Local Mitigation Strategy
Fact Sheet

Who we are...

- The LMS Working Group is a voluntary steering group comprised of public and private members of our community that endorse and prioritize project recommendations to the State for multiple mitigation funding opportunities.
- This group created a guiding document, the LMS Plan, which identifies ways to mitigate our community against hazards identified within the plan.
- The LMS helps guide our community by taking an all-natural hazards approach to "big picture" planning - from providing educational and public speaking engagements to guiding actual mitigation construction.
- We are always open to the public for participation, membership, and contributions.
- We encourage participation at all levels of our community.

What is "Mitigation"?

- Mitigation is the effort to reduce or eliminate the risks of injury and damage, to both people and property, against potential disaster events. This mitigation can be through mitigation construction type projects or through educational outreach programs to our community.

Some types of mitigation:

- Hurricane shutters for a home, business, hospital or public building.
- Hurricane roof clips or re-enforcement.
- Installation of tornado safe rooms.
- Elevation of a flood vulnerable building or home.
- Flood proofing a home or business.
- Drainage improvement projects that reduce or eliminate local flooding.
- Public infrastructure, such as, strengthening fire stations and installing shutters on public schools that serve as community shelters.
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- Educational programs to educate our community on methods they can use to protect and reduce the impacts to families, businesses, their employees, and property from potential disaster through mitigation.

Mitigation in Our Community:

- More than $85 million in mitigation projects have been completed by the LMS - since its inception in 1998 – in our effort to minimize or eliminate the risks from natural hazards in Pinellas County.