



**Broward County  
Emergency Management**

**ENHANCED LOCAL  
MITIGATION STRATEGY (ELMS)**  
**DRAFT**

**for  
Broward County  
and its  
Municipalities and Private Sector Partners**

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# Preface

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The Broward County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) was developed in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2004, 2009 and 2012. It was first adopted in March 2000, a follow-up revision was then adopted by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in April 2005 (Resolution #2005-344), and finally, the most recent official submission to FEMA was adopted by Resolution by the BOCC on January 5, 2010 (Resolution 2010-015). This document was reviewed by the Florida Division of Emergency Management for compliance and consistency with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended by Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-390); the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-264); and 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201 – Mitigation Planning, inclusive of all amendments through September 16, 2009.

In some chapters of the updated Broward County LMS for the year 2009, the data originally submitted in 2004 remained in the LMS as they identify the background and development of the LMS. In 2011-2012, at the County's initiative, the LMS was again updated. The County included enhanced components beyond FEMA's and the State of Florida's planning requirements to produce an "Enhanced LMS" (ELMS). The ELMS conforms to the scope of work items in the FEMA mitigation grant, while also closely mirroring the FEMA Enhanced State Mitigation Plan regulations (where appropriate for locals) and the State's preliminary draft Enhanced Plan Guidance. For facilitating the ELM planning process and preparing the ELMS plan, the County hired a consulting firm, URS Corporation, who had a professional planner with over 17 years of reviewing and preparing hazard mitigation plans to oversee the development of it.

Overall, the ELMS has been a catalyst for positive change for the County's mitigation program in multiple ways. For the ELMS, a beneficial cost-effectiveness screening tool and a framework for a more robust integration of hazard mitigation into the county's core civic business processes (e.g., comprehensive planning, capital improvement funding) was created. The ELMS has also been the drive of more involved mitigation partnering opportunities for the Emergency Management Division, Risk Management Division, the County's property insurer, and the Broward County Government Operations Climate Change group [for more information on the Climate Change, see the "Sea Level Rise/Climate Change" subsection in Chapter 4; for more information on the County's Climate Change group, see the Capability Assessment subsection of Chapter 6]. These partnerships are broadening the reach of mitigation beyond emergency management to other vital county decision-making and investment processes. For example, the County is seeking to better integrate mitigation into yearly, on-going decisions about county growth, investment, and redevelopment, as well as partnering with other successful efforts, like climate change adaptation that share similar goals.

The ELMS process has helped explore mitigation opportunities on a longer time horizon (i.e., 10 to 20 years) than the required 5-year update, for which the initial steps should be started immediately. For example, climate change action efforts may take longer to plan and implement as well as measures included for funding under the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is typically a 10-year horizon. The following list includes the primary ELMS components that will lead to more robust integrated mitigation efforts in the County:

**INCREASED MITIGATION  
 EFFECTIVENESS**

*A more detailed look at the  
 County's risk to natural hazards*

*Emphasis on collaboration and  
 coordination with other agencies  
 and organizations, especially  
 municipalities, the private sector  
 and other similar groups (Climate  
 Change Government Action  
 Group)*

*Integration into other pre- and  
 post- disaster recovery processes*

*Integration into community  
 planning processes*

**HOW ACCOMPLISHED**

- New sea level rise subsection
- Detailed economic hot spot analysis describing risk in key economic areas
- Updated Hazus runs for wind and flood hazards
- Updated hazard profile information
- Reinforce the Climate Change Task Force's Adaptation Action Areas for long term planning
- Coordination with Risk Management and county insurer to collaborate on additional mitigation
- Reinvigorated Private Sector Committee
- Encourage municipalities to increase CRS class rating and provide training/awareness opportunities
- Multiple opportunities and forums for discussing risk, actions, and priorities
- Better integration with recovery planning (all documents under the Broward County Recovery Framework that is currently under development (formerly Countywide Recovery Process)). These include the Long Term Recovery and Redevelopment Strategy (LTRRS), the Recovery Implementation Strategy (RIS), the Recovery Framework, Damage Assessment and Infrastructure.
- Quickly identify opportunities to do Public Assistance 406 Mitigation by providing training on eligible projects, pre-identification of potential projects, when to identify and implement projects, and how to potentially comingle with other funding sources to maximize disaster resiliency
- Prepare post-disaster SOP for vulnerable facilities
- Disaster Housing (integration of Housing Vulnerability into ELMS)
- Identify in Continuity of Operations (COOP) plans facilities that need additional mitigation to preserve function in post-disaster environment
- County seeks to find ways to better integrate mitigation into comprehensive planning and capital improvement planning
- County encourages municipalities to follow this process and provides tools to do so

*Development of innovative tools to increase local mitigation funding*

- Mitigation Assessment Team (MAT) tool, which provides a mechanism for considering mitigation for each community investment (not just post-disaster and mitigation grants); helps instill a mindset to always consider mitigation)
- Train and develop concept of robust MAT group to assist municipalities during strategic points for project development and post-disaster

*Development of beneficial tools to better evaluate mitigation project ideas for FEMA funding*

- Loss Estimation Tool (LET), which helps screening of potential mitigation projects to measure cost-effectiveness for FEMA mitigation programs

*Review past mitigation actions to better define and validate their effectiveness*

- Revise project prioritization criteria to better identify high quality, eligible-type, and effective hazard mitigation grant projects
- Loss Avoidance Study for wind mitigation (a new type of LAS study)

*Exercise of recovery and mitigation actions, strategies, and objectives to increase likelihood of success in post-disaster environment*

- Reinforce important mitigation funding opportunities like Public Assistance 406 program in immediate recovery
- Include hazard mitigation in emergency management training classes to heighten awareness for increasing the likelihood of project identification during response and recovery
- Identify key officials and issues
- Establish support networks
- Increase the effectiveness of working relationships

The following are the most prevalent benefits of the ELMS for Broward County:

- Better educated and aware agencies and municipalities
- More channels for hazard mitigation integration and intra-county coordination (e.g., project identification, outreach and education, county funded mitigation, recovery, community planning processes, federal grants)
- Establishment of working relationships pre-disaster with multiple key stakeholders
- More community funding to mitigation: 1) piggyback on the county insurer's requirements; 2) look for mitigation opportunities in CIP process; 3) partner with County Government Operations Climate Change and LEED group
- Initial screening of mitigation project candidates focuses County and municipal efforts on project ideas more likely to be eligible under FEMA programs



- Increased discussion of best practices and lessons learned including input from jurisdictions and organizations outside of Broward (e.g., inviting guest speakers like a planner from the City of Punta Gorda who led redevelopment efforts after Hurricane Charley and an economic advisor with a private firm in the Tampa area specializing in business recovery issues (Valente Strategic Advisors)).
- Increased participation in CRS
- Creation of a more robust and comprehensive hazard mitigation program in Broward County that will make the County and its municipalities more disaster resistant and resilient

During the ELMS development in 2011-2012, the Preface and Chapters 1 through 4 were updated; a new Chapter 5 (Economic Vulnerability) was developed; and Chapters 6 and 7 (formerly Chapters 5 and 6) were updated as were several of the Appendices (see below). The synopsis of the changes and additions to the 2009 LMS are identified as follows:

#### *Chapter 1 - Introduction*

Description of additions to the LMS document as a result of the ELMS planning process.

#### *Chapter 2 - Broward County Profile*

The Broward County Profile was revised with updated demographic and economic data to reflect current conditions in Broward County.

#### *Chapter 3 - Planning Process*

The original Planning Process and the 2002 update remains part of the LMS documentation, as it gives a history of the development of the LMS. In 2009, the chapter was revised to further define the LMS Working Group and the new Executive Committee. This chapter was again updated in 2011-2012 to incorporate findings from meetings that occurred during the ELMS planning process, which includes an emphasis on the CRS program and engagement with the private sector through the re-energized Private Sector Committee.

#### *Chapter 4 - Risk Assessment*

This chapter underwent major revisions and updates in 2009 and in 2011-2012 to more accurately depict risk for Broward County and its municipalities to all hazards. Where noteworthy hazard events occurred since the last plan update, this information was recorded (through September 30, 2011). The risk data in the tables and figures were evaluated for current validity. If key risk data was insufficient, the information was updated. This chapter also includes a new subsection on climate change and sea level rise.

#### *Chapter 5 - Economic Vulnerability (New)*

This chapter builds on the updated wind, flood, and sea level rise hazard risk information presented in Chapter 4. It goes into much greater detail for the wind and flood hazard in key economic areas of the County (e.g., downtown Fort Lauderdale). This chapter focuses on the impact of major flood and wind events on key parts of the Broward County economy, specifically its commercial properties. After a broad overview of the damages, the chapter focuses on the intersection of the areas of highest concentration of commercial facilities with the highest risk from flood and wind. These areas are referred to as 'hot spots' and are the primary drivers of the Broward County economy. Any substantial commercial damage in these areas would cause

significant direct and indirect losses. A significant economic disruption in these areas would ripple throughout the county, the South Florida region, the state and beyond.

The chapter includes detailed projected wind and flood loss estimations and impact scenarios for the 'hot spots' beyond what is in Chapter 4. This chapter also includes potential impacts from sea level rise and estimated property tax and sales tax losses.

#### ***Chapter 6 - Mitigation Initiatives (was Chapter 5)***

The updated Mitigation Initiatives chapter remains consistent with the 2002 and 2009 plans but has been revised to reflect current goals, objectives, and community actions. It also provides information on the revised project review and prioritization process as well as the incorporation and/or description of new tools developed under the ELMS project (Loss Estimation Tool, Mitigation Assessment Team tool). In addition, the chapter has a section detailing compliance with Element 15 (Identification and Analysis of Mitigation Actions: NFIP Compliance) of the FEMA Planning Guidance.

#### ***Chapter 7-Plan Maintenance (was Chapter 6)***

The plan maintenance and updating procedures in this Chapter were updated in 2012. This section was revised during the ELMS process to include additional ways to integrate mitigation into other planning mechanisms.

#### ***Appendix A - Project Prioritization Matrix***

A new Project Prioritization matrix was developed for the County in 2012. Although it appears in final format, the Planning Committee is still refining the criteria matrix. Once approved by the Executive Committee, all current and future projects in Appendix C will be scored and ranked accordingly. This Project Prioritization matrix underwent a reevaluation in 2011/2012 for clarity and effectiveness. It was revised accordingly.

#### ***Appendix B - Proposed Mitigation Project Form***

The Plan includes a revised LMS Proposed Project Form used to submit projects that reflects criteria in the Project Prioritization Matrix, key information needed to understand FEMA grant program eligibility, and information needed for CRS Activity 510.

#### ***Appendix C - Mitigation Project List***

This list was updated on January 1, 2012 and it was recommended to the county to revise it again later in 2012 with subapplicants resubmitting their projects through the new Proposed Mitigation Project Form. The status for each project is included. Projects that have been completed or no longer viable are listed separately at the bottom of the list. This list has been evaluated and the projects that are not eligible for FEMA mitigation grants have been moved to a separate tab in the spreadsheet. This new listing also reflects scores using the Loss Estimation Tool.

#### ***Appendix D - LMS Membership List***

Updated with current membership as of June 1, 2012 and reflects the newly created Flood/CRS Subcommittee.

#### ***Appendix E - Planning Process Support Documents***

Changes made in 2012 to reflect the ELMS meetings in 2011-2012.

### ***Appendix F - Resolutions***

Includes most current resolutions.

### ***Appendix G – CRS/NFIP Supporting Documentation***

Copies of CRS Form AW-214 or 3/5 year Cycle approval documentation for participating CRS communities.

### ***Appendix H – Local Enhanced Plan and Mitigation Integration Summary (formerly Repetitive Loss Properties)***

The Repetitive Loss Property information for the County is tracked by Broward County Emergency Management in accordance with FEMA guidelines. It is protected from release by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(2) and not available to the general public. Therefore, a decision was made to open this appendix to a document available to the general public, the Mitigation Integration Summary. This appendix includes recommendations on how to meet the proposed draft Local Enhanced Plan requirements from Florida. This appendix also includes a summary of plan integration efforts.

