	3300 Gulf Blvd.	5.57	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.015	-	-
Fire Department	1950 Pass A Grille	4.98	-	-	-	-	-	3.996	8.041	-	4.39
Fire Department Bay	1950 Pass A Grille	4.40	-	-	-	-	-	3.996	8.041	-	4.39
Community Center	1500 Pass A Grille	3.84	3.278	3.278	-	3.278	2.95	3.996	8.05	3.39	4.39
Paradise Grill	900 Gulf Way	7.74	2.261	2.042	-	-	2.95	3.99	8.02	-	-
Bathroom	9300 Blind Pass	4.70	3.608	3.607	-	3.61	-	4.005	8.023	-	4.39

4.2. Sensitivity Analysis (required)

The project team should perform the sensitivity analysis. The purpose of this analysis is to measure the impact of flooding on assets, applying the data from the exposure analysis to the inventory of critical assets created in the previous task. The analysis should include an evaluation of the impact of flood severity on each asset type at each flood scenario and assign a risk level based on percentages of land area inundated and number of critical assets affected. Additional guidelines and recommendations can be found in, [s. 380.093, F.S.](#), and Chapter 2 of the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#).

Example Deliverables: The project team should provide a draft VA report detailing the findings of the exposure analysis and the sensitivity analysis, including visual presentation of the data via maps and tables, based on the statutory scenarios and standards; an initial list of critical and regionally significant assets that are impacted by flooding, prioritized by area or immediate need, specifying for each asset which flood scenario(s) it was impacted by. Table 6 illustrates example results from a sensitivity analysis. Accompanying maps and tables should use the terminology and color coding from Table 6 to illustrate the extent of flooding. A statutory requirement of the VA is to provide a list of critical and regionally significant assets that are impacted by flooding and sea-level rise, specifying each asset and the associated flood scenario(s) impacting the asset.

Table 5 Example of a Deliverable Illustrating Risk Level Based on Percentages of Land Area Inundated and Number of Critical Assets Affected from FDEP Grant #R21ST1, Sarasota County
(Taylor Engineering, 2021)

Percentage of Barrier Island Inundated at each of the Coastal Flood Scenarios					
Sarasota County Gulf Fronting Coastal Areas in Resilience Study	1.5 ft SLR	3.0 ft SLR	2% Annual Chance Flood	1.5 ft SLR + 2% Annual Chance	3.0 ft SLR + 2% Annual Chance
Town Of Longboat Key	3%	8%	72%	88%	96%
City of Sarasota (Lido Key)	11%	26%	66%	88%	97%
Siesta Key	6%	24%	86%	95%	98%
Casey Key	6%	14%	32%	51%	67%
City of Venice (Island)	0%	3%	10%	15%	23%
Manasota Key	11%	21%	60%	76%	87%

Sarasota County Areas in Resilience Study	Number of Critical Facilities Inundated at each of the Coastal Flood Scenarios						
		Total of Critical Facilities Evaluated	1.5 ft SLR	3.0 ft SLR	2% Annual Chance Flood	1.5 ft SLR + 2% Annual Chance	3.0 ft SLR + 2% Annual Chance
Town of Longboat Key	PUBLIC SAFETY (Law Enforcement, Fire)	1					1
	UTILITIES (Stormwater, Freshwater, Sanitary Sewer)	19		2	17	18	19
	HEALTH (Assisted Living Facilities, Hospital)	0					
	PUBLIC FACILITIES	0					
City of Sarasota (Lido Key)	PUBLIC SAFETY (Law Enforcement, Fire)	1		1	1	1	1
	UTILITIES (Stormwater, Freshwater, Sanitary Sewer)	8	1	3	8	8	8
	HEALTH (Assisted Living Facilities, Hospital)	2			2	2	2
	PUBLIC FACILITIES	0					
Siesta Key	PUBLIC SAFETY (Law Enforcement, Fire)	1			1	1	1
	UTILITIES (Stormwater, Freshwater, Sanitary Sewer)	58	1	14	53	57	58
	HEALTH (Assisted Living Facilities, Hospital)	0					
	PUBLIC FACILITIES	0					

