

A five-year comprehensive update of the *Highlands County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS)* was conducted between March 2009 and October 2009. The plan was prepared in accordance with *44 Code of Federal Regulations 201.6*. A major objective of the five-year update to the *LMS* is to maintain eligibility to apply for and/or receive project grant funding for Highlands County and its participating jurisdictions.

This is a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, and the planning effort has been conducted through the coordinated, cooperative effort of several local governments and organizations including: Highlands County Board of County Commissioners for the unincorporated area of Highlands County, the City of Avon Park, the City of Sebring, the Town of Lake Placid, Highlands County School District, Sebring Regional Airport, Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Special Improvement District, South Florida Community College, Spring Lake Improvement District, Highlands County Homeowners Association, Orange Blossom Baptist Association, and South Florida Water Management District.

The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have now approved, pending adoption, the *Highlands County Multi-Hazard Local Mitigation Plan* that was submitted as a draft in March 2010. FEMA's approval pending adoption letter was dated June 2, 2010. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Susan BuChans, Planner II, 501 S. Commerce Ave. Annex, Sebring, Florida 33870. Please reference the 2010 LMS Update when writing.

To review the LMS Plan please [click here](#).