### ***Appendix I – Critical Facilities***

This appendix shows Table 4.28, At-Risk Critical Facilities (Riverine / Coastal Flood Events

### ***Addition of the following appendices new in 2012:***

#### ***Appendix J – Housing Vulnerability***

This appendix provides maps and narrative depicting, on a countywide basis, the vulnerability of the residential housing stock to hurricane winds and flooding. The appendix also includes a map showing the relative age of the building stock in relation to prevalent building codes which gradually increased both wind and flood protection standards for residential buildings.

#### ***Appendix K – EMAP Crosswalk and References***

In tabular format, how this plan meets the various hazard mitigation standards of the EMAP program. Individual citations of how the ELMS meets the standards are denoted in footnotes throughout the document and this table summarizes the locations of these footnotes.

#### ***Appendix L – Loss Avoidance Studies/Loss Estimation Tool***

The LAS study conducted in 2011-2012 and the newly created LET for flood and wind projects are included.

#### ***Appendix M – Grant Funding Sources Table***

In tabular format, a listing of various potential funding sources for mitigation projects is included.

#### ***Appendix N – HSEEP Workshop Results***

The summary of the April 12, 2012 HSEEP-compliant mitigation workshop is included. This workshop included the following components:

- Introduction of new prioritization criteria and exercise to test the criteria. Feedback from the group was used to revise it
- Discussion of Economic Vulnerability, sea level rise, MAT tool process, and Housing Vulnerability additions to ELMS

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

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Prior to the creation of the LMS, there was no existing comprehensive, cohesive, or coordinated hazard mitigation program established for Broward County and its 31 municipalities to deal with emergency response and recovery issues, long and short term planning issues, and economic issues relating to mitigation. The development and implementation of a local mitigation strategy provides a mechanism to address issues that will reduce or eliminate exposure to hazard impacts.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires all local governments to have a hazard mitigation plan in place in order to receive mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The DMA 2000 (Public Law 106-390) indicates that as of November 1, 2004 any local government that does not have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in place is not eligible to receive federal pre- or post-disaster hazard mitigation funding. This Plan represents all jurisdictions in Broward County<sup>1</sup>.

FEMA defines hazard mitigation as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event. Mitigation planning is defined as a process for systematically identifying policies, activities, and tools that can be used to implement those actions.

The LMS has the on-going support of all Broward County municipalities, private sector, and nonprofit organizations<sup>2</sup>. This document will be utilized as a viable working tool to mitigate losses. Mitigation will be institutionalized at the local level through the local mitigation strategy review process. Entities are encouraged to continue to identify and prioritize projects on a frequent basis and not just part of the annual review process.

Broward County's 1.75 million residents are the ultimate benefactors of this hazard mitigation project. An immediate short term benefit of this project is to provide a forum for discussion and implementation of mitigation for Broward County. Minimizing and breaking the repetitive cycle of destruction and rebuilding after a disaster is a long-term goal that may be achieved by the implementation of this strategy.

The LMS plan document and planning process is undergoing major revisions through the ELMS project that should increase its effectiveness including:

- More coordination with the private sector through the revitalized Private Sector Committee
- More emphasis on the county and municipalities obtaining more CRS credit points to improve their CRS Class Rating through a more robust CRS Committee
- Inclusion of a representative from the Broward County Climate Change Action Task Force

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<sup>1</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.2.1

<sup>2</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.2.2

- Development of tools that will help determine better candidates for FEMA mitigation grants by looking at the degree of risk as determined by potential future losses
- Development of a process/tool that can help identify year round mitigation opportunities which include new construction, retrofits, upgrades, and enhancements
- Methodology for integrating with other county and municipal planning mechanisms including comprehensive plans and capital improvements plans

### LMS Working Group<sup>3</sup>

The LMS Working group consists of designated representatives from each municipality, county government representatives that address the issues of unincorporated portions of the county and county owned facilities, Hospitals, School District, Universities, Housing Authorities, and Private Sector companies. State and federal agencies are also represented. The makeup of the Working Group is not limited to the aforementioned entities. On the contrary, anyone who desires to participate in the LMS is welcome to do so.

### LMS Committees

In order to better structure the working groups' activities, several committees were formed, each addressing a specific area of concern. In 2009, an Executive Committee was formed serving as the overall governing body of LMS, represented by the chairperson and alternate of each subcommittee, the LMS Working Group chair, and the LMS Coordinator. It also acts as the review committee for the LMS Plan adoption and the prioritization of LMS projects. Membership on any committee shall be voluntary and subject to the review of the Working Group. A committee member who fails to attend a reasonable number of committee meetings may be dropped from participation in the committee by a majority vote of the other members of that committee. Other Committees that have been formed are the Education and Training Committee and the Planning Committee. In 2012, a Flood/CRS Subcommittee (subcommittee of the Planning Committee) was added and the MAT subcommittee was more formally assembled. In addition, through the assembling of various Technical Assistance Committees (TAC) during the Recovery Framework development process, additional members were added to the LMS including augmentation of the Private Sector Committee.

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<sup>3</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.2

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## Chapter 2: Broward County Profile

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### Geography

Broward County comprises 1,209 square miles, located on the South Florida Peninsula, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Everglades. It is bordered by Miami-Dade County to the south, Palm Beach County to the north, Collier County to the west, and Hendry County to the northwest. The County is characterized by flat low-lying topography, mostly less than ten feet (averaging 6 feet) above mean sea level, which must be drained and reclaimed in order to be developed. Development is restricted to an area of 410 square miles, east of L-33 Canal, as the western part of the County lies within the Everglades conservation area. Additionally, 4.9 square miles adjacent to U.S. 27, have been designated and acquired for conservation in the East Coast Buffer/Water Preservation Area. The County has 23 miles of coastline and 300 miles of inland waterways. There are 2 state parks in Broward County. Attractive sand beaches and a subtropical climate, have led to development of the County's tourism industry. Most beachfront land is built up with high-rise hotels and condominiums. Westward expansion of development continued through the first decade of the 2000's. Though the County is rapidly approaching a build-out state population growth continues with redevelopment of areas within a broad swath of Central Broward extending north and south from county-line to county-line.

Broward County is accessible by road, rail, air, and sea. There are 3 interstate highways and Florida's Turnpike. Interstate 95 and the Turnpike provide the primary north-south connections. There are 2 north-south rail corridors that extend into Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties: the Florida East Coast Railroad Company railway and the South Florida Rail Corridor (formerly CSX). Port Everglades seaport is the world's third largest cruise-port. During 2010, 3.3 million passengers and 21 million tons of cargo traveled through the port. This was a 17% increase in passengers over the previous year. Unlike at most U.S. seaports, exports at Port Everglades significantly exceed imports (more than \$11.1 billion in exports vs. nearly \$8.3 billion in imports in calendar year 2010). In the first 6 months of 2011, cargo growth has risen 14%, nearly twice the national average. It is climbing to pre-2007 numbers, before the downturn of the economy. Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport passenger counts have more than doubled, to 22.4 million in 2010 from 9.9 million in 1995. Air freight has dropped significantly and is currently at 93,000 tons where it was at 191,000 tons just 10 years ago.

There are 31 municipalities in Broward County. 5 cities each have more than 100,000 residents: Fort Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Coral Springs, and Miramar. 9 municipalities share the Broward County coastal area. According to the 2010 Census, these communities ranged in size from 24 (Lazy Lake) to 165,521 (Fort Lauderdale).

### Demographics

The majority of demographic information from this section was primarily taken from the 2010 Census (decadal) and 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Estimates. Broward County was the second most populous county in the State of Florida, with 1,748,066 people. At the 2000 Census (decadal) conducted on April 1, 2000, the population of Broward County stood at 1,623,018. The percentage population gain from 2000 to 2010 was 7.7% (an increase of

125,048 people).

Broward County is composed of 31 Municipalities as well as an unincorporated area. All but 3 Municipalities (Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Village of Lazy Lake, and Sea Ranch Lakes) showed population increases over the period of 2000 to 2010. This data was not available for 1 of the 31 municipalities, West Park, which was incorporated in 2005. The most significant population increases over this decade were seen in Parkland (73%), Miramar (68%), and Weston (33%). In 2010 Fort Lauderdale (165,521) and Pembroke Pines (154,750) were the 2 largest Municipalities in Broward County, making up 18% of the total Broward County population (see **Table 2.1**).

249,424 people (14.3%) were 65 years of age or older, including 124,071 (7.1%) that were age 75 or older; there were also some 103,256 (5.9%) children under the age of 5 years. The percentages of people over 75 and under 5 years old have both decreased since 2000. Broward County's ethnic and racial diversity continues to increase with the Non-Hispanic Black population 25.9%, closely followed by the Hispanic population who is less than 1% behind, representing 25.1% of the total population.

Median age in Broward has increased from 38.7 in 2000 to 40.7 in 2010. This is in part because the population under 15 has dropped by 0.9% (2,781 people) to 319,534 in the 2010 Census. This is most likely attributed to more families with children leaving the county in the aftermath of the housing crisis in the last part of the decade.

Along with aging comes a host of disability issues. Of the 194,120 residents identified as having either hearing or vision loss disabilities, a little under half (47% or 91,820 people) were 65 years or older. Of the population of 249,424 that is 65 years or older, nearly 37% have a disability.

Another special population within Broward County is the Homeless population. The Homeless population (sheltered and unsheltered) in Broward County exceeded 3,800 people according to a count and survey conducted by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development from January, 2011. This number represents an 18% increase of Homeless people in Broward County from January, 2009. The survey that was conducted occurred over a single 24-hour period. Due to the nature of the survey and count, and with a challenging economy, it is possible that this number does not accurately reflect the actual number of Homeless people within Broward County.

A third special population is Broward's prison population. This population can be looked at two ways. The number of individuals whose county of commitment is Broward County is 7,770 as of January 5, 2012 per the Florida Department of Corrections. The number of individuals incarcerated within Broward County is an average of 4,407 (Aug 2011) in County Facilities and 635 in the Florida Department of Corrections facility (January 5, 2012) which was the largest in the state.

The largest unique population to Broward County is the seasonal population. It is estimated that 500,000 people take residence in Broward County during the months of November through March.

The median household income in Broward County was \$48,063, 9% greater than the median household income for Florida. In 2010, 50,829 (7.7%) households in Broward County reported income of less than \$10,000. 14.6% of all people are currently living below the poverty level in

Broward County. Poorer households are least likely to be able to withstand a major disaster since they have limited resources to invest in mitigation measures and insurance.

Broward County had 810,388 total housing units, of which 686,047 were reported as occupied and 124,341 as vacant. There are almost twice as many owner-occupied units (456,732) in Broward as there are rentals (229,315). Additionally, the traditional single-family detached unit comprises only 39.9% of Broward County's housing inventory. This compares to the U.S. and Florida averages of 61.4% and 54%, respectively. On the other end of the spectrum, 36.1% of Broward's housing is in structures containing at least 10 dwelling units. U.S. and Florida display percentages of 13% and 19.3% respectively. Owner-occupied units in Broward, though still with a majority in single-family detached units, display a much greater propensity for higher density structures. In 2010, 21.8% of total owner-occupied units in Broward were located in structures containing at least 10 units. As of 2010, Broward County still has 23,096 Mobile Homes.

As the results of an elevation study conducted in the year 2000, there has been a significant reduction in the mandatory hurricane evacuation zones in Broward County. For a Category 1 & 2 hurricane, all areas east of the Intracoastal Waterway must be evacuated. For a Category 3 or higher storm, all areas east of Federal Highway (U.S. 1) must be evacuated. In addition, all mobile homes in Broward County must be evacuated for any level of hurricane regardless as to where they are located in the County. As of 2010, Broward County still has 23,096 Mobile Homes. The following table gives the pertinent 2010 data for the mandatory evacuation areas from the Broward County Population Forecasting Model:

**Table 2.1: Mandatory Evacuation Areas**

Hurricane Evacuation Zone	Resident Population	Percentage of Total Population	Total Housing Units	Percentage of Total Housing Units
Categories 1 and 2	46,205	2.64 %	55,508	6.85%
Categories 3, 4 and 5	96,862	5.54%	66,517	8.20%
Categories 1 - 5	143,067	8.18%	122,025	15.06%

As a result of the reduction of the mandatory hurricane evacuation zones, there had been a reduction of nearly 112,800 in the resident population that has to be evacuated for a Category 5 storm from around 261,600 based on evacuation zones prior to the year 2000 to around 148,800 for the evacuation zones established immediately following the 2000 Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) elevation study (there are currently 143,067 in the evacuation zones).

