

## Summary of the Planning Process

### *LMS Working Group Meetings*

Local Mitigation Strategy Meetings were held at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center located at 945-B North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. Meetings occurred in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. See Appendix I for the meeting notices or advertisements, agendas, attendee sign-in sheets and meeting minutes.

The procedure or direction used by the Bradford County LMS Working Group is based on the following important concepts:

- A comprehensive planning group representing all jurisdictions within Bradford County that establishes specific goals and objectives to address the community's vulnerabilities to the hazards that affect the community.
- It utilizes an analysis of the identified hazards, the risk evaluation and vulnerability assessment.
- Mitigation projects by the specific jurisdiction or organization with the authority and responsibility for the project implementation.

The planning process begins with the development of the Working Group as an organization and obtaining participation from the local government jurisdictions and key organizations and institutions. The planning work conducted to develop this document relies heavily on the expertise of the participating agencies and organizations, rather than on detailed scientific or engineering studies. The Working Group relies on the best judgment of the participating individuals, because of their role in the community, can achieve a level of detail in the analysis that is more than adequate for purposes of local mitigation planning.

Analyzing the need for the community and then evaluating proposed mitigation projects to avoid or minimize vulnerability of the community to future disasters is important, and an area that will be reviewed and addressed on an annual basis. The goals and objectives set by the Working Group are intended to help focus the effort of the participants by directing attention to certain types of neighborhoods, or by emphasizing implementation of selected types of proposed mitigation projects.

### *Hazard Identification and Risk Estimation*

The Working Group analyzes the natural hazards that threaten all or portions of the community. Where possible, specific geographic areas subject to the impacts of the identified hazards are delineated. Data is analyzed on previous occurrences for the natural hazards. In addition, the Working Group uses general information to estimate the relative risk of the various