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Mr. Miles Anderson
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Reference: Local Mitigation Strategy: Walton County

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Walton County FL Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan Update is in compliance with the Federal hazard mitigation planning requirements resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The plan is approved for a period of five (5) years to August 3, 2025. This letter is to confirm that the following jurisdictions are approved under the Walton County FL Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Update in accordance with the Program Administration by States (PAS) requirements, effective August 3, 2020, as follows:

This plan approval extends to the following participating jurisdiction that provided a copy of their resolution adopting the Walton County FL LMS plan:

- Walton County, Unincorporated

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)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

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

We commend the participants in the Walton County FL LMS 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, it must be resubmitted through the State as a "plan update" and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. 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 Walton County FL LMS 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 Walton 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,

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