Senior citizens (retirees) make up a significant portion of those living in hurricane evacuation zones. The 2000 Census shows that some 45,520 residents living in hurricane evacuation zones were age 65 and older, or 30.6% of all persons living in evacuation zones. County-wide, some 16.1% of the population was over 65 at the 2000 Census. In the Category 1 and 2 evacuation zones, the areas that are most likely to be evacuated, some 22,358 persons were



over the age of 65 accounting for 44.4% of population in the area. In the Category 1 and 2 evacuation zone, persons age 75 and older numbered 17,071 or 33.9 % of the population. As of June 2010, the Broward County Disaster Housing Plan uses this information.

According to the 2010 ACS 1-Year Estimates, there were 23,096 mobile homes in Broward County. This is a continuing reduction of units from over 15 years earlier. The number of mobile homes should continue to decline as there are virtually no new mobile home parks being established and several existing parks are being redeveloped for other uses including either permanent resident units or some other use.

Broward County has a diverse population with residents migrating here from all over the globe. Associated with this diversity is a multiplicity of languages. 61.9% of Broward's population speaks only English. Of the 629,183 residents that speak a language other than English, 246,033 do not speak English very well. A majority of those are Spanish speakers (142,484). 208, 508 people speak other Indo-European languages and 26,590 people speak Asian and Pacific Islander languages. Ability to effectively communicate to residents is obviously a key element of successful emergency management, thus it is important to be aware of the languages spoken within Broward County in order to best tailor hazard mitigation planning in an understandable manner.

The following tables are the latest population figures for Broward County and its municipalities from the 2010 Census. The largest change was in Miramar with a population growth of 67.8%. This was due to the great amount of construction activity and the westward growth of new housing in the past decade.

**Table 2.2: Current Municipal Populations and Percent Changes from 2000 and 2010**

Jurisdiction	Population Census 2000	Population Estimate 2007	Population Census 2010	Percent Change 2000 - 2010	Percent Change 2007-2010
Coconut Creek	43,566	50,321	52,909	21.45%	5.14%
Cooper City	27,939	29,311	28,548	2.18%	-2.60%
Coral Springs	117,549	126,875	121,096	3.02%	-4.55%
Dania Beach	20,061	28,288	29,639	47.74%	4.78%
Davie	75,720	90,329	91,992	21.49%	1.84%
Deerfield Beach	64,583	74,573	75,018	16.16%	0.60%
Fort Lauderdale	152,397	183,606	165,521	8.61%	-9.85%
Hallandale Beach	34,282	38,634	37,113	8.26%	-3.94%
Hillsboro Beach	2,163	2,276	1,875	-13.31%	-17.62%
Hollywood	139,357	142,473	140,768	1.01%	-1.20%
Lauderdale by the Sea	5,582	5,867	6,056	8.49%	3.22%
Lauderdale Lakes	31,705	31,295	32,593	2.80%	4.15%
Lauderhill	57,585	67,565	66,887	16.15%	-1.00%
Lazy Lake	38	38	24	-36.84%	-36.84%
Lighthouse Point	10,767	11,202	10,344	-3.93%	-7.66%
Margate	53,909	54,602	52,284	-3.01%	-4.25%
Miramar	72,739	108,240	122,041	67.78%	12.75%

North Lauderdale	32,264	41,832	41,023	27.15%	-1.93%
Oakland Park	30,966	42,151	41,363	33.58%	-1.87%
Parkland	13,835	24,072	23,962	73.20%	-0.46%
Pembroke Park	6,299	4,824	6,102	-3.13%	26.49%
Pembroke Pines	137,427	146,828	154,750	12.61%	5.40%
Plantation	82,934	84,370	84,955	2.44%	0.69%
Pompano Beach	78,191	102,745	99,845	27.69%	-2.82%
Sea Ranch Lakes	734	741	670	-8.72%	-9.58%
Southwest Ranches	not available*	7,266	7,345		1.09%
Sunrise	85,779	89,787	84,438	-1.56%	-5.96%
Tamarac	55,588	59,668	60,427	8.71%	1.27%
Unincorporated	129,437	18,412	17,357	-86.59%	-5.73%
West Park	not available*	14,520	14,156		-2.51%
Weston	49,286	64,157	65,333	32.56%	1.83%
Wilton Manors	12,697	12,723	11632	-8.39%	-8.58%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,625,379</b>	<b>1,759,591</b>	<b>1,748,066</b>	<b>9.25%</b>	<b>-1.87%</b>

Source: US Census Bureau and US Census Information found on the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance website ([www.qflalliance.org](http://www.qflalliance.org))

\* Incorporated after 2000

**Table 2.3: Other Key Demographic Data per Municipality**

Jurisdiction	Percent of Total Population (2010)	Land Area (sq. miles)	Households 2010	Median Age 2010	Household Income
Coconut Creek	3.03%	12.00	20,716	41.4	\$ 54,406.00
Cooper City	1.63%	8.08	8,969	37.8	\$ 94,419.00
Coral Springs	6.93%	23.50	40,334	34.7	\$ 73,012.00
Dania Beach	1.70%	7.00	9,440	41.4	\$ 43,500.00
Davie	5.26%	34.22	29,793	36.5	\$ 59,322.00
Deerfield Beach	4.29%	16.25	32,096	44.8	\$ 42,711.00
Fort Lauderdale	9.47%	33.00	68,953	40.6	\$ 45,849.00
Hallandale Beach	2.12%	12.00	17,623	51.7	\$ 34,164.00
Hillsboro Beach	0.11%	0.44	1,228	61.8	\$ 65,562.00
Hollywood	8.05%	27.34	57,986	40.6	\$ 45,169.00
Lauderdale by the Sea	0.35%	1.23	1,753	52.4	\$ 49,843.00
Lauderdale Lakes	1.86%	4.00	11,846	36.9	\$ 34,633.00
Lauderhill	3.83%	8.50	22,756	36.2	\$ 39,945.00
Lazy Lake	0.00%	0.07	9	44.0	\$ 34,999.00
Lighthouse Point	0.59%	2.49	4,972	47.6	\$ 66,108.00
Margate	2.99%	9.17	21,894	41.3	\$ 47,534.00
Miramar	6.98%	31.00	33,331	31.8	\$ 67,915.00
North Lauderdale	2.35%	5.00	10,754	30.8	\$ 48,825.00
Oakland Park	2.37%	8.04	13,618	36.3	\$ 43,282.00
Parkland	1.37%	11.14	6,823	36.2	\$ 144,849.00

Pembroke Park	0.35%	1.41	2,896	30.9	\$ 28,469.00
Pembroke Pines	8.85%	34.74	52,098	37.0	\$ 66,579.00
Plantation	4.86%	12.00	32,818	39.2	\$ 67,722.00
Pompano Beach	5.71%	22.65	32,919	43.4	\$ 44,726.00
Sea Ranch Lakes	0.04%	0.2	320	52.3	\$116,250.00
Southwest Ranches	0.42%	12.97	286	37.8	\$ 8,245.00
Sunrise	4.83%	18.09	33,636	39.1	\$ 50,193.00
Tamarac	3.46%	12.25	27,784	50.7	\$ 43,279.00
Unincorporated	0.99%	not available	not available	not available	not available
West Park	0.81%	2.22	4,335	34.2	\$ 44,362.00
Weston	3.74%	25.80	21,559	34.6	\$ 108,112.00
Wilton Manors	0.67%	2.04	5,646	41.5	\$ 47,947.00

Source: US Census Bureau 2010 and US Census Information found on the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance website ([www.gfalliance.org](http://www.gfalliance.org))

## Economy

Broward County is located in the 8th largest Metropolitan Statistical Area (the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA) in the country. Since Broward County is a Service and Retail-driven economy, there is no surprise that population growth brings along employment growth. While the population grew by 7.7% since 2000; the labor force grew by 14.78% and the number of Broward's employed grew by 8.12%. 2008 to the present has been an economic struggle with some cities declaring a fiscal emergency. Even though Broward's labor force continued to grow (with the average labor force encroaching 1,000,000), the unemployment rate for 2010 was 10.1%. The unemployment rate for 2011 has trended favorably with a September 2011 unemployment rate of 9.3%. In comparison, the rate was 3.2% in January of 2007.

Broward County's per-capita personal income (total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence, dividends, interest, and rent) was \$41,185 for 2009 and is greater than either the national (\$39,635) or Florida average (\$38,965), but is only 12<sup>th</sup> greatest in Florida. In addition, the 2009 per-capita personal income reflects a decrease of 5.0% from 2008 whereas the state change during this time was -2.9% and the national change was -2.6%. The 1999 per-capita personal income of Broward was \$29,573 and at that time, it ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the state. According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Broward has maintained that relative ranking for a number of years. Though the County maintains a higher than expected employment participation, many of the jobs are relatively lower-paying.

In 2009, according to the BEA, Broward's total personal income (TPI) was \$72,752,112,000 which ranked it 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state and accounted for 10.1% of the state total. In 1999, the TPI of Broward was \$47,143,687,000 ranking it 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state.

As mentioned above, Broward's economy is dominated by service and retail industries. The majority of employees are included as Service employees. According to the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Broward County is trending toward Trade, Transportation, and Utilities being the largest employer. The top 5 employment sectors in Broward County are currently Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (18.6%); Professional and Business Services (13.2%); Government (11.4%); Educational and Health Services 11.1%); and Retail Trade (11%). These 5 employment sectors make up 65.3% of the labor force.

Retail Trade employment has been affected by the downturn in the economy. The number dropped from 13.1% of the workforce in 2008 to 11% of the workforce in 2011. A substantial portion of Broward's economy is, of course, tied to tourism. Employment in the Leisure and Hospitality industry has dropped recently. In 2008, these employees accounted for approximately 10.5% of the workforce and currently only make up 8.8%.

As with any major metropolitan area, Government is a major employer. As with all employers during this time, governments have had to downsize. In 2008 Governmental employment (at all levels) was 13.7% of the workforce; in 2011, it is 11.4%.

Broward's agricultural industry has dwindled to a few nurseries and a small amount of cattle ranching; neither of which employs seasonal or migratory employees in any numbers. A search of the National Agricultural Statistics Service in 2008 finds the only agriculture mentioned is 11,000 head of cattle ([http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Florida/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/index.asp)). Broward registers no harvest of any crops. Furthermore, the Agency for Workforce Innovation reported only 131 farm workers in the County for the year 2010. It is reasonable to expect that as Broward County begins growing again, that the remaining agricultural lands will be absorbed by urban uses.

The economy of 2008-2011 is in a period where there have been more employment reductions. Particularly hard hit have been the construction industries. Even at its peak in 2006, the construction industry accounted for only 7.8% (61,000 employees) of Broward's employment. It currently stands at 3.8% in 2011. Manufacturing employment has experienced a continuous decline since 2000 and now accounts for less than 4% of Broward's employment. With a large inventory of vacant homes, smaller numbers of families moving into Broward County, and existing householders unable (or unwilling) to relocate within Broward, the demand for residential construction work is liable to remain at this reduced level for a while.

When the economy does begin to rebound, the employment distribution should resemble its current structure. Broward County's economy, into the foreseeable future, will remain as a Service and Retail dominated economy.

The stalled economy has impacted the property values in the County, and the ability to generate property tax revenues. In 2007, the estimated market value of all property in Broward County (according to the Broward County Property Appraiser) was \$256,260,079,150. Early estimates for 2011 tax rolls show a decline of nearly 33% to \$170,993,345,529. To further compound the problem, much of this decline is likely to be found in owner-occupied residential properties.

The following tables provide a breakdown of key economic areas by municipality. In most municipalities, the number of employees and businesses has dropped. In municipalities that the number has grown, it has grown in businesses under 10 employees. Even in areas where the number of businesses has dropped, a growth is seen in businesses with lower employee counts. A majority of municipalities are showing greater expenditures than income.