Table 6 Flood Inundation Damage and Risk Assessment Percentages

Overall Risk Assessment	Land Area Inundated (% of census tract or neighborhood)	Critical Assets Affected (percentage of total assets or within each asset category)
None	0%	0%
Low	<25%	<25%
Medium	25 – 50%	25 – 50%
High	50 – 75%	50 – 75%
Extreme	>75%	>75%

4.3. Public Outreach Meeting #2 (recommended)

The project team, in coordination with the local government when applicable, should conduct a second public meeting to present the results from the exposure analysis, sensitivity analysis, and draft Vulnerability Assessment. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the public to provide community-specific input on the results of the analysis and to reconsider methodologies and assumptions used in the analysis for refinement. Additionally, during this meeting, the consultants should conduct exercises to encourage the public to prioritize focus areas of flooding, and the critical assets in preparation for the development of adaptation strategies and project development. Criteria should be established to guide the public's input for the selection of focus areas. The project team should be responsible for preparing all social media notifications, meeting invitations, meeting materials, presentations and graphics utilized during the meeting, based on prior approval from the local government when necessary. Additional guidelines and recommendations can be found in Chapter 1 and 2 of the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#).

Example Deliverables: The project team should provide meeting agenda indicating location, date, and time of meeting; sign-in sheets identifying the number of citizens, steering committee attendees, and county/municipality staff attendees; presentation(s) from the meeting; video or audio recording from the meeting posted to public webpage, if available; summary report including attendee input and meeting outcomes, to include defining focus areas recommended by the community. Copies of any social media posts, announcements, presentations, and graphics utilized during the conduct of the meetings should be provided.

4.4. Identify Focus Areas (recommended)

Based on the results of the second Public Workshop and input from the Steering Committee, the project team is encouraged to identify critical focus areas, following the guidelines in Chapter 2 of the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#). Based on the exposure and sensitivity analyses, a community may assign focus areas to locations or assets that are particularly vulnerable and require the development of adaptation strategies.

Example Deliverables: A report summarizing the areas identified as focus areas, with justification for choosing each area; tables listing each focus area with any critical assets that are contained inside the focus area; maps illustrating the location of each focus area compared to the location of all critical assets within the geographic extent of the study, and GIS files illustrating geographic boundaries of the identified focus areas.

5. Final Vulnerability Assessment

5.1. Report, Maps, and Tables (required)

Based upon input from the Steering Committee and Public Outreach efforts, as well as the local government, the project team should further develop, refine, and finalize the VA per the guidelines in [s. 380.093, F.S.](#), including identification of focus areas when applicable.

The final VA should include all results from the exposure and sensitivity analyses, as well as a summary of identified risks and assigned focus areas. It should contain a list of critical and regionally significant assets that are impacted by flooding and sea-level rise, specifying for each asset the flood scenario(s) impacting the asset. The project team should provide the VA Compliance Checklist (See Appendix E) In accordance with statute, the project team should submit at a minimum:

- A report detailing the findings of the assessment.
- All electronic mapping data used to illustrate flooding and sea level rise impacts identified in the assessment in a format suitable for input to the Department’s mapping tool.
- GIS data that has been incorporated into the appropriate Florida State Plan Coordinate System and suitable for the Department’s mapping tool.
- Metadata using standards prescribed by the Department.
- A list of critical assets, including regionally significant assets, that are impacted by flooding and sea level rise.

