



CITY OF DORAL

Office of the City Manager

Letter to Council

LTC No.: 001-2025

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Zeida Sardiñas, City Manager

Date: January 21, 2024

Subject: **City of Doral – CRS Activity 510 Progress Report**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to provide the Mayor and Council with a copy of the City of Doral Community Rating System (CRS) Activity 510 Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2024.

- The City completed three major flood control projects in 2024, including improvements to NW 84th Avenue and NW 58th Street drainage systems.
- These projects follow Doral's flood protection plan and help the City earn credits from FEMA, which can lead to lower flood insurance costs for residents.

Background

The CRS is a national program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to recognize communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for their efforts and programs that go above and beyond the minimum requirements for participating in the NFIP.

The objective of the CRS Activity 510, Floodplain Management Planning, is to credit the production of an overall strategy of programs, projects, and measures that will reduce the adverse impact of the hazard on the community and help meet other community needs.

To meet the objectives of this activity CRS participating communities must develop and implement “Community Floodplain Management Plan” to address repetitive losses in the community, flood related hazards threatening public safety and welfare, and protection of property and business from flooding.

The City's Plan recognizes the activities and requirements associated floodplain management planning, repetitive loss area analyses and natural floodplain function planning set forth in Activity 510. The benefits associated with this plan are as follows:

1. Identify existing and future flood-related hazards and their causes; and
2. Ensure that a comprehensive review of all possible activities and mitigation measures is conducted so that the most appropriate solutions will be implemented to address the hazards; and
3. Ensure that the recommended activities meet the goals and objectives of the community, are in coordination with land use and comprehensive planning, do not create conflicts with other activities, and are coordinated so that the costs of implementing individual activities are reduced; and
4. Ensure that the criteria used in community land use and development programs account for the hazards faced by existing and new development; and
5. Educate residents and property owners about the hazards, loss reduction measures, and the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains; and
6. Build public and political support for activities and projects that prevent new problems, reduce losses, and protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains; and lastly but not leastly:
7. Build a constituency that wants to see the plan's recommendations implemented.

CRS Activity 510 Summary

The City of Doral Public Works Department (PWD) completed Project ITB 2022-23 for the NW 84th Avenue Stormwater Improvements Project between NW 87th Avenue and NW 82nd Avenue is part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) included in the 2021 Stormwater Master Plan Update (SMPU).

The CIP Project for Sub Basin "NW 33 ST W" was also included in the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) and can be considered a Mitigation Project for Floodplain Management.

Thirdly, PWD completed ITB 2022-22 for the NW 58th Street Outfall Project, not a CIP but was included in the SMPU. This project included stormwater drainage along NW 57th Street between NW 78th Avenue and NW 79th Avenue, along NW 79th Avenue between NW 57th Street and NW 58th Street, and an outfall along NW 58th Street that discharges stormwater to the NW 58th Street Canal.

Conclusion

This report was prepared through a collaborative effort led by the City's Floodplain Manager, Ingrid Farias, CFM; Floodplain Plans Examiner/CRS Coordinator, Erica Valdes, CFM; and Carlos Arroyo, Public Works Director.

This report is issued and presented to Council through distribution from the City Manager's Office using the "Letters to Council" method as of the date of this LTC and is consistent with

the requirements set forth in CRS Activity 510. Thereafter, the floodplain division respectfully requests distribution of the same via a Press Release consistent with city standards from the Public Affairs Department.

All information provided to the governing body will be available for public inspection on the City's website and in the Building Department, Floodplain Management Office.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager's Office, Ingrys Farias, Floodplain Manager, or Erica Valdes, CRS Coordinator.

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