



FEMA

October 20, 2021

Mr. Miles Anderson
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Division of Emergency Management
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Reference: Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS): Osceola County

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are pleased to inform you that the Osceola County, FL Local Mitigation Strategy Plan complies with the Federal hazard mitigation planning requirements resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. This plan is approved for a period of five (5) years to March 15, 2026. This letter is to confirm that the following jurisdiction is approved under the Osceola County, FL Local Mitigation Strategy Plan in accordance with Program Administration by States (PAS) requirements, effective March 15, 2021, as follows:

Submitted and originally approved as of March 15, 2021, which established the five-year period for the Plan:

- Osceola County, Unincorporated

Jurisdiction added as of October 20, 2021:

- Tohopekalgia Water Authority

The approved participating jurisdiction is hereby an eligible applicant through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation is required for some programs.

We commend the participants in the Osceola County, FL Local Mitigation Strategy Plan for the development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

We strongly encourage each community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage each community to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development. When the Plan is amended or revised, the amendments and revisions should be incorporated into the next plan update. If the plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the Draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan approval.

The State and the participants in the Osceola County, FL Local Mitigation Strategy Plan should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or Osceola County have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Gabriela Vigo, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (229) 225-4546, or Darlene Booker, of my staff, at (770) 220-5404.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen M. Martinenza". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristen" and last name "Martinenza" clearly legible.

Kristen M. Martinenza, P.E., CFM
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