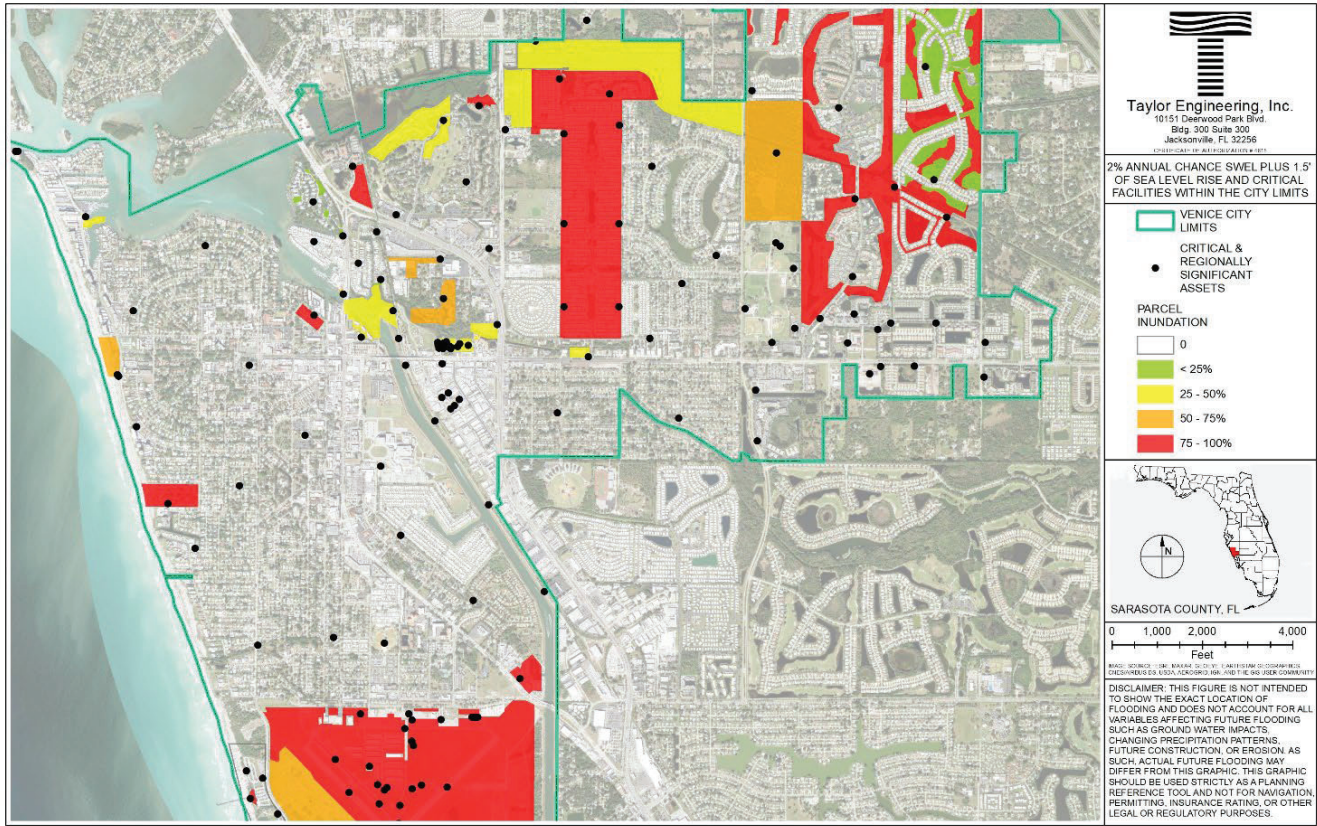
Example Deliverables: Final Vulnerability Assessment Report detailing the findings, including illustrations via maps and tables, based on the statutory scenarios and standards outlined in the Technical Standards Guidance; a final list of critical and regionally significant assets that are impacted by flooding, prioritized by area or immediate need, specifying for each asset which flood scenario(s) it was impacted by. An example table of the number of assets and parcels of land inundated by each flooding scenario and the associated risk level is shown in Table 7.

