

City of Jacksonville AAA Workgroup
Staff's Key Findings

June 24, 2019 – AAA Working Group Meeting
Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noah Ray re: Emergency Preparedness Division, Local Mitigation Strategy
Key Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated staff, or increased staff time, for seeking and applying for grants should be considered since much of the money for mitigation assistance and post-disaster funding is provided by grants. Concerning the property acquisition process in the South Hampton area, the issue was brought to light from a public safety perspective first as public safety vehicles were unable to get to homes because the roads were holding floodwaters. It was then determined that it was cost prohibitive to raise the roads and more cost effective to pursue an acquisition program. The types of demographic, socioeconomic, and development data that would be important for Planning Staff to analyze in drafting policies and implementing regulations within the AAA include the following: age (elderly and children); income; lack of personal transportation or transit-dependent; number of historic properties; government-owned properties; and locations connected to centralized water/sewer. The Department should coordinate with agencies such as JTA in order to access relevant data. Locations within the AAA that are served by septic tanks should be phased-out and prioritized accordingly. The City and JEA should coordinate to review how and when properties are phased-out from septic to sewer to ensure septic tanks are removed from the AAA. Additionally, no new septic tanks should be permitted within the AAA.
Additional Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duval Prepares is the committee that oversees the countywide Local Mitigation Strategy. They meet quarterly. The Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is a 5-year plan (expires in 2020) and is currently being updated. Climate change and, more specifically, sea level rise is a hazard that is being proposed for inclusion into the updated LMS. There are currently 139 projects listed within the Local Mitigation Strategy; these are primarily related to wind and flood activities. There appears to be a need for better or increased documentation of flood activity, particularly related to storm events (i.e. H. Irma) – specifically concerning the area that was impacted by flooding and to quantify the floodwaters.
Staff Deliverables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework with draft policies to include the submitted recommendations and key findings. City-wide map showing the union of the 500-year flood plain and the Cat. 3 storm surge area. This should eliminate from the AAA those isolated 500-year flood plains that appear to have no relationship with a navigable waterway.