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Floodplain Management Plan Proceeds to Planning Commission for Approval

Collier County is in the process of updating its Floodplain Management Plan as a requirement to maintain eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) federal disaster funding and to increase credit in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program. The county is working to better develop hazard mitigation to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazards.

Public participation has been an integral part of the process. Public meetings were held in July and again in December along with multiple Floodplain Management Planning Committee meetings in order to work through the process of developing an up-to-date plan. The draft plan is available at www.Colliergov.net/floodplainmgmtplan. The draft plan will be on the agenda of the Collier County Planning Commission on Feb. 5 and then is expected to proceed to the Board of County Commissioners on Feb. 24.

The plan is needed to assist with identifying and assessing our community's flood hazard risks and determine how to best minimize or manage those risks. The information provided will help the county to better understand hazard concerns in the community and can lead to mitigation activities that may help reduce the impacts of future hazard events.

The goals for the plan are listed below.

- Reduce vulnerability and/or exposure to flood hazards in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and guests.
- Encourage property owners to protect their property from flood hazards through education and outreach measures.
- Reduce the vulnerability of critical facilities and infrastructure from the effects of flood hazards.
- Protect natural resources by employing watershed based approaches that balance environmental, economic and engineering considerations.
- Minimize adverse impacts to surrounding areas and watershed functions.

The plan will be implemented through a detailed set of objectives designed to achieve the goals set forth. The Floodplain Management Planning Committee (FMPC) will meet quarterly to evaluate implementation of the plan and propose any revisions as necessary. The Floodplain Management Plan may only be amended by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners and is updated on a 5-year cycle.

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