Table 7 Percentage of Critical Structures and Parcels Inundated by Each Flood Scenario

	Total Number of Assets Evaluated	1.5 ft SLR	3.0 ft SLR	2% Annual Chance Flood	1% Annual Chance Flood	1.5 ft SLR + 2% Annual Chance	1.5 ft SLR + 1% Annual Chance	3.0 ft SLR + 2% Annual Chance	3.0 ft SLR + 1% Annual Chance
Critical Structures	258	0%	2%	10%	15%	17%	23%	24%	31%
Parcel Inundation	149	1%	1%	4%	6%	6%	8%	8%	10%

An example map of parcel inundation and the associated risk level for the 2% annual chance plus 1.5 feet of sea level rise flooding scenario is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1 Flood Inundation Damage and Risk Assessment Map for 2% Annual Chance SWEL + 1.5' of SLR



5.2. Public Presentation(s) (recommended)

The project team should present the final VA results to local governing boards, technical committees, or other appropriate officers or elected officials. The purpose of these presentations is to share the findings from the final VA and recommend actions for adaptation strategies and project funding. The presentation will also inform the public of the results and the future risk of sea level rise and increased flooding and encourage community participation when identifying mitigation strategies to address the flooding vulnerabilities. Chapter 2 and 3 of the [Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook](#). The project team should be responsible for preparing all social media notifications, meeting invitations, meeting materials, presentations and graphics utilized during the meeting, based on prior approval from the local government.

Example Deliverables: Meeting agenda indicating location, date, and time of meeting; sign-in sheets identifying the number of citizens, steering committee attendees, and county/municipality staff attendees; presentation(s) from the meeting; video or audio recording from the meeting posted to public webpage, if available; summary report including attendee input and meeting outcomes.

6. Peril of Flood Compliance (required if applicable)

Update the comprehensive plan coastal management element language to comply with the Peril of Flood requirements in [s. 163.3178\(2\)\(f\), F.S.](#)

Example Deliverables: Draft comprehensive plan coastal management element language in strike-through and underlined format that satisfies the Peril of Flood requirements in [s. 163.3178\(2\)\(f\), F.S.](#) The draft comprehensive plan will include the following:

1. Examples of strategies, principles, and related engineering solutions that reduce flood risk in coastal areas when resulting from high-tide events, storm surge, flash floods, stormwater runoff, and the related impacts of sea-level rise;
2. Use of best practices development and redevelopment principles, strategies, and engineering solutions that will result in the removal of coastal real property from flood zone designations established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
3. Site development techniques and best practices that may reduce losses due to flooding and claims made under flood insurance policies issued in this state;
4. A requirement that development or redevelopment within the coastal areas be consistent with, or more stringent than, the flood-resistant construction requirements in the Florida Building Code and applicable flood plain management regulations set forth in 44 C.F.R. Part 60;
5. A requirement that any construction activities seaward of the coastal construction control lines established pursuant to Section 161.053, Florida Statutes, be consistent with Chapter 161, Florida Statutes; and
6. Encouragement of local governments to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to achieve flood insurance premium discounts for their residents.

Technical Guidance: Based on the analysis performed, draft comprehensive plan amendments must address the requirements of [s. 163.3178\(2\)\(f\), F.S.](#), Peril of Flood, if the county or municipality is subject to such requirements. The municipality will draft the comprehensive plan coastal management element language in strike-through and underlined format that satisfies the Peril of Flood requirements in [s. 163.3178\(2\)\(f\), F.S.](#) The Department's grant manager will provide the deliverable to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for preliminary review to ensure compliance with [s. 163.3178\(2\)\(f\), F.S.](#) DEO will have ten (10) working days to review and provide its comment(s) to the Department's Grant Manager. This review is to provide preliminary feedback only and does not constitute the state agency review required under [s. 163.3178\(2\)\(f\), F.S.](#)

7. Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) (recommended)

The results of the VA can be used to inform a Local Mitigation Strategy as required by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Work with Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (LMSWG) to ensure Vulnerability Assessment Report is in alignment with existing county LMS Plan and is utilized during the planning process of future county LMS Plan updates.

