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To: The City of Gulfport, Mayor and
City Council

Subject: Floodplain Management Plan's Annual Progress
Report

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The City of Gulfport adopted the "City of Gulfport Hazard Mitigation and Flood Protection Plan." This plan serves as amended and adopted by the Gulfport City Council on January 21, 2014. This plan is approved for a period of 5 years. The Chairman of the Gulfport Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Members of the City of Gulfport Hazard Mitigation Committee shall meet, at a minimum, annually in February to review and contribute to the development of a range of mitigation options for solutions that may prevent additional damage from future natural disasters and report on progress of the implementation activities.

For credit under the Community Rating System, this memo must be distributed to the media and made available to the public. Copies of this report are available for the public review at the offices of the City of Gulfport Building Official, on the city's web page and at the Harrison County Library, Orange Grove Branch.

1. Background

The Gulfport Hazard Mitigation and Flood Protection Plan was put in place and developed to implement the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) 2000 requirements, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prepared and Interim Final Rule, published in the Federal Register, as the 44CFR Parts 201.6 (b)-(d) establishing planning criteria for states and local governments. In order to receive funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program.

The Plan reviews a variety of actions and measures that can reduce the hazards and/or protect people and property when flooding occurs. Action items reviewed were placed in order of highest to lowest priority.

2. A review of the Plan's Mitigation Action items:

The 47 action items are found in the Hazard Mitigation Action Matrix in Chapter 6 of the Gulfport Hazard Mitigation and Flood Protection Plan, updated in the 2013 Plan and Adopted January 21, 2014. Action items are organized according to priority highest to lowest and assigned to the department responsible for implementing them. Actions are ongoing in nature.

Hazard Mitigation Committee (Flood Protection Planning Committee)

- a. Appointed to provide information, analyze information about hazards, consider and contribute to the development of mitigation options for solutions that may prevent additional damage from future natural disasters. Consider and prioritize criteria that will be used to rank mitigation options that will be undertaken by the community.

Status: The city's Department of Urban Development and Floodplain Management Office have keep the committee up to date on programs to assist homeowner living in flood hazard areas to mitigate the properties. City CFM's have attended seminars, web-inars and training conducted by industry pertaining to wind and flood construction methods and building code.

- b. Committee shall monitor the implementation of the Hazard Mitigation and Flood Protection Plan and meet yearly with department directors to determine and benchmark the progress being made in the realization of goals and actions.

Status: This memo is the status report. (Also See "The City of Gulfport, Mississippi Hazard Mitigation Plan Update")

- c. Meetings:

Status: Meetings of group are held for the most part at least the first Monday of each month. These meeting are generally held at the Public Works Department. During these meetings all are invited to voice their opinions, make suggestions about current and future mitigation actions and gain a better understanding of hazard mitigation challenges and actions.

Department of Urban Development.

- d. The Department of Urban Development Community Rating System (CRS) classification.

Status: As of October, 2011 the City of Gulfport was awarded a Class 6 rating under the Community Rating System.

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- e. Provide flood protection information to residents through a variety of means, including:

- Flood protection references maintained at the Public Library.
- Making FEMA flood guides and pamphlets available in the Building Official Office.
- Continuing public information activities credited by the Community Rating System

Status:

- Floodplain Materials, and information are available to the public at Orange Grove Branch, Public Library.
- Flood map is posted on the City's web-site.
- Flood map and FEMA Information documents and pamphlets are available at the Building Code Office.
- Public notification of flood evacuation zones were posted on the city's web site.
- Hurricane tracking map published in the local phone book.
- Mail out City wide Flood Protection Information July, 2014.
- Mail out Repetitive Flood Protection Information loss areas in the city July, 2016.

- f. Enforcement of flood regulation relative to easements, development in the floodplain, and new construction.

Status: This is an ongoing activity.

- g. Provide site specific information and assistance to inquirers, including map information, flood protection advice, and information on selecting and dealing with contractors.

Status: This is an ongoing activity. Documented by log entries.

Hazard Mitigation Action Matrix (Plan)

- h. There are 46 action items found in the Hazard Mitigation Action Matrix in Chapter 6 – Mitigation Strategy. Gulfport Hazard Mitigation and Flood Protection Plan, Updated 2013 and Adopted January 21, 2014 (Only items pertaining to the (CRS) are listed below.)

- Action 4: Require that the City continue to participate with the C-HOST program. C-HOST is a multi jurisdiction – multi hazard Awareness Organization.

Status: This is an ongoing action through monthly meetings and scheduled event participation.

- Action 5: Storm proof new critical facilities and infrastructure.

Status: This is an on going action.

- Action 16: Promote/Build detention ponds when appropriate.

Status: This is an on going action through the permit and plans review process in which each city department takes part.

- Action 23: Promote elevation/acquisition activities to residents/commercial owners located in the SFHA.
 - a. Continue to enforce building codes.

Status: This is an ongoing action through the permit and plans review process in which each city department takes part.

- Action 24: Upgrade drainage systems..

Status: This is an ongoing action through the permit and plans review process in which each city department takes part.

- Action 28: Improve/maintain CRS rating and the NFIP Program.

Status: This is an on going action.

- Action 35: Update the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. (CEMP).

Status: This is an annual action.

- Action 36: Update and implement the Master Drainage Plan for the City to protect public and private property from flooding in accordance with the Master Drainage Plan.

Status: This is an ongoing action. As development projects are introduced and submitted, developers are required to submit their drainage pans and State permits, plans are reviewed and compliance is required and enforced. Continue to require a substantial damage rule.

- Action 37: Continue to enforce/improve as needed the city's ordinances and regulation for all hazards.

Status: This is an ongoing action.

- Action 38: Enforce the city's substantial damage and substantial improvement rule.

Status: This is an on going action through the permit and plans review process.

- Action 39: Require non-conversion agreements for enclosures below the base flood elevation.

Status: This is an on going. Enforced through site plan review and permitting process.

- Action 44: Conduct annual reviews of the hazard mitigation and flood protection plan.

Status: This is an ongoing / annual event.

- Action 45: Pursue funding for mitigation action.

Status: This is an ongoing action.

- Action 46: Establish and maintain a hazard preparedness link on the city's web page.

Status: This is an ongoing action.

- Action 47: Promote workshops for emergency preparedness plans.

Status: This is an ongoing action.