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Lee County provides update on FEMA National Flood Insurance Program issue

Fort Myers, FL, June 4, 2024 – Lee County staff provided an update at the Lee Board of County Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday related to the county's diligent work to provide all requested and required documentation in response to FEMA's efforts to retrograde the county's Community Rating System (CRS) classification.

You can watch the update portion of the meeting by visiting this link: <https://youtu.be/YL8r9GrYFOE>.

The county on Monday submitted documentation on all 414 properties identified by FEMA. County staff will remain available and responsive to FEMA staff as the agency reviews the documentation. It's anticipated that review could take about a month.

The county also has updated its website dedicated to this issue, www.leegov.com/femacr.

The website now includes a document called Lee County's Floodplain Management Post-Hurricane Ian Compliance Response to FEMA as well as an Executive Summary. Both documents, which also were provided to FEMA, describe Lee County's compliance activities, including why Lee County made the decisions it did after Hurricane Ian, the timing of those decisions, and how the county adhered to FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and CRS guidelines.

The Lee Board of County Commissioners is committed to retaining the CRS rating of 5 to maintain the discount available to residents with NFIP policies.

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