**Table 2.4 Key Economic Factors by Community (2011)**

Jurisdiction	Total Establishments	Total Employees	Businesses with 1-9 Employees	Businesses with 10-99 Employees	Businesses with 100+ Employees
Coconut Creek	1,324	17,618	1,062	231	31
Cooper City	942	7,977	769	160	14
Coral Springs	4,616	42,679	3,815	729	72
Dania Beach (2009)	1,696	25,339	1,283	357	56
Davie	4,210	38,149	3,419	751	38
Deerfield Beach	3,560	47,770	2,817	675	67
Fort Lauderdale	13,199	145,732	10,521	2,506	171
Hallandale Beach (2009)	1,836	15,070	1,518	297	21
Hillsboro Beach	42	321	39	2	1
Hollywood	6,831	73,857	5,651	1,084	104
Lauderdale by the Sea	276	1,611	235	40	1
Lauderdale Lakes	861	7,578	723	132	6
Lauderhill	1,929	13,578	1,623	293	14
Lazy Lake (2009)	1	4	1	0	0
Lighthouse Point	466	3,333	397	63	6
Margate	2,036	18,752	1,680	331	25
Miramar	2,269	29,724	1,803	404	16
North Lauderdale	572	4,094	487	82	3
Oakland Park	3,520	30,608	2,922	560	38
Parkland	688	5,123	609	72	7
Pembroke Park	39	422	30	9	1
Pembroke Pines	4,865	49,476	3,920	877	68
Plantation	4,030	42,043	3,281	697	53
Pompano Beach	6,851	69,434	5,456	1,281	115
Sea Ranch Lakes	33	240	27	4	0
Southwest Ranches	-	-	-	-	-
Sunrise	3,767	39,098	3,020	688	58
Tamarac	2,232	23,055	1,781	416	35
Unincorporated	-	-	-	-	-
West Park	-	-	-	-	-
Weston	2,050	22,616	1,706	310	35
Wilton Manors	780	5,057	684	90	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,521</b>	<b>780,358</b>	<b>61,279</b>	<b>13,141</b>	<b>1,062</b>

Source: Florida Prospector website ([www.floridaprosector.com](http://www.floridaprosector.com))

**Table 2.5 Key Economic Factors by Community (2011)**

Jurisdiction	Labor Force Size	Job Growth Rate (2000-2010)	Unemployment Rate	Household Income	Household Expenditures
Coconut Creek	27,863	14.1%	6.8%	\$ 54,035.00	\$ 55,127.00
Cooper City	18,239	2.7 %	5.0%	\$ 85,841.00	\$ 73,494.00
Coral Springs	77,485	4.9%	5.8%	\$ 74,120.00	\$ 68,420.00
Dania Beach	16,940	12.3 %	6.3%	\$ 44,635.00	\$ 51,291.00
Davie	51,204	8.5 %	5.8%	\$ 59,319.00	\$ 59,331.00
Deerfield Beach	39,496	11.6%	6.3%	\$ 41,715.00	\$ 50,039.00
Fort Lauderdale	104,859	4.8%	6.3%	\$ 46,712.00	\$ 59,701.00
Hallandale Beach	18,549	10.5%	8.2%	\$ 34,059.00	\$ 45,760.00
Hillsboro Beach	-	20.8%	2.2%	\$ 73,193.00	\$ 85,647.00
Hollywood	81,823	2.8%	7.1%	\$ 43,895.00	\$ 51,286.00
Lauderdale by the Sea	-	9.5%	6.6%	\$ 55,216.00	\$ 66,641.00
Lauderdale Lakes	14,974	7.9%	8.6%	\$ 32,393.00	\$ 41,174.00
Lauderhill	30,897	4.2%	7.4%	\$ 36,979.00	\$ 45,458.00
Lazy Lake	-	-27.3%	0.0%	\$ 29,999.00	\$ 40,051.00
Lighthouse Point	-	2.3%	3.0%	\$ 70,488.00	\$ 75,928.00
Margate	30,719	6.6%	7.2%	\$ 45,719.00	\$ 48,510.00
Miramar	59,824	49.1%	6.8%	\$ 64,220.00	\$ 57,605.00
North Lauderdale	24,036	1.5%	6.1%	\$ 40,992.00	\$ 45,429.00
Oakland Park	27,069	0.4%	5.3%	\$ 43,282.00	\$ 44,659.00
Parkland	-	72.4%	3.0%	\$ 127,914.00	\$ 119,746.00
Pembroke Park	-	5.4%	9.1%	\$ 26,501.00	\$ 40,421.00
Pembroke Pines	84,370	17.3%	6.1%	\$ 62,889.00	\$ 58,333.00
Plantation	53,455	3.5%	5.6%	\$ 69,101.00	\$ 66,252.00
Pompano Beach	52,728	4.3%	6.7%	\$ 44,842.00	\$ 55,407.00
Sea Ranch Lakes	-	10.1%	3.4%	\$ 75,535.00	\$ 96,368.00
Southwest Ranches	-	-	-	-	-
Sunrise	50,701	2.1%	6.9%	\$ 46,652.00	\$ 47,790.00
Tamarac	29,903	12.7%	8.2%	\$ 39,966.00	\$ 47,076.00
Unincorporated	-	-	-	-	-
West Park	-	-	-	-	-
Weston	35,463	38.8%	5.0%	\$106,789.00	\$ 90,857.00
Wilton Manors	-	-0.3%	3.8%	\$ 45,364.00	\$ 49,433.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>999,271</b>	<b>10.00% (AVG)</b>	<b>6.8% (AVG)</b>	<b>\$51,669 (AVG)</b>	<b>\$56,747 (AVG)</b>

Source: Florida Prospector website ([www.floridaprosector.com](http://www.floridaprosector.com))

See Chapter 5, Economic Vulnerability, for greater detail and analysis about Broward County's overall vulnerability to flood and wind hazards and then detailed description and analysis of the vulnerability to major economic areas and sectors.

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## Chapter 3: Planning Process

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Being at the forefront of emergency preparedness, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners appointed a Broward County Emergency Coordinating Council in 1981. This organization has been meeting monthly since its inception to address the emergency preparedness needs of the community. Members are comprised of municipalities, the County, private sector, and nonprofit emergency preparedness agencies.

The Emergency Coordinating Council membership was reviewed and updated and the committees were revised in 2009 and then again in 2011-2012. Realizing the vital importance of having mitigation practiced community wide instead of in piece-meal, the Mitigation Task Force was created to act as a subcommittee to address mitigation issues.

The Mitigation Task Force was created in October 1997 prior to the State's Local Mitigation Strategy Guidelines and the LMS State/County/Municipal contracts. Initial membership included county agencies, a coastal community representative, a non-coastal community representative, nonprofit groups, and the private sector. The Mitigation Task Force was expanded in March 2005 to include 31 municipalities, additional county agencies, and private and nonprofit groups to reach a total membership of 49 members<sup>4</sup>. Monthly meetings were typically held just prior to the Broward Emergency Coordinating Council meetings.<sup>5</sup>

In order to better align with the Mitigation Branch at the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), the Mitigation Task Force was renamed as the LMS Working Group. In 2009, the Working Group established an Executive Committee to act as a governing body. As of June 2009, total membership in the Working Group was over 150.<sup>6</sup>

In March 2011, the County used a FEMA mitigation grant to create an ELMS plan. The following section will document this process including key meetings:

### **ELMS Process**

The County hired the consulting firm, URS Corporation, to prepare the ELMS. URS' team included the services of a professional planner, Mr. Lawrence Frank, who has over 18 years' experience reviewing and preparing hazard mitigation plans. Mr. Frank led the preparation of the ELMS plan. Mr. Frank passed the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) examination in 1996 (no longer active) and is also a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM). Also part of the URS team was Ms. Cathie Perkins, who managed the development of the Broward College hazard mitigation plan; Ms. Lisa Conway who has over 10 years' experience reviewing and preparing local mitigation plans; and Ms. Jennifer Vilchez who oversaw development of the Broward College mitigation plan for the College. A chronology of events and documentation for

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<sup>4</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.2

<sup>5</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.2.1

<sup>6</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.5.2

the various meetings is found in Appendix E.

The ELMS plan development was coordinated through the LMS Executive and Planning Committees who participated in the LMS meetings and reviewed drafts of the plan at key stages (October 2011 draft, March 2012 draft, and final draft). These two committees were comprised of Broward County department staff, staff from municipalities, and other constituent organizations. The final draft of the ELMS plan was also posted on the Broward County ftp website in March/April 2012 for review by other committees, plan stakeholders, and the general public. As with any LMS meeting, the general public was welcome to attend in compliance with the Florida Sunshine law. Neighboring counties were invited to key meetings and representatives from Miami-Dade County, including the LMS Coordinator, were frequent attendees. The comments provided by these committees were incorporated into the plan by URS (see Appendix D for updated committee membership lists).

### **March 22, 2011 - Kickoff Meeting with EMD**

Attendees: Gary Friedman, Glenn Margoles, Robert Humple, and Nancy Palilonis, Broward County EMD. Cathie Perkins, Jennifer Vilchez, and Lawrence Frank, URS. Appendix E has the following for this meeting (sign-in sheet).

### **March 23, 2011 – Overall Project Kickoff Meeting at EOC with EMD, County Agencies, and Municipalities**

Attendees: Gary Friedman, Glenn Margoles, Chuck Lanza, Miguel Ascarrunz, Gustavo Vilchez, and Robert Humple, Broward County EMD) Cathie Perkins, Jennifer Vilchez, and Lawrence Frank, URS. Municipalities were represented from the following, Broward County, Coconut Creek Cooper City, Coral Springs, Dania Beach, Davie, Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Lauderhill, Lighthouse Point, Margate, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Parkland, Pembroke Pines, Plantation, Pompano Beach, Sea Ranch Lakes, Southwest Ranches, Sunrise, Tamarac, and West Park. Other Attendees: TMPG Planning, State Farm, Betterworld, Inc., Karr and Associates, South Broward Drainage District, South Florida Water Management District, Memorial Healthcare, and Florida Atlantic University.

The projects in the URS scope of work were introduced to the LMSWG. This included the ELMS Plan, the workshop for the LMS, development of websites, review and integration of Broward County plans, a loss avoidance study, development of a loss estimation tool that all the LMS projects would be run through, the foundation for a post disaster recovery plan, and the development of a Business Emergency Preparedness Network (BEPN). Time was spent specifically on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS) discussing municipalities that are currently receiving higher ratings and therefore larger discounts on flood insurance premiums for their residents. Specific suggestions were discussed on developing action plans to lower CRS scores and ideas to be implemented into the LMS. Using a survey form, the County solicited feedback from the LMS on mitigation strategies related to CRS actions and flood mitigation actions in general (see Appendix E).

After the meeting, municipalities were given the opportunity to speak one on one regarding their specific issues and FEMA handout 573 "A Local Official's Guide to Saving Lives, Preventing Property Damage, and Reducing the Cost of Flood Insurance" was distributed. Appendix E has the following documentation for this meeting: sign-in sheet, completed surveys.



Below is a summary of the attendees' responses to what they considered to be the most effective projects to address flooding in the county:

- Drainage, pump stations – to include capital improvements and through local drainage districts and SFWMD
- Maintenance of canals
- More stormwater retention on-site
- Tree trimming
- Residential flood-proofing
- Post-disaster building and construction enforcement (code enforcement) including mitigation education in permit and plan reviews
- Elevate finish floors of buildings in flood prone areas
- Freeboard in new construction
- Education to insurance adjusters about difference between flooding and water intrusion
- Public awareness of tidal action
- Master drainage planning
- Certification of Florida East Coast Levee
- Mandate that each municipality participate in LMS and emergency management

#### **April 13, 2011 –Broward County Emergency Coordinating Council (ECC)**

This Council is comprised on emergency managers and other first responders from Broward County. A condensed version of the overall project kickoff presentation was given and the survey was distributed to broaden awareness of the ELMS and CRS. Jennifer Vilchez, URS attended. See Appendix E for sign-sheet.

#### **May 3, 2011 –Deerfield Beach Private Sector meeting**

URS attended the Deerfield Beach Private Sector meeting to see how a Project Impact municipality was excelling at integrating businesses into their relationships. The meeting was held at the JM Family Emergency Operations Center. Jennifer Vilchez, URS attended. See Appendix E for sign-sheet.

