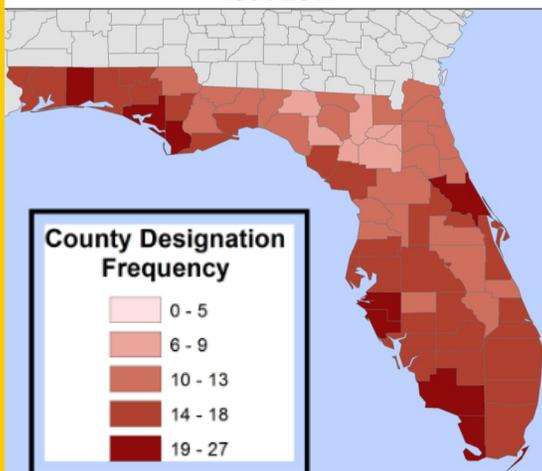


## Did You Know?

- Florida is ranked fourth in the U.S. for the number of FEMA disaster declarations.
- Every county in Florida has been declared for at least one FEMA disaster declaration.
- Since 1900, 8 of the 10 costliest tropical cyclones in the U.S. have impacted Florida.
- Flooding causes about \$6 billion in damages in the U.S. yearly.
- Florida has more flood insurance policies required by the NFIP than any other state.
- Florida is the lightning capital of the U.S.

Frequency of FEMA Disaster Declarations, 1964-2011



## For More Information:

Visit the Hardee County Emergency Management's website to find out how to get in touch with your LMS Working Group and get involved with your plan!

<http://www.hardeecounty.net/eoc.cfm>

## Mitigation Matters



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# Local Mitigation Strategy: It's Your Plan, Get Involved!

## Local Mitigation Strategy

A Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is a plan developed, typically at the county level, to reduce impacts from potential hazards. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires jurisdictions to have, or be included, in a mitigation plan to be eligible for federal funding.



## What is Mitigation?

FEMA defines mitigation as the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. A recent study by the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council shows that each dollar spent on mitigation saves society an average of four dollars.



## Who's Involved

Each county in Florida has an LMS Working Group composed of emergency management staff, representatives from each municipality (planners, grants staff, public works, etc.), school districts, colleges, universities, non-profit organizations, government agencies, special districts, the public, and more.



## LMS Elements

- Planning Process
- Jurisdiction Profile
- Risk Assessment
- Mitigation Strategy (Goals and Objectives)
- Mitigation Capabilities
- Funding Sources
- Project Implementation
- Mitigation Projects
- Plan Maintenance

## Mitigation Actions

Categories of mitigation actions and measures include:

- Structural projects
- Property protection
- Prevention
- Critical facilities protection
- Emergency services
- Natural resource protection
- Public education and awareness

## Why Get Involved?

Getting involved in your LMS Working Group, especially before a disaster strikes, is vital. By building relationships and sharing ideas, communities can become more resilient to hazards in Florida. Make mitigation happen in your community, get involved with your Local Mitigation Strategy!