Example Deliverables: Submit a letter to the Department and FDEM Mitigation Bureau Planning Unit, signed by the LMSWG Chair, or Designee, stating the following:

1. Vulnerability Assessment Report will be incorporated as a reference in updating the next iteration of the LMS Plan, i.e., utilized in the next five-year update.
2. Vulnerability Assessment Report will be included as an appendix to the next iteration of the LMS Plan.
3. Entity/entities that composed the VA report will participate in the LMSWG through any of the following:
 - a. At a minimum, be added to the Working Group Contact List
 - b. Attend meetings
 - c. Participate in the planning process of the next major update
 - d. Adopting the LMS plan
 - e. Submit projects to the working group to be included on LMS Prioritized Project List

Technical Guidance: The LMS is usually developed at the county level and serves to reduce the risks associated with natural and man-made disasters, including sea level rise.

Example References

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Appendix A: Scope of Work Summary of Cost Estimates

(Note: estimations based on past funding awarded for a single community assessment)

Task Title	Task Amount
Kick off meeting, 4 Steering committee meetings, and 2 Public outreach meetings, Public Presentation(s)	\$5,000 - \$20,000
Acquire Background Data	\$5,000 - \$20,000
Draft Vulnerability Assessment (including sensitivity and exposure analysis completion and results)	\$20,000 - \$150,000
Final Vulnerability Assessment	Combined with Task 3
Local Mitigation Strategy	No separate data available
Peril of Flood Compliance (if applicable)	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Total	\$35,000 \$200,000

Appendix B: Summary of noncoastal community focus groups discussion

Some of the recommendations made in this guidance document are based on a review of several existing inland flooding vulnerabilities studies completed across the State of Florida, and a series of focus group discussions held on March 28-29, 2022, in which several experts from government agencies, academic institutions, and private consulting firms provided their expert opinion on what should define a minimum standard practice in flooding vulnerability studies.

Key points from the focus group discussions:

- The inland (also applicable to coastal) flood studies should account for the non-stationarity introduced by the future variability in land use, sea-level, groundwater level, and climate conditions across the state.
- Studies that plan to include any data with future projections should also consider addressing the bias and uncertainties present in the analysis due to these future projections.
- Common metrics should be established for modeling inland flooding include precipitation, groundwater levels, future land use changes, soil storage capacity and soil moisture, riverine flooding, and upstream flows.
- At the minimum, the hydrologic response must be simulated for a 100-year, 24-hour design storm event. However, some agencies such as FDOT and Water Management Districts use a suite of multiple design storms with varying storm volume, temporal distribution, and return period for flood modeling.
- Common H&H modeling tools used for flood simulation are ICPR, HECRAS, SWMM (XPSWMM, PCSWMM, EPASWMM), Flo 2D, MIKE SHE/MIKE HYDRO, XPSWMM in combination with Delft3D, and HSPF in combination with SWMM/EFDC/HEC-RAS. The selection of an appropriate H&H model depends on the study area characteristics, data requirement/availability, and preference of the H&H modeling team. A flexible framework is preferred where municipalities can use their preferred modeling platform depending on their specific needs.
- The distinction between coastal and non-coastal flooding is difficult due to complex interactions between several non-linear processes. Since the majority of counties/municipalities in Florida lie in an area that requires a compound flooding analysis, a unified model for the entire state could be created to run coastal models coupled with inland models.



Resilient Florida Planning Grants

GIS Data Standards

Pursuant to section [380.093 \(3\)\(c\)](#), Florida Statutes, grantees who receive funding to complete a vulnerability assessment shall submit to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (the “Department”) all electronic mapping data used to illustrate the flooding and sea level rise impacts identified in the assessment. The grantees shall also submit the associated metadata for each geospatial item. These items must be compatible with the Department Geographic Information System (GIS) infrastructure and tools, and mapping coordinate reference systems. To aid in the compliance with this requirement, the following list of acceptable digital data formats, metadata standards, and required mapping datums have been compiled.