#### **June 22, 2011 – BEPN Workshop**

Attendees:

American Express, BankAtlantic, Broward County Office of Public Communications, Broward County Risk Management Division, Broward County Transit, City of Hollywood - Economic Development, City of Lauderhill, City of North Lauderdale, Costco Wholesale, Florida Power and Light (FPL), Home Depot, Inc., Hyatt Regency Pier 66, JM Family Enterprises, JPMorgan Chase, Kaplan Higher Education, Lowe's, Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management, Motorola Mobility, Inc., North Lauderdale, Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development, Publix Super Markets, Inc., Restoration Contractors Group, Sedano's Supermarkets, ServiceMaster Remediation Services, Town of Lauderdale by-the-Sea, Tremco, Walgreens Construction, WorkForce One, Broward Emergency Management Division, Valente Strategic Advisers, and URS Corp (Cathie Perkins, Lawrence Frank, and Jennifer Vilchez).

The businesses chosen for the workshop were due to their direct need in a recovery effort after

a disaster. Speakers were brought in to discuss changes in infrastructure since Hurricane Wilma in 2005, the effect of government decisions during a disaster, and how businesses can impact the recovery effort both pre- and post- disaster. The businesses were divided according to their expertise: retail, finance, business recovery, and infrastructure. These groups were led in facilitated sessions and asked to rank initiatives identified by other South Florida private sector groups and identify issues in their field. Appendix E has the following documentation for this meeting: minutes, sign-in sheet, agenda.

#### **June 24, 2011 – Enhanced LMS Update at June LMS Meeting and Mitigation/Recovery Plan Integration Kickoff Meeting (including CRS guest speaker)**

The preliminary results of the Economic Vulnerability chapter were presented to a well-attended LMS meeting. In addition, Heidi Lilles, the CRS representative for Broward County, made a presentation about the CRS program and how communities in Broward County can expand their programs and obtain more credit points. Many NFIP and Emergency Management representatives from Broward County municipalities attended this meeting. Appendix E has the following documentation for this meeting: sign-in sheet, agenda.

#### **July 13, 2011 – South Florida Partnership Disaster Symposium**

Broward County Emergency Management and the Office of Economic and Small Business Development worked with the neighboring counties (Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach) to host a South Florida Disaster Symposium. This symposium was the first setting of a newly formed group for the awareness of business disaster planning on a regional setting. URS and Broward County both participated in the planning of the event specifically for the advancement of the Private Sector Committee. Guest speakers from all over the country came to discuss mitigation strategies and work together to find common goals for the region. The initiatives that were identified as most important to Broward County at the June 22 workshop were discussed. The initiatives presented at the symposium fell under 3 categories: Communications with Businesses, Re-entry and Damage Assessment, and Training and Education. Appendix E has the following documentation for this meeting: minutes, agenda.

#### **July 20, 2011 Private Sector Committee Meeting**

Attendees: Carnival Cruise Line, Florida International University, Broward County Emergency Management Division, Sedano's Supermarket, BC Office of Small Business and Economic Development, BC Office of Public Communication, Motorola Mobility, Broward Sheriff's Office, Westin Diplomat, Hyatt Pier 66, URS (facilitated meeting), Bahia Mar, Kaplan Higher Education, Focus Tech/MacNeil, and JP Morgan Chase.

This was the first meeting of the re-established Private Sector Committee of the LMS. The group was divided into 3 task forces, one for each of the initiative categories identified at the workshop and symposium. Each group participated in a facilitated discussion and was given concrete objectives. The first set of initiatives was tasked at this meeting. Appendix E has the following documentation for this meeting: minutes.

#### **August 19, 2011**

The government employees of the re-entry and damage assessment task force (Broward County and Broward Sheriff's Office) met to discuss internal issues. At this meeting it was clear

that many of these initiatives would take time, but that the people involved were dedicated to the task. Other region re-entry plans were reviewed for best practices and an action plan was discussed.

### **September 21, 2011 Private Sector Committee Meeting**

Attendees: Broward County Office of Public Communications, Hyatt Regency Pier 66, JM Family Enterprises, Kaplan Higher Education, Motorola Mobility, Inc., Sedano's Supermarkets, Broward Emergency Management Division, URS (facilitated meeting), Broward Sheriff's Office, Florida International University, CVS.

The 3 task forces collectively met to discuss what had been completed and to share information and ideas. The initiative of creating a business flash report had already been addressed due to the Broward County Emergency Operations Center's monitoring of Hurricane Irene. The group was updated on the extended timeline and suggestions given on stop-gap measures. Appendix E has the following documentation for this meeting: sign in sheet, minutes.

### **October 6, 2011 October LMS Meeting**

The re-established Private Sector Committee was introduced to the LMSWG and an update was given on all the work they had completed. An update was given on the ELMS including information of the Economic Vulnerability Assessment. Volunteers were requested for a review of the upcoming draft. 14 volunteers offered to review the document. The loss estimation tool was discussed and the addition of the non-mitigation grant funding section.

How mitigation the LMS is being brought out of just the arena of mitigation and into other Broward County Departments is described in the Plan Integration Report. In the meeting, URS explained some of the outcomes of their report and the plans reviewed. The following plans were reviewed for mitigation possibilities: Countywide Recovery Process, Comprehensive Plan, Continuity of Operations Plan, Climate Change Action Plan, Capitol Improvement Element, Long Range Transportation Plan, and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Appendix E has the following documentation for this meeting: minutes, sign in sheet. The findings of this review can be found in the Mitigation Integration Document.

### **December 6, 2011 MAT Meeting**

Attendees included representatives from the Facilities Management and Risk Management Departments and the Government Operation Climate Change Group. It was noted that there is also need for representation from construction management in the MAT. In the meeting, it was established what was currently happening with the requirements of county's current insurer, FM Global, including their authority to require up to Category 3 wind protection (beyond code). Meeting attendees discussed the need to potentially go further than the FM Global requirements, especially with critical facilities with additional wind protection (up to Categories 4 or 5), additional flood protection (beyond the elevation requirements in the floodplain ordinance), and how to fund these types of measures (alternative financing by County). The need to include the cost of mitigation measures in long-range budget forecasting for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was stated. URS facilitated the meeting. See Appendix E for sign-sheet.

### **December 7, 2011 LTRRS Meeting**

The meeting included lessons learned from the Punta Gorda recovery after Hurricane Charley. The group was divided into different Technical Assistance Committees (TACs) by category including Economic Recovery. While most actions are geared toward recovery and getting the community back up and running, there were also opportunities to integrate mitigation. URS facilitated the meeting. See Appendix E for sign-sheet.

### **December 8, 2011 Disaster Housing Kickoff Meeting**

While this meeting was primarily geared toward revising the Disaster Housing Plan, part of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the Plan's relationship to the ELMS including housing vulnerability that will be ultimately presented in the ELMS. The housing vulnerability information will be presented in a separate chapter with the most vulnerable residential housing areas to wind and a few mitigation actions to address particularly vulnerable areas. URS facilitated the meeting. See Appendix E for sign-sheet.

### **March 8, 2012 Loss Estimation Tool Workshop**

This workshop was to teach the newly developed Loss Estimation Tool and Project Prioritization Tool. These tools will be used to identify and rank new LMS projects. The Loss Estimation Tool gives a preliminary general assessment on how well a project would do in the appropriate FEMA Benefit-Cost Analysis module for screening purposes. The Project Prioritization Tool will be used to rank projects for 404 grants. See Appendix E for sign-in sheet.

### **March 8, 2012 ABC's of BCA Workshop**

The purpose of this workshop was to give representatives from Broward County and their municipalities responsible for submitting BCAs an idea of what FEMA and State reviewers are looking for when examining their subapplication. See Appendix E for sign-in sheet.

### **April 12, 2012 HSEEP-Compliant Mitigation Workshop**

The purpose of this workshop was to train participants from the LMS on new procedures and risk information in the ELMS and show how these new procedures and existing ones are compatible with several DHS Core Capabilities. See Appendix E for sign-in sheet.

### **April 12, 2012 Grants Funding Workshop**

This workshop showed standard and alternate funding sources for mitigation projects during tough economic times. Subject matter experts were brought in from Housing and Urban Development, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Florida Emergency Management Division, and local municipalities. A list of funding sources was developed and shared with the participants and can be found in Appendix M. See Appendix E for sign-in sheet.

### **Projected for June 2012 Final Workshop to Present ELMS**

The final public workshop for the presentation of the ELMS is to introduce the document to the community including an invitation to the Board of County Commissioners. This document has been created with the community input and will be presented to them for comment before Broward County sends the document to the State and FEMA for review.

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## Committees

### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee was formed in 2009 to act as the overall governing body of the LMS. Its responsibilities are as follows:

- Support plan development
- Attend all scheduled meetings
- Develop overall LMS Goals and Objectives
- Provide subject matter expertise
- Assist in evaluating and prioritizing mitigation actions

### Planning Committee

The Planning Committee was originally formed in March 1998 to serve as the working group for the Broward County Mitigation Task Force. The Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection and the South Florida Regional Planning Council co-chaired this committee. Membership was comprised of representatives from Broward County Emergency Management, Broward County Planning and Environmental Protection, the Florida League of Cities (Technical Advisory Committee), South Florida Regional Planning Council, City of Cooper City, City of Coral Springs, City of Deerfield Beach, City of Ft. Lauderdale, City of Hallandale Beach, City of Hollywood, City of North Lauderdale, Town of Pembroke Park, City of Pembroke Pines, and the City of Wilton Manors.

The Planning Committee remains responsible for research and on-going development for the Local Mitigation Strategy, evaluation and enhancement procedures, a conflict resolution mechanism, municipal building permit data tracking procedures, critical facility vulnerability analysis, and mitigation initiative identification and prioritization procedures.

The Planning Committee has also assisted in the development of “Procedures for Coordination of Public and Private Sector Mitigation”, “A Public Officials Guide to Emergency Preparedness” and a public officials briefing breakfast, identification of potential flood mitigation projects and a flood mitigation workshop and published a Homeowner’s Retrofit Guide.

### Education Committee

The original Education and Training Committee was created in March 1998 to address mitigation education and training issues for the Mitigation Task Force. The American Red Cross chaired this subcommittee.<sup>7</sup>

American Red Cross, Broward County Emergency Management, Broward County Office of Economic Development, Florida Department of Financial Services (formerly Department of Insurance), Area Agency on Aging, Florida Department of Children & Families, South Florida Regional Planning Council, VISTA/AmeriCorps, Home Depot, the City of Deerfield Beach, and

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<sup>7</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.3

the City of Pembroke Pines were all members of the subcommittee.

A mission was developed by the committee to promote mitigation education and training in order to strengthen Broward County's readiness for disasters and its capacity to minimize disaster-induced loss of life and property. Public education and awareness activities include: articles, radio spots, flyers, fairs, conferences, workshops, and notices of public meetings to solicit public involvement. The primary goal of the subcommittee was to promote an awareness and understanding of disaster mitigation theory and practice, particularly of structural retrofitting and advocate preparedness, through education and training. Objectives determined to meet this goal included:

- To identify which segments of the community are most at risk and therefore, most in need of education and training about disaster mitigation
- To develop strategies for teaching the community about disaster mitigation in a timely and effective manner
- To coordinate with existing entities teaching about disaster preparedness and to encourage the dissemination of correct and up to date information on the subject of mitigation
- To serve as a clearinghouse for the delivery of disaster mitigation educational instruction

The original Education and Training Committee's goals and objectives were provided to the planning committee for incorporation into the overall local mitigation goals and objectives. The renamed Committee now meets as needed to address the tasks associated with accomplishing the objectives.

Accomplishments beyond the development of goals and objectives include identification of potential mitigation projects and the creation of a mitigation speaker's bureau. Available Mitigation training includes existing courses offered by FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Local requests for training courses will be processed on a case by case basis through the EOC training section. A list of mitigation oriented training courses are distributed to all LMS Working Group members. The local mitigation coordinator routinely distributes related training notices as received from federal, state, regional agencies, and professional associations.

The LMS Coordinator, in coordination with the Education Committee, works with the Office of Public Communications year round to disseminate hazard mitigation information to the general public. For post-disaster operations, Emergency Support Function (ESF) # 14 – Information and Planning will assume this role.

