What is MITIGATION

An action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects.
Indian River County
Local Mitigation Strategy

- Originally developed in 1998, approved in 1999
- FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in December 2015
- Approved by the BCC on July 7, 2015
The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Application Process

Major Disaster Declarations 2018

- Hurricane Michael
  - (Declared disaster 10/11/18)
Importance of Hazard Mitigation

- Less Property Damage
- Lives Saved
- Losses Reduced
- Societal Disruption Minimized
- Legal Liability Reduced
- Critical Facilities Functioning
- Positive Political Ramifications
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

- Provides grants to States and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

- The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.
Program Funding

- The amount of funding available for the HMGP under a particular disaster declaration is limited to 7.5% percent of the total disaster grants awarded by FEMA.
Initial Estimate of Available HMGP Funding for Indian River County

- H. Matthew (DR-4283-FL) $437,838
  Declared October 8, 2016
- H. Irma (DR-1545-FL) $3,978,805
  Declared September 10, 2017

Approximately $4.4 million
Required Cost Share

- FEMA may fund up to 75% of the eligible costs of each project.
- The State or sub-grantee must provide a 25% match.
Eligible Applicants

- State and local Governments
- Private non-profit organizations or institutions that own or operate a private non-profit facility.
- Indian Tribes or authorized tribal organizations
Eligible HMGP Activities

- Property Acquisition & Demolition
- Building Elevation
- Drainage Upgrades
- Seismic Retrofit
- Wind Retrofit - Storm Shutters
- Flood-Proofing
Examples of HMGP Projects

- Acquisition/Relocation
- Elevation of Structures
- Elevation of Utilities
- Catch Basins/Water Retention Projects
- Wetland Restoration
- Floodproofing of Structures
- Water Diversion
- Flood Control Gates
- Sewer Backup Protection
- Earthquake Retrofit
- Erosion and Sediment Control Projects
- Lift/Pump Stations with a Mitigation Function
- Stream Gauges
- Floodwalls
- Studies that result in completed projects
- Tornado Safe Rooms
- NOAA Weather Radio Projects
Eligible projects are required to demonstrate:

- The project is cost/beneficial
- The project is environmentally sound
- Other alternatives have been considered
- The project is the best alternative and will actually solve a problem and is a permanent solution
The State will not consider funding requests for:

- Generators
- Construction of new facilities.
- Equipment
- Tree removal
Planning Requirement

- Applicants for subgrants must have an approved local mitigation plan.
Community’s Role

- Develops local mitigation plans
- Coordinates with and develops mitigation projects for residents and businesses most at risk
- Submits project applications to the State
- Manages the implementation of the projects
- Maintains records and accounting information on projects
State’s Role

- Manages overall program within the State
- Develops State mitigation plans
- Establishes State mitigation priorities
- Conducts preliminary eligibility review of local applications and selects projects based on State priorities and available funds
- Forwards selected projects to FEMA
- Ensures communities adhere to all program and administrative requirements
- Acts as grantee, receives and disburses funds, and monitors progress of projects
- Evaluates the effectiveness of approved measures
FEMA’s Role

- Provides oversight of the HMGP
- Keeps state apprised of available funding
- Establishes State mitigation priorities
- Conducts final eligibility review of projects selected and forwarded by the States
- Provides technical assistance to States and communities
Any funds not obligated or committed to a pending project application after the 24 month obligation deadline are no longer available.
Questions?