Digital File Formats:

- Vector Data Formats:
 - File Geodatabase Feature Class – Feature classes are homogeneous collections of common features, each having the same spatial representation, and containing both the geometric shape of each feature as well as descriptive attributes. Feature classes can only be stored inside a geodatabase. This is an Esri proprietary format.
 - Shapefile – A shapefile is a vector data storage format that stores the location, shape, and attributes of geographic features with the same geometry type and the same spatial reference. This is an Esri proprietary format.
 - KML – is an XML notation for expressing geographic annotation and visualization within two-dimensional maps and three-dimensional Earth browsers, initially developed for use with Google Earth. This is an open standard format.
 - GeoJSON – GeoJSON is a geospatial data interchange format designed to represent simple geographic features and their nonspatial attributes, based on JavaScript Object Notation (JSON). This is an open standard format.
- Raster Data Formats:
 - File Geodatabase Raster – Native data model for storing raster datasets inside a geodatabase. This is an Esri proprietary format.
 - TIFF/GeoTIFF – A TIFF is an image file format for storing raster graphic images. GeoTIFF is a metadata standard which allows georeferencing information to be embedded within a TIFF raster file. These are open standard formats.
 - Other – For a more detailed list of acceptable raster formats, please see *Supported Raster Formats* reference link.
- Data Package Formats:
 - Esri Project Package – A project package is a file that contains all maps and the data referenced by its layers, as well as folder connections, toolboxes, geoprocessing history, and attachments. This is an Esri proprietary format.

- OGC GeoPackage – A GeoPackage is a platform-independent and standards-based data format for transferring geospatial information, implemented as an SQLite database container. This is an open standard format.

Datums and Coordinate Reference Systems:

- Geospatial data shall be delivered projected into the appropriate Florida State Plane Coordinate System.
- Horizontal Datum: North American Datum of 1983 with 1990 Adjustments (NAD83/90), or later.
- Vertical Datum: North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).

Metadata Standards:

- Metadata shall be compliant with the *Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata* (CSDGM) developed by the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). Acceptable formats are:
 - File Geodatabase FGDC-CSDGM Metadata – format for creating and editing the metadata of Esri items. The metadata is embedded in the item it describes. This is an Esri proprietary format.
 - XML – Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a markup language and file format for storing, transmitting, and reconstructing arbitrary data. This is an open standard format.
- The Department encourages metadata to include the following information, as applicable:
 - Title – Name for the dataset.
 - Summary – Short summary of what the dataset represents.
 - Description – Basic information about the dataset and its purpose.
 - Process Summary – Steps in creating the dataset or layer.
 - Dates of Data Collection – Collection date of the dataset.
 - Date of Publication – Date of publishing or last update of the dataset.
 - Contact Person – Person responsible for the maintenance of the dataset.
 - Credits – Person or entity responsible for compiling the dataset.
 - Use Limitation – Restrictions or legal prerequisites to using the dataset.

Critical Assets Attributes

- To standardize information for all the critical assets across the state, delivered critical asset datasets should have following attributes, as applicable:
 - Entity Name – Name of entity (i.e., County, city, local government, etc.)
 - Asset Name – Asset label or description (i.e., hydrant, stormwater pipe, cell tower, etc.)
 - Asset Type – Statutory asset type (i.e., airports, bridges, roadways, marinas, etc.)
 - Asset Class – Statutory asset group (i.e., transportation and evacuation route, critical infrastructure, critical community and emergency facilities, etc.)
 - Asset Owner/Operator – The owner or maintainer of the asset.

