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#### 44 Code of Federal Regulations

**44 CFR §201.6(c)(5):** Documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County Commissioner, Tribal Council). For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.

The Polk County Clerk of the Circuit Court and each municipality's Clerk shall maintain original signed copies of the resolutions adopting the LMS Plan Update. All partners must follow the participation requirements described in Section II to remain in good standing with the Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy. An executed adoption resolution along with compliance with LMS participation rules qualifies partners to submit qualified mitigation projects for federal funding consideration.

#### Benefits of Adoption

The Polk County Multi-jurisdiction LMS is a multi-jurisdictional plan that assesses the vulnerability of the County and its jurisdictions to hazards and elaborates on the risk associated with each type of hazard. It identifies and evaluates local mitigation efforts and their usefulness, as well as provides guidance for implementation at the jurisdictional level. Through adoption of this Plan, the County, its jurisdictions, and the Polk County School Board will be eligible for federal funds to carry out their mitigation actions. Adoption of this strategy will provide the following benefits to both county and municipal governmental entities:

- Compliance with Administrative Rules 27P-6, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), requirements for local comprehensive emergency management plans to identify and describe hazard mitigation;
- Universal points from the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) Program for developing a Floodplain Management Program, which may help further reduce flood insurance premium rates for property owners;
- Access to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Federal Mitigation Assistance grant programs;
- Compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000;
- Identify and prioritize projects for funding under the State of Florida's Residential Construction Mitigation Program, to help reduce losses from repetitive flooding damage;
- Set forth the guiding principles with which both the County and municipal governmental entities of Polk County will address the issue of all hazard mitigation;
- Identify the known hazards to which the County is vulnerable and the range of hazard impacts, and delineate the individual vulnerabilities of the various jurisdictions and population centers within the county;
- Develop a detailed method by which Polk County (municipalities, County government, and partners) can evaluate and prioritize proposed mitigation projects along with new federal requirements;
- Ensures jurisdictional plans are consistent and supportive;
- Saves lives and property;

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- Saves money;
- Speeds recovery following disasters;
- Reduces future vulnerability through development and post disaster recovery and reconstruction;
- Expedites the receipt of pre-disaster and post-disaster grant funding; and
- Demonstrates a firm commitment to improving community health and safety.

### **Formal Adoption of LMS Plan: Resolutions of Participating Communities**

The Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group submitted the 2015 Update to the Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for review and approval. The FDEM has the authority to review the Local Mitigation Strategy on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FDEM utilizes the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Tool, which includes the 2014 Florida Local Mitigation Strategy Crosswalk to review the Local Mitigation Strategy. Appendix D includes Polk County's 2014 LMS Crosswalk. Following notification of "Approval Pending Adoption" of the 2015 Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy Plan by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Polk County, its municipalities, and the Polk County School Board will formally adopt the 2015 Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy at advertised public meetings. The following entities are scheduled to adopt the 2015 Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy:

- Polk County
- City of Auburndale
- City of Bartow
- City of Davenport
- Town of Dundee
- City of Eagle Lake
- City of Fort Meade
- City of Frostproof
- City of Haines City
- Town of Hillcrest Heights
- Village of Highland Park
- City of Lake Alfred
- Town of Lake Hamilton
- City of Lake Wales
- City of Lakeland
- City of Mulberry
- City of Polk City
- City of Winter Haven
- Polk County School Board

The following pages include a sample resolution and copies of the adopted resolutions for each of the jurisdictions and the Polk County School Board.

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### SAMPLE RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF DUNDEE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE 2015 POLK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN UPDATE.**

**WHEREAS**, areas of Polk County, including the Town of Dundee, are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological, and societal disasters, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission of the Town of Dundee realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall public health, safety, and welfare of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, a Local Mitigation Strategy is a Plan which presents a unified strategy to building a disaster-resilient community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires each local jurisdiction to have either its own local mitigation strategy plan or to actively participate in the development and maintenance of multi-jurisdictional mitigation plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dundee actively participated in the development and maintenance of the Polk County Local Mitigation Strategy adopted in 2002, 2005, and 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dundee has actively participated in the update to the Local Mitigation Strategy through the Polk County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process to eliminate or decrease these vulnerabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Dundee representatives and staff have identified, justified, and prioritized a number of proposed projects and programs needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of the Town of Dundee to the impacts of future disasters,

**WHEREAS**, these proposed projects and programs have been incorporated into the 2015 Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Update that has been prepared and issued for consideration and implementation by the communities and jurisdictions of Polk County, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management issued an “Approval Pending Adoption” of the 2015 Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Commission of the Town of Dundee:

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1. That the Town Commission of the Town of Dundee hereby accepts and approves its designated portion of the “2015 Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy”.
2. The agency personnel of the Town of Dundee are requested and instructed to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated therein.
3. The agencies and organizations within the Town of Dundee will, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the proposals contained in its section of the LMS Plan.
4. The Town of Dundee will continue to participate in the updating and expansion of the Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy Plan in future years.
5. The Town of Dundee will seek to encourage the businesses, industries, and community groups operating within Polk County to also participate in the updating and expansion of the Polk County Multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy Plan in the years ahead.
6. The Town of Dundee will continue to participate in the furtherance of public participation opportunities.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Town Commission of the Town of Dundee, Florida, in regular session, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

( Signatures as appropriate for the jurisdiction )

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### **PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION ADOPTION LMS RESOLUTIONS**