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**Lee County and municipalities offer update on FEMA National Flood Insurance Program determination**

Fort Myers, FL, April 5, 2024 – Lee County and its municipal partners – Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Town of Fort Myers Beach and Village of Estero – would like to offer residents an update on our response to the FEMA verbal notification late last week that it would retrograde Community Rating System (CRS) to remove discounts on National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) premiums:

- The county anticipates receiving a written communication from FEMA soon.
- The county plans to work with FEMA to address any alleged deficiencies that could help the county and municipalities retain current CRS ratings.
- The collective goal is to work with FEMA to address any concerns with requested information.

Lee County commissioners, staff and municipal partners are committed to transparency with this matter. Fact-finding continues.

Further updates will be provided as they become available.

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