- Asset Elevation – Elevation of the asset.
- Asset Size/Capacity Data (i.e., capacity for wastewater facilities, acres, etc.)
- Asset Unique ID – Unique identifier of the asset.
- Pursuant to 380.093(2) Definitions, **Asset Type** refers to the individual asset, and **Asset Class** refers to the broader asset category. See classification table below:

Asset Type	Asset Class
Airports	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Bridges	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Bus Terminals	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Ports	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Major Roadways	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Marinas	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Rail Facilities	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Railroad Bridges	Transportation and Evacuation Routes
Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Lift Stations	Critical Infrastructure
Stormwater Treatment Facilities and Pump Stations	Critical Infrastructure
Drinking Water Facilities	Critical Infrastructure
Water Utility Conveyance Systems	Critical Infrastructure
Electric Production and Supply Facilities	Critical Infrastructure
Solid and Hazardous Waste Facilities	Critical Infrastructure
Military Installations	Critical Infrastructure
Communications Facilities	Critical Infrastructure
Disaster Debris Management Sites	Critical Infrastructure
Schools	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Colleges and Universities	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Community Centers	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Correctional Facilities	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Disaster Recovery Centers	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Emergency Medical Service Facilities	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Emergency Operation Centers	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Fire Stations	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Health Care Facilities	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Hospitals	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Law Enforcement Facilities	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Local Government Facilities	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Logistical Staging Areas	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Affordable Public Housing	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Risk Shelter Inventory	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
State Government Facilities	Critical Community and Emergency Facilities
Conservation Lands	Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resource
Parks	Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resource

Shorelines	Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resource
Surface Waters	Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resource
Wetlands	Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resource
Historical and Cultural Assets	Natural, Cultural, and Historical Resource

References:

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- Esri, *Shapefiles in ArcGIS Pro*:
 - <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/help/data/shapefiles/working-with-shapefiles-in-arcgis-pro.htm>
- Open Geospatial Consortium, *OGC KML Standard*:
 - <https://www.ogc.org/standards/kml>
- GeoJSON, *GeoJSON*:
 - <https://geojson.org/>
- Esri, *Supported Raster Formats*:
 - <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/help/data/imagery/supported-raster-dataset-file-formats.htm>
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 - <https://www.ogc.org/standards/geotiff>
- Esri, *Share a Project Package*:
 - <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/help/sharing/overview/project-package.htm>
- Open Geospatial Consortium, *OGC GeoPackage Encoding Standard*:
 - <https://www.ogc.org/standards/geopackage>
- Federal Geographic Data Committee, *Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata*:
 - <https://www.fgdc.gov/metadata/csdgm-standard>
- Esri, *Create FGDC CSDGM Metadata*:
 - <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/help/metadata/create-fgdc-csdgm-metadata.htm>

For questions regarding this information, please email: Resilience@FloridaDEP.gov

Appendix D: Vulnerability Assessment Certification for Grant Agreement

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM
VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST CERTIFICATION**

Exhibit I

Required for all grant agreements.

DEP Agreement Number: _____

Project Title: _____

Grantee: _____

By signing this Vulnerability Assessment Compliance Checklist Certification (hereinafter “Checklist Certification”) the Grantee certifies that, upon execution of the Agreement, it will have reviewed the statutory requirements for vulnerability assessments in subsection 380.093(3), F.S., and provided this signed Checklist Certification to the Department, which gives the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) *partial* assurance that any and all vulnerability assessments the Grantee may utilize for its individual project will adhere to the relevant statutory requirements in subsection 380.093(3), F.S., regardless of the party actually completing the work (e.g., subcontractors).

To give the Department the remaining assurance it requires, the Grantee also certifies that it will deliver a fully completed and signed Vulnerability Assessment Compliance Checklist to the Department, in the form included in this exhibit, at a yet-to-be-determined time mutually agreed upon by both parties to this Agreement but prior to close out of the Grantee’s individual project. The completed Vulnerability Assessment Compliance Checklist and this Checklist Certification will be joined and attached to the Agreement together as a single “Exhibit I.”