#### Private Sector Subcommittee

The Private Sector Committee was created to strengthen the ties between the public and private sector as it relates to mitigation activities. The Committee is a valuable resource of information to the business community. In turn, the input from the private sector is utilized in the planning process for enhancement in the LMS Plan. Members of the committee include Broward County Office of Economic Development, the Broward Alliance (600 major corporations, 17 chambers of commerce, and 31 municipalities), and Broward County Emergency Management Division.

The ESF#18 - Business and Industry, for the County's Comprehensive Emergency

Management Plan, was developed to address business and tourism needs during an emergency activation and recovery. Procedures for Public/Private Sector Mitigation Planning Procedures were also created. This subcommittee was very active in 2011-2012 participating in multiple activities during the development of the ELMS. For a current roster of membership of all committees and subcommittees, please refer to Appendix D.

### **Flood/CRS and MAT Subcommittee**

These two subcommittees were added in 2012 as part of the ELMS. The Flood/CRS subcommittee will be a resource to the County in exploring ways to expand the CRS programs for all jurisdictions. The subcommittee will also interact with other important county flood mitigation groups including the Broward Surface Water Coordinating Council comprised of SFWMD and the various local drainage districts. The MAT plays several important roles that are detailed in Chapters 6 and 7.

### **General Body**

The General Body of the LMS is composed of representatives from all 31 municipalities, Seminole Tribe of Florida, essential governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, and other public and interested parties who provide information on existing and/or potential projects that mitigate the effects of hazards within Broward County.

The LMS membership meets quarterly and members are required to participate in at least 2 meetings per year. During meetings in 2009, the Planning Committee used these meetings to request a list of mitigation actions from each participant, discuss hazard mitigation funding and eligible projects, and finalize a schedule for the plan development. The General Body plays an integral role identifying existing and potential mitigation activities and actions that will make Broward County more resilient to natural disasters. In the 2012 LMS meetings, the general body was presented the various components of the ELMS, including the Economic Vulnerability and the Loss Estimation Tool, as well as hearing guest speakers on CRS and mitigation in disaster recovery (see the 2011-2012 meetings described earlier in this chapter).

## **Evaluation & Enhancement**

The LMS Working Group has identified procedures for the periodic review of the local mitigation strategy. This process provides a coordinated approach for municipal, county, regional, and state review and is detailed in Chapter 6 of this Plan.<sup>8</sup>

### **Municipal**

The LMS shall be reviewed at the municipal level on an annual basis. By January 15th of each year, each municipality shall receive written notice about the proposed schedule/time frame for the review of the LMS. An updated project list from each municipality shall be composed and submitted to Broward County Emergency Management by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as part of the revisions to the Local Mitigation Strategy. Revisions to the applicable municipal Comprehensive

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<sup>8</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.4

Emergency Management Plan should occur simultaneously with the LMS review due to the County.<sup>9</sup>

### County

All components of the LMS shall be reviewed and updated including a revised project list. Consolidation of municipal proposed revisions should be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. An internal review shall be conducted by the Broward County Emergency Management Division as part of the annual self-assessment process. All county/municipal revisions shall be reviewed by the LMS Working Group by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The approved changes will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners in the month of September for approval, if deemed necessary.

Activities shall be updated in the Broward County 5-Year Emergency Management Strategic Plan by July 1<sup>st</sup>. All applicable components of the LMS need to be incorporated into the Broward County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan as part of the annual review process. The Broward County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is reviewed and approved by the State every 4 years. Any proposed revisions from the State review of the CEMP will be part of the revisions submitted to the Board of County Commissioners in September of each year.

All necessary changes to Broward County and municipal comprehensive plans should be added into the established review schedule for the applicable elements and amendments.

### Regional

A revised Local Mitigation Strategy shall be submitted to the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) for review as a member of the LMS Working Group. Copies of the Local Mitigation Strategy will be available for adjacent counties and other applicable jurisdictions for comments in July of each year.

### State

The revised LMS shall be submitted to the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for review and comment as required by the 5-year FEMA review cycle or as directed by the division. The next update is due to the State in 2014. The ELMS process provided most of the material for the update. After the completion of the ELMS in May 2012, new disaster event, risk and project information should be added for the 2014 update.

Procedures have been identified to ensure that a broad group of local government representatives, citizens, adjacent community representatives, and county liaisons participate in the review and revision of the local mitigation strategy.

### Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group

The LMS Working Group shall meet as necessary to perform its mission. All proposed revisions by county/cities need to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Procedures for exercising the

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<sup>9</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.5.1



components of the local mitigation strategy have been identified. Prior to hurricane season each year, the guiding principles, hazard identification and vulnerability assessment, and the mitigation initiatives shall be incorporated into county and state exercises. The local exercise shall involve the activation of the Emergency Operations Center with municipal representation and all 18 Emergency Support Functions.

The LMS Working Group identifies conflict resolution procedures. Any disputes arising from the local mitigation strategy shall be mediated utilizing the South Florida Regional Planning Council Dispute Resolution Process. The SFRPC has established a Regional Dispute Resolution Process (RDRP), as specified by Florida Statutes, 186.509.

\*Participation in the RDRP does not waive any party's right to judicial or administrative action, nor does it convey or limit intervenor status or standing in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

### *Municipal Level*

All participating municipalities shall have membership in the LMS Working Group and the Emergency Coordinating Council. Each municipality should form a municipal working group to review the local mitigation strategy and identify potential mitigation programs/projects in their communities. Residents and adjacent or impacted communities need to be included in the review process at the local level.

### *County and Public/Private Sector*

Pertinent county agencies and other public and private sector partners shall have membership on the Broward County LMS Working Group and the Emergency Coordinating Council. Members of the Working Group shall review the strategy and assist in the identification of potential mitigation projects.

All LMS Working Group meetings are open to the public and are advertised in accordance with Florida Sunshine laws. Public participation is encouraged in the planning process and any comments shall be taken into consideration. In the future, a new, dedicated interactive mitigation website will be developed and utilized in the planning process.

# Chapter 4: Risk Assessment<sup>10</sup>

## Introduction

This chapter of the LMS includes the assessment of hazard risks facing Broward County and its participating municipal jurisdictions. The purpose of the risk assessment is to use best available data and technology to identify and evaluate potential hazard risks facing Broward County, as well as provide the factual basis for mitigation activities proposed in Broward County’s LMS that aim to reduce those risks. The chapter has been broken down into the following key sections:

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The risk assessment completed for Broward County provides for the identification and analysis of known hazards that may threaten life and property across the entire planning area. It also includes the results of a multi-jurisdictional vulnerability assessment conducted for each of Broward County’s municipal jurisdictions<sup>11</sup> (shown in **Maps 4.1** and **4.2**) to determine where locally specific risks vary from those facing the rest of the county. The vulnerability assessment helps to describe each jurisdiction’s vulnerability to identified hazards in terms of the types and numbers of buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities located in hazard areas as well as potential loss estimates for vulnerable structures.

The risk assessment for Broward County has been prepared in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance, dated July 1, 2008 and meets the requirements of 44 CFR § 201.

<sup>10</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3

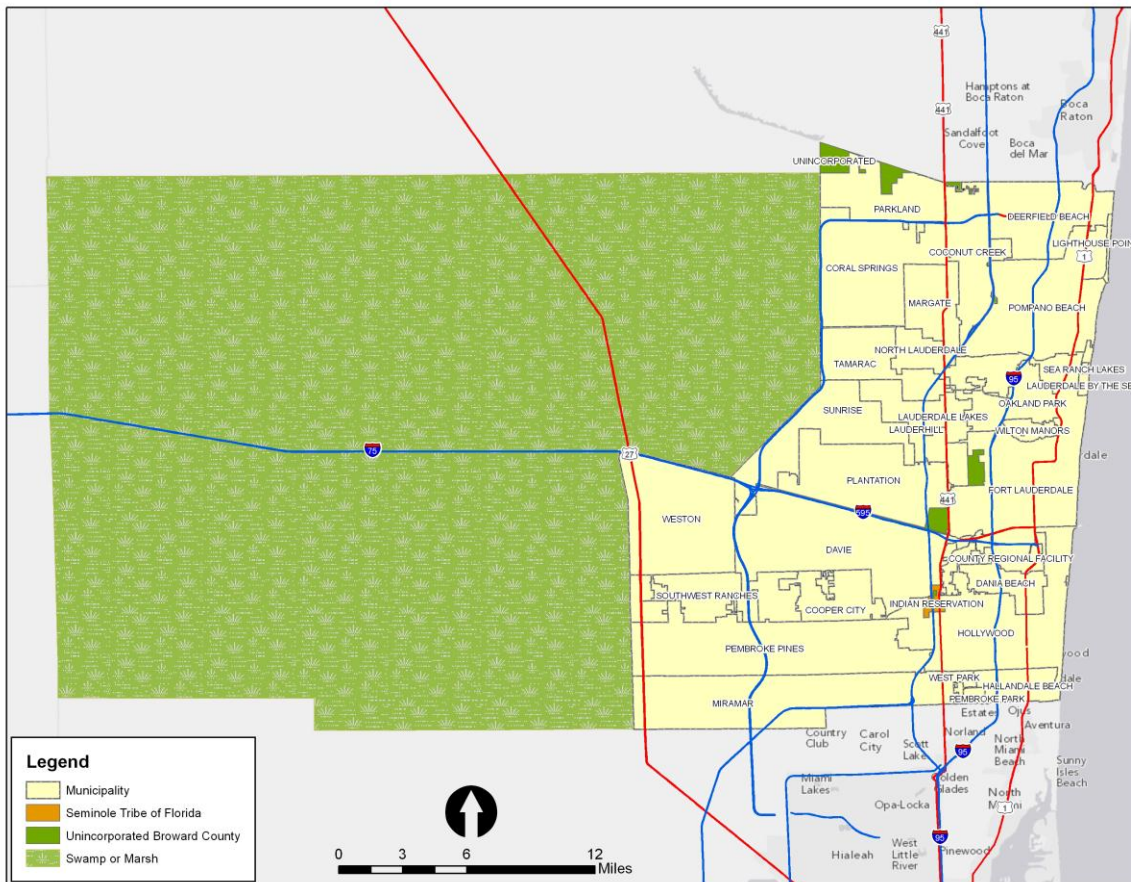
<sup>11</sup> Although this risk assessment does not officially or comprehensively analyze risks faced by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, it is of significance to note that the Seminole Reservation Headquarters is located in Hollywood and there are 2 Seminole run Casinos located in Hollywood and Coconut Creek. The Hollywood Reservation is a 497 acre urban reservation that is home to more than 500 Seminoles.

**FEMA Requirements for Local Hazard Mitigation Plans**

**44 CFR Part 201.6(c)(2)(i):** [The risk assessment shall include...] a description of the type, location and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction. The plan shall include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events.

