

Resolution for the Adoption of the East Central Florida Regional Resiliency Action Plan

WHEREAS, a changing climate is increasingly causing current and future threats, such as elevated levels of flooding and erosion, changes in storm intensity and frequency, heat impacts, sea level rise, and others, calls for action at every level of government and in the private and not-for-profit sectors; and

WHEREAS, fostering resilience is a long-term effort and requires holistic planning and preparation to increase resilience in the built, natural and social environment; and

WHEREAS, action, leadership and education of and by local governments and partners to improve resilience across disciplines provide multiple benefits; and

WHEREAS, these benefits include the implementation of green and gray infrastructure, protecting the natural environment, improving health and wellbeing and increasing economic and societal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the East Central Florida Regional Resiliency Action Plan (ECF RRAP) was formulated for and by local governments, federal, regional and state agencies, educational institutions, NGOs and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the ECF RRAP recognizes the clear relationship between emergency management, planning, health & safety, and economic development and aims to continue to fill gaps within the region and pursue initiatives that will achieve measurable improvements in risk reduction and the building of resilience in the region; and

WHEREAS, the success of the ECF RRAP depends on the participation of and collaboration with all local jurisdictions and partners, and a commitment to work together towards common goals.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that (name of jurisdiction/agency) agrees to adopt the East Central Florida Regional Resiliency Action Plan to advance the direct implementation of activities aimed to improve safety, long-term resilience and sustainability in (name of jurisdiction/agency) across sectors, expand economic sustainability and response to vulnerabilities within the community; and

Be It Further Resolved that (name of jurisdiction/agency) will work to increase the health and resilience of social, natural, and built resources by furthering the following goals:

- Promote leadership, education and empowerment in government, public, and private sectors to foster the implementation of resiliency strategies across disciplines and communities.
- Provide opportunities and strategies to foster economic prosperity and improve social equity and justice in preparation for and recovery from stressors and shocks.
- Encourage development of cross-disciplinary plans, policies and strategies to protect the health, safety and economic welfare of residents, businesses and visitors through recognition that natural disasters, changes to climate, and human manipulation require careful consideration of

when and how to develop infrastructure, natural resources and a built environment that can withstand and adapt to these changes.

- Create resilient communities by facilitating programs, opportunities, and community-wide education pertaining to local sustainability, disaster response, and climate change mitigation strategies.

Be It Further Resolved that (name of jurisdiction/agency) directs staff to work towards the implementation of relevant actions in the ECF RRAP, over the next five years, to further the following objectives:

- Incorporate resilience into local and regional plans, policies and objectives;
- Plan fiscally to implement resilient and sustainable solutions to long-term impacts;
- Implement strategies to promote adaptive measures that keep people and property safe from natural hazards;
- Engage and educate stakeholders and elected officials about strategies to increase resilience in the built, natural, and social environment;
- Protect high-value assets from natural hazards;
- Educate business about access to funding and financing services related to resiliency and sustainability;
- Facilitate and support the efficient recovery of business operations after an event;
- Increase skilled labor force;
- Improve social equity and justice in decision making process
- Prioritize the use of Green Infrastructure as a first line of defense;
- Promote interconnectivity of natural lands for habitat migration;
- Enhance stormwater systems to be more resilient;
- Improve water quality in surface water bodies;
- Preserve and adapt the built environment to keep people safe from and mitigate current and future natural hazards;
- Improve community mobility while improving vulnerable transportation infrastructure;
- Improve capacity of jurisdictions to better respond to hazard events;
- Improve capacity of medical facility operations to prepare for and recover from natural disasters and future conditions;
- Promote sustainable practices in government-owned facilities;
- Engage residents and business owners with locally relevant information about expected future changes in natural hazards and sustainable practices;
- Improve access to resources for the homeless, special needs, elderly, low income, and English-limited residents.