By signing below, I certify on behalf of the Grantee that the Grantee or its designee(s) will have reviewed the statutory requirements in subsection 380.093(3), F.S., prior to execution of the Agreement. I further certify on behalf of the Grantee that, prior to close out of the grant, either myself or the Grantee’s designated grant manager will provide to the Department a Vulnerability Assessment Compliance Checklist form that has been fully completed in the manner described in this Checklist Certification.

Grantee's Grant Manager Signature

Print Name

Date

Appendix E: Vulnerability Assessment Compliance Checklist

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

In accordance with subsection 380.093(3), F.S., the following components, scenarios, data, and information are required for a comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment (VA). The checklist must be completed and submitted with the final VA Report deliverable, pursuant to Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan. The Grantee must abide by the Department's GIS Data Standards found on the Resilient Florida Program webpage at the link below:

<https://floridadep.gov/rcp/resilient-florida-program/documents/resilient-florida-program-gis-data-standards>

Part 1 – Subparagraph 380.093(3)(c)2., F.S.

Item ID	Check if Included	Item Description	Page Reference in VA Report (if applicable)
a	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Vulnerability Assessment Report that provides details on the results and conclusions, including illustrations via maps and tables.	
All electronic mapping data used to illustrate flooding and sea level rise impacts that are identified in the VA must be provided in the format consistent with the Department's GIS Data Standards and include the following three (3) items:			
b	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geospatial data in an electronic file format.	
c	<input type="checkbox"/>	GIS metadata.	
d	<input type="checkbox"/>	List of critical assets for each jurisdiction, including regionally significant assets, that are impacted by flooding and sea level rise. The list must be prioritized by area or immediate need and must identify which flood scenario(s) impacts each asset	

Part 2 – Subparagraphs 380.093(3)(d)1. and 380.093(3)(d)2., F.S.

Item ID	Check if Included	Item Description	Page Reference in VA Report (if applicable)
e		Peril of Flood Compliance Plan amendments developed that address paragraph 163.3178(2)(f), F.S., if applicable. <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Already in compliance	
f		Depth of tidal flooding, including future high tide flooding, using thresholds published and provided by the Department.	
g		To the extent practicable, analysis geographically displays the number of tidal flood days expected for each scenario and planning horizon. <i>(optional)</i>	
h		Depth of current and future storm surge flooding using publicly available NOAA or FEMA storm surge data. <i>(check one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NOAA data <input type="checkbox"/> FEMA data	
i		Initial storm surge event equals or exceeds current 100-year flood event.	
j		Higher frequency storm analyzed for exposure of a critical asset. <i>(optional, but must provide additional detail if included)</i>	

Exhibit I

k		To the extent practicable, rainfall-induced flooding was considered using spatiotemporal analysis or existing hydrologic and hydraulic modeling results. <i>(required if item e is not applicable)</i>	
l		Future boundary conditions have been modified to consider sea level rise and high tide conditions. <i>(optional)</i>	
m		Depth of rainfall-induced flooding for 100-year storm and 500-year storm event. <i>(required if item e is not applicable)</i>	
n		To the extent practicable, compound flooding or the combination of tidal, storm surge, and rainfall-induced flooding. <i>(optional)</i>	

Part 3 – Subparagraph 380.093(3)(d)3., F.S.

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o		All analyses performed in North American Vertical Datum of 1988.	
p		Includes at least two local sea level rise scenarios, which must include the 2017 NOAA intermediate-low and intermediate-high sea level rise projections.	
q		Includes at least two planning horizons, which must include years 2040 and 2070.	
r		Utilizes local sea level data that has been interpolated between the two closest NOAA tide gauges.	
s		Local, publicly available, sea level data was taken from one of the two closest NOAA tide gauges, which must be the gauge with the highest mean sea level <i>(if so, provide Department approval)</i> .	

Identify the Florida municipalities that are included in this Vulnerability Assessment:

I certify that, to the Grantee's knowledge, all information contained in this completed Vulnerability Assessment Compliance Checklist is true and accurate as of the date of the signature below.

Grantee's Grant Manager Signature

Print Name

Date