

Subject

Approve Interlocal Agreement between Polk County and Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) to implement Polk County Vulnerability Assessment Adaptation Plan. (Fiscal impact \$300,000)

Description

Polk County has been awarded a State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Grant Agreement (Agreement #24PLN59) to conduct a Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment Adaptation Chapter Plan (PLAN) pursuant to Section 380.093, Florida Statutes. The PLAN includes coordination with and analysis of 17 municipalities.

The County will work with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) to complete the Grant Work Plan. An Interlocal Agreement between the CFRPC and the County is included.

The final products will include:

1) Vulnerability Assessment Report Adaptation Chapter Plan

Report detailing critical resources that may be affected by flood conditions during a 100-year, 200-year and 500-year flood event. As well as highlighting a PLAN approach to better facilitate the necessary operations needed to operate during flood events. The PLAN will help facilitate future management of county resources and help plan future growth through informing the comprehensive plan for development.

2) Public Presentation

Presentation of the final PLAN results to local governing boards, technical committees, or other appropriate officers and elected officials. The purpose of the presentation is to share the findings from the final PLAN and provide recommendations of actions for adaptation strategies and future project funding. The presentation will also inform the public of the results and the future risk of increased flooding and encourage community participation when identifying mitigation strategies to address the flooding vulnerabilities.

The project has been approved by STAC.

Recommendation

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Fiscal Impact

Funds for this project are budgeted for the Parks and Natural Resources 5-year CIP budget.

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