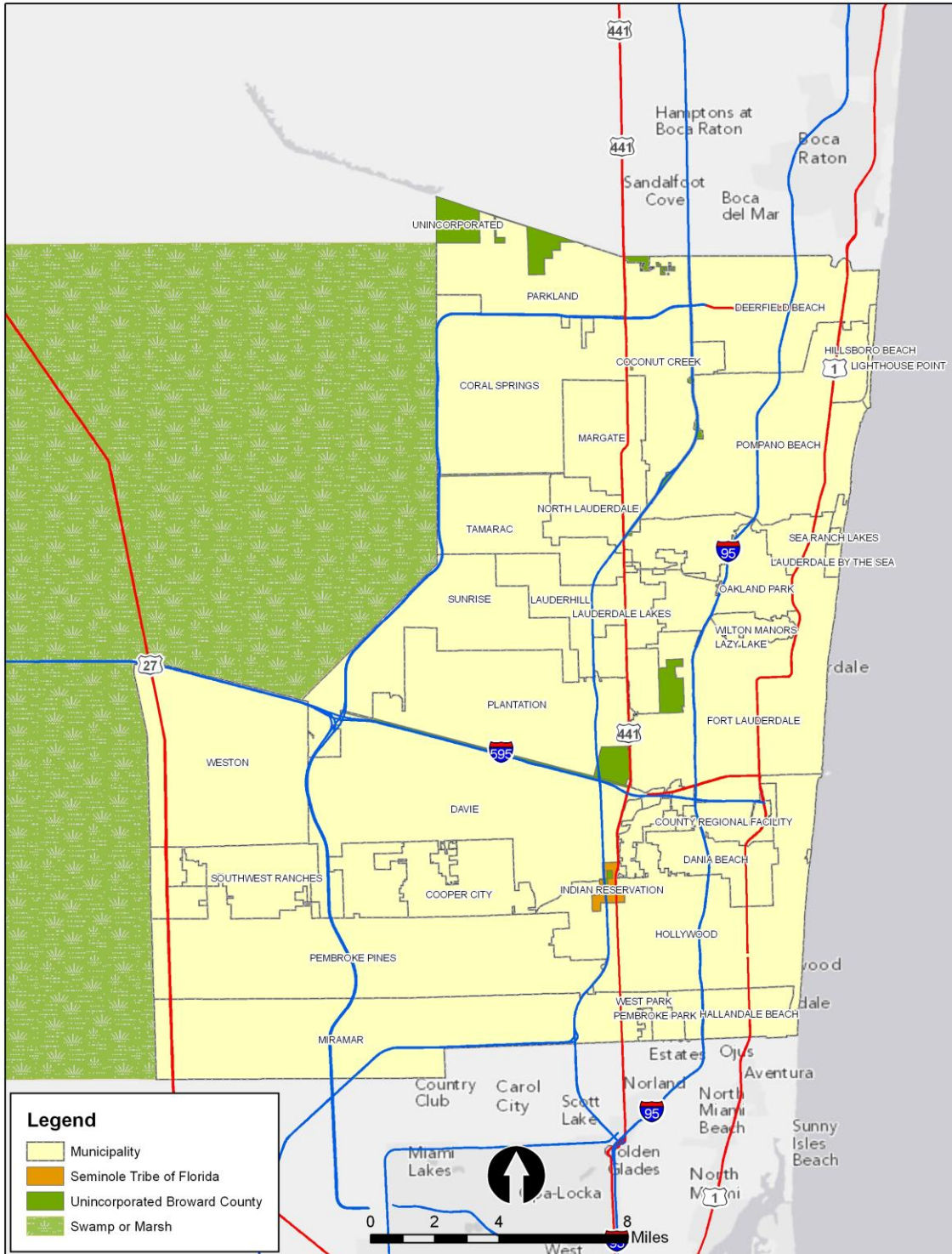
**44 CFR Part 201.6(c)(2)(ii):** [The risk assessment shall include...] a description of the jurisdiction's vulnerability to the hazards described in paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this section. The description shall include an overall summary of each hazard and its impact on the community. The plan should describe vulnerability in terms of: (A) The types and numbers of existing and future buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities located in the identified hazard areas; (B) An estimate of the potential losses to vulnerable structures identified in paragraph (c)(2)(ii)(A) of this section and a description of the methodology used to prepare the estimate; (C) Providing a general description of land uses and development trends within the community so that mitigation options can be considered in future land use decisions.

**Map 4.1 2011 Broward County Base Map (Entire County)**



Source: Broward County GIS 2011

Map 4.2 2011 Broward County Base Map (Developed Areas Only)



Source: Broward County GIS 2011

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## Risk Assessment Methods

As described above, the risk assessment completed for Broward County includes two primary studies including: (1) the hazard identification and analysis; and (2) a multi-jurisdictional vulnerability assessment.

The hazard identification and analysis provides the following information for each hazard:

- A general background description of each potential natural, technological, and/or human caused hazard that could impact Broward County
- The known locations and/or spatial extent of each hazard (if applicable)
- A locally-specific history of past hazard occurrences based on best available data
- A statement addressing the probability of future hazard occurrences that could affect Broward County

All of the information presented as part of the hazard identification and analysis is based on existing local, state, and federal sources as cited throughout. Sources include historical records on hazard events (such as the storm events database maintained by the National Climatic Data Center) as well as input from the Broward County Mitigation Task Force and other relevant information provided through existing local plans, studies, and reports.<sup>12</sup>

The multi-jurisdictional vulnerability assessment was conducted with two distinct methodologies, utilizing Hazards United States-Multi-Hazards (Hazus-MH), FEMA's loss estimation software, and a statistical risk assessment methodology. Each approach provides estimates for the potential impact by using a common, systematic framework for evaluation. The results of the multi-jurisdictional vulnerability assessment are provided for each hazard immediately following the summary of information provided through the hazard identification and analysis, as listed above.

The Hazus-MH risk assessment methodology is parametric, in that distinct hazard and inventory parameters (wind speed and building types) were modeled using the Hazus-MH software to determine the impact (damages and losses) on the built environment.

The statistical risk assessment methodology was applied to analyze hazards of concern that were outside the scope of the Hazus-MH software. The Hazus-MH driven methodology uses a statistical approach and mathematical modeling of risk to predict a hazard's frequency of occurrence and estimated impacts based on recorded or historic damage information. Below is a brief description of both approaches.

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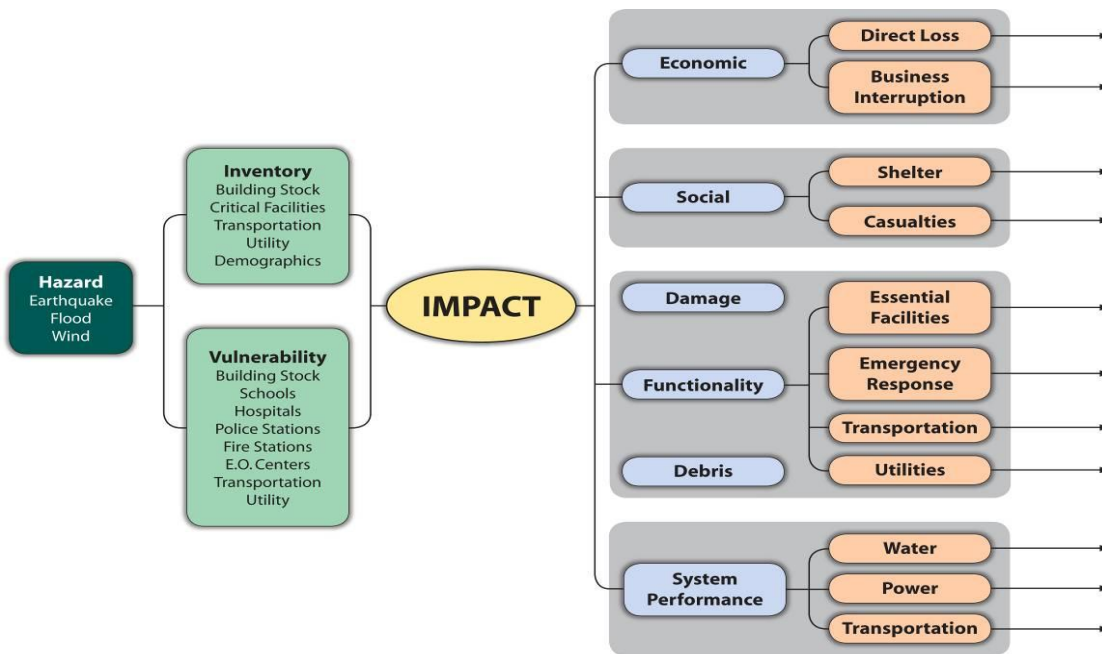
<sup>12</sup> Other existing plans, studies and reports include the 2000 version of the Broward County Local Mitigation Strategy, the Broward County Economic & Socioeconomic Vulnerability Study, Port Everglades Vulnerability & Economic Study, the Broward County profile from Florida Department of Community Affairs report entitled *Integrating Hazard Mitigation Planning into Comprehensive Planning*, the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Plan and the CSX Transportation Hazardous Materials Density Study for Broward County, Florida (2006).

**Hazus-MH**

Hazus-MH is FEMA’s standardized loss estimation software program built upon an integrated geographic information system (GIS) platform (Figure 4.1). Since the last plan update in 2009, Hazus-MH has been updated twice. First, in December 2010, FEMA released Hazus-MH MR-5, the most recent update when the enhanced LMS project started in March 2011. After the project was started, FEMA released Hazus 2.0 in May/June 2011. The main update to Hazus in the 2.0 version was to enhance the capability of integrating storm surge results into the flood module. For this updated enhanced LMS document, Hazus 2.0 was used for calculating flood losses (updating previous work using MR-5). The Hazus MR-5 results for calculating wind losses remain because the 2.0 module did not add anything new. The new Hazus results are found in Table 4.20 (wind), Table 4.22 (flood), and the hot spot profiles in Chapter 5 for the hazards presenting the greatest risk to Broward County (flood and wind).

The original LMS risk assessment applied Hazus-MH MR-2 to produce regional profiles and estimate losses for 2 hazards. At the time this analysis was completed, Hazus-MH MR-2 was used to estimate potential losses from hurricane wind and riverine (“non-coastal”) flood hazards using Hazus-MH default building stock inventory data. The results of the Hazus-MH model analysis includes annualized loss estimates for each municipal jurisdiction in Broward County so that potential loss values may be compared to one another throughout Broward County. Additional local databases made available through Broward County, including local tax assessor records and critical facilities data were used in addition to Hazus-MH inventory data in order to conduct a GIS-based vulnerability assessment for the flood and storm surge hazards (further described under the vulnerability assessment section of these hazards).

**Figure 4.1 Conceptual Model of Hazus-MH Methodology**



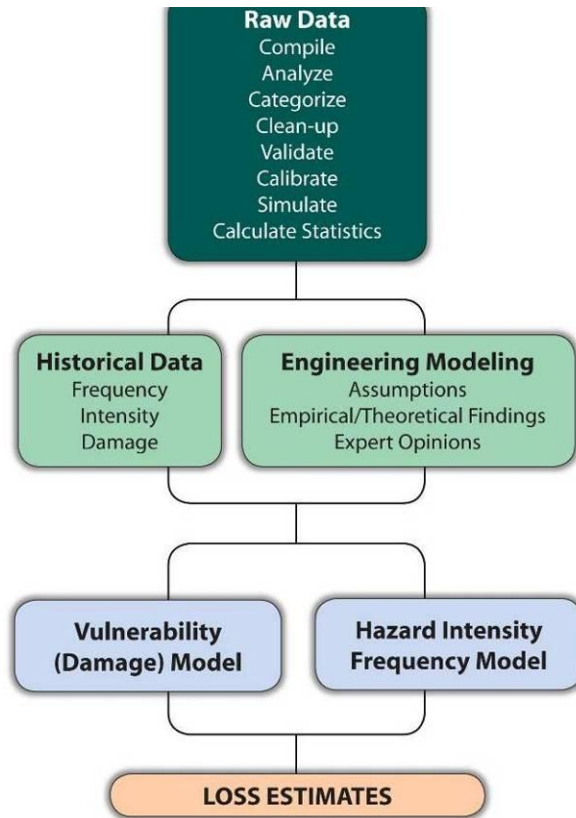
### Statistical Risk Assessment Methodology

Risks associated with other natural and anthropogenic hazards (beyond wind and flood) were analyzed using a statistical assessment methodology developed and used specifically for this effort. Historical data for each hazard were used and statistical evaluations are performed using manual calculations. The general steps used in the statistical risk assessment methodology are summarized below:

1. Compile data from the following sources:
  - a. Local
  - b. National
  - c. Literature
2. Clean up data:
  - a. Remove duplicates
  - b. Update losses (For inflation)
  - c. Modify losses (For population growth and distribution)
3. Identify patterns in:
  - a. Frequency
  - b. Intensity
  - c. Vulnerability
  - d. Loss
4. Statistically and probabilistically extrapolate the patterns
5. Produce meaningful results:
  - a. Development of annualized loss estimates

**Figure 4.2** illustrates a conceptual model of the statistical risk assessment methodology as applied to Broward County.

**Figure 4.2 Conceptual Model of the Statistical Risk Assessment Methodology**



The economic loss results are presented here using two interrelated risk indicators:

1. The Annualized Loss (AL), which is the estimated long-term weighted average value of losses to property in any single year in a specified geographic area (i.e., county).
2. The Annualized Loss Ratio (ALR), which expresses estimated annualized loss normalized by property replacement value.

The estimated Annualized Loss (AL) addresses the key idea of risk: the probability of the loss occurring in the study area (largely a function of building construction type and quality). By annualizing estimated losses, the AL factors in historic patterns of frequent smaller events with infrequent but larger events to provide a balanced presentation of the risk. The Annualized Loss Ratio (ALR) represents the AL as a fraction of the replacement value of the local inventory. This ratio is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{ALR} = \text{Annualized Losses} / \text{Total Exposure}$$

The annualized loss ratio gauges the relationship between average annualized loss and replacement value. This ratio can be used as a measure of vulnerability in the areas and, since



it is normalized by replacement value, it can be directly compared across different geographic units such as metropolitan areas or counties.

Loss estimates provided herein used best available data, and the methodologies applied resulted in an approximation of risk. These estimates should be used to understand relative risk from hazards and potential losses. Uncertainties are inherent in any loss estimation methodology, arising in part from incomplete scientific knowledge concerning natural hazards and their effects on the built environment. Uncertainties also result from approximations and simplifications that are necessary for a comprehensive analysis (e.g., incomplete inventories, demographics, or economic parameters).

### National Climatic Data Center Storm Event Database

Much of the historical event data presented in the tables in this section were taken directly from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) database. NCDC receives storm data from the National Weather Service (NWS) which, in turn, receives their information from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to: county, state and federal emergency management officials, local law enforcement officials, SKYWARN spotters, NWS damage surveys, newspaper clipping services, the insurance industry, and the general public. For many hazards, NCDC data is most accurate beginning from the early to mid-1990’s which limits its usefulness for conducting a detailed risk assessment. However, as it is the source of the best available data that can be easily obtained (and is recommended for use by FEMA), it has been heavily relied on in order to profile and analyze the hazards further discussed in this section.

### Asset Inventory

A variety of data exists on buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities for Broward County. For purposes of the multi-jurisdictional vulnerability assessment, much of this data was based on the inventory databases made readily available through Hazus-MH, FEMA’s loss estimation software as described earlier in this section under “Risk Assessment Methods.” This includes the number, type, and value of buildings located in each municipality in Broward County. **Table 4.1** summarizes the total building value for each jurisdiction as extracted from the Broward County Property Appraiser (and as utilized for estimating losses to hurricane wind, flood, and storm surge). **Table 4.2** summarizes the total number of buildings for each jurisdiction by type for Broward County.

**Table 4.1 Total Building Values for Broward County, By Type (As of September 2011)**

Jurisdiction	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Other*	Total
Coconut Creek	\$1,934,513,450	\$266,058,900	\$86,172,470	\$309,012,120	\$2,595,756,940
Cooper City	\$1,684,413,610	\$96,154,620	\$16,616,450	\$134,825,490	\$1,932,010,170
Coral Springs	\$5,066,463,480	\$836,459,220	\$162,321,990	\$617,338,780	\$6,682,583,470
Dania Beach	\$906,466,350	\$405,346,620	\$189,726,170	\$117,374,830	\$1,618,913,970
Davie	\$4,442,770,460	\$530,295,690	\$261,259,490	\$779,918,470	\$6,014,244,110
Deerfield Beach	\$2,662,939,070	\$564,241,210	\$464,401,420	\$354,980,990	\$4,046,562,690

Jurisdiction	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Other*	Total
Fort Lauderdale	\$12,810,110,740	\$3,626,700,220	\$748,712,040	\$1,881,337,210	\$19,066,860,210
Hallandale Beach	\$2,691,707,440	\$382,881,280	\$49,184,510	\$98,165,250	\$3,221,938,480
Hillsboro Beach	\$674,000,430	\$5,272,410	n/a	\$2,095,610	\$681,368,450
Hollywood	\$6,390,315,000	\$1,168,386,110	\$411,726,370	\$905,131,880	\$8,875,559,360
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,484,304,610	\$74,629,050	n/a	\$5,588,100	\$1,564,521,760
Lauderdale Lakes	\$614,707,600	\$112,571,450	\$21,085,080	\$171,806,510	\$920,170,640
Lauderhill	\$1,394,076,340	\$172,326,260	\$54,544,020	\$289,135,650	\$1,910,082,270
Lazy Lake	\$3,091,870	n/a	n/a	\$0	\$3,091,870
Lighthouse Point	\$1,033,275,490	\$66,140,010	n/a	\$12,950,710	\$1,112,366,210
Margate	\$1,410,603,050	\$233,662,300	\$57,923,300	\$171,626,470	\$1,873,815,120
Miramar	\$4,819,160,530	\$523,909,280	\$335,661,330	\$479,528,490	\$6,158,259,630
North Lauderdale	\$767,091,840	\$86,959,930	\$18,203,120	\$137,063,520	\$1,009,318,410
Oakland Park	\$1,154,614,690	\$353,221,990	\$201,874,840	\$191,479,580	\$1,901,191,100
Parkland	\$2,207,437,260	\$38,761,570	\$560,200	\$171,695,700	\$2,418,454,730
Pembroke Park	\$149,005,070	\$36,466,540	\$145,311,510	\$35,521,510	\$366,304,630
Pembroke Pines	\$6,847,556,360	\$916,617,140	\$84,714,310	\$771,091,720	\$8,619,979,530
Plantation	\$4,295,726,450	\$910,525,370	\$89,606,700	\$515,719,180	\$5,811,577,700
Pompano Beach	\$4,685,438,600	\$681,064,630	\$1,089,715,070	\$731,168,020	\$7,187,386,320
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$89,879,420	\$6,387,500	n/a	n/a	\$96,266,920
Seminole Tribe of Florida	\$638,483,170	\$22,722,110	\$4,112,890	\$145,859,940	\$811,178,110
Southwest Ranches	\$2,537,167,230	\$1,036,276,630	\$239,806,380	\$729,948,190	\$4,543,198,430
Sunrise	\$2,059,542,190	\$246,938,570	\$111,290,720	\$177,239,400	\$2,595,010,880
Tamarac	\$239,465,690	\$30,833,700	\$48,939,650	\$977,314,700	\$1,296,553,740
Unincorporated	\$143,057,810	\$33,006,890	\$40,575,490	\$26,994,480	\$243,634,670
West Park	\$5,131,311,900	\$376,957,980	\$146,760,170	\$292,789,200	\$5,947,819,250
Weston	\$665,468,990	\$83,708,090	\$7,694,230	\$63,240,670	\$820,111,980
Wilton Manors	\$81,634,166,190	\$13,925,483,270	\$5,088,499,920	\$11,297,942,370	\$111,946,091,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,584,145,860</b>	<b>\$17,052,655,180</b>	<b>\$6,806,082,400</b>	<b>\$9,994,256,730</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>

\* "Other" building occupancy category includes agriculture, religious/nonprofit, government, and education occupancies.

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser

**Table 4.2 Total # of Buildings for Broward County, By Type (Through September 2011)**

Jurisdiction	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Other*	Total
Coconut Creek	20,442	285	40	425	21,192
Cooper City	10,663	170	5	316	11,154
Coral Springs	38,530	1,068	309	963	40,870
Dania Beach	11,817	807	470	604	13,698
Davie	29,327	1225	397	1504	32,453
Deerfield Beach	33,765	842	706	852	36,165
Fort Lauderdale	74,050	5,662	1,570	1772	83,054
Hallandale Beach	23,713	596	185	260	24,754
Hillsboro Beach	2,252	3	n/a	18	2,273
Hollywood	55,683	2,852	768	1391	60,694
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	6,257	163		26	6,446
Lauderdale Lakes	12,044	144	26	100	12,314
Lauderhill	23,470	381	91	244	24,186
Lazy Lake	16	n/a	n/a	2	18
Lighthouse Point	5,437	105	n/a	32	5,574
Margate	22,076	341	166	227	22,810
Miramar	37,476	1,968	204	986	40,634
North Lauderdale	10,967	114	16	151	11,248
Oakland Park	16,071	901	820	681	18,473
Parkland	8,406	33	1	648	9,088
Pembroke Park	1,456	114	130	112	1,812
Pembroke Pines	56,236	770	111	790	57,907
Plantation	30,183	1074	113	749	32,119
Pompano Beach	46,171	1,739	1,993	1597	51,500
Sea Ranch Lakes	213	1	n/a	5	219
Seminole Tribe of Florida	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Southwest Ranches	2,384	15	2	856	3,257
Sunrise	35,104	654	405	536	36,699
Tamarac	30,853	364	80	318	31,615
Unincorporated	4,040	259	95	901	5,295
West Park	4,505	279	252	151	5,187
Weston	23,476	338	82	744	24,640
Wilton Manors	5,064	325	27	79	5,495
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>682,147</b>	<b>23,592</b>	<b>9,064</b>	<b>18,040</b>	<b>732,843</b>

\* "Other" building occupancy category includes agriculture, religious/nonprofit, government, and education occupancies.  
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser

In addition to the data made readily available through Hazus-MH, some local inventory data has been integrated into the multi-jurisdictional vulnerability assessment. This also includes local tax assessor records for developed parcels in each of the municipal jurisdictions, which were utilized in order to estimate potential losses due to flooding events as further described under the vulnerability assessment section of the "Flood" hazard.

### Critical Facilities

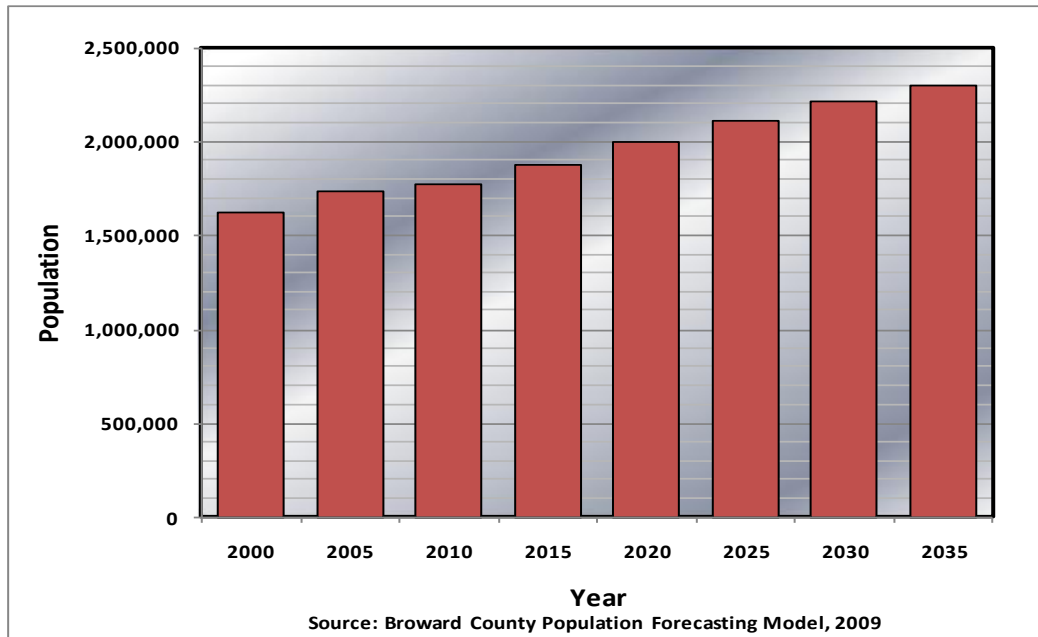
Critical Facilities are defined as those structures from which essential services and functions for victim survival, continuation of public safety actions, and disaster recovery are performed or provided. For the purposes of this document, Broward County has identified those critical facilities that have the potential for being affected by natural and human caused disasters. The identification and location of critical facilities throughout Broward County are shown in **Map 4.3**.

### Population and Development Trends

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates for 2010, Broward County has a population of 1,748,066 residents and 810,388 housing units in the county. Population density across the county is shown in **Map 4.4**. The median age of the population is 40.7 years of age, and approximately 14.3% of the county's population is age 65 or older. Between 2000 and 2010, Broward County's population has grown by 7.7% and decreased by 0.65% between 2007 and 2010. Population estimates and the percent change in population that occurred during 2000 to 2010 for all jurisdictions within Broward County were presented in **Figure 2.1**.

Although currently experiencing little population growth, the Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division expect the population to grow during the next 25 years, reaching 2,298,008 people by the year 2035. **Figure 4.3** illustrates that population growth in 5-year intervals which was developed in 2000. While there is a lull in population growth due to the current economic conditions, the County may resume its growth rate once the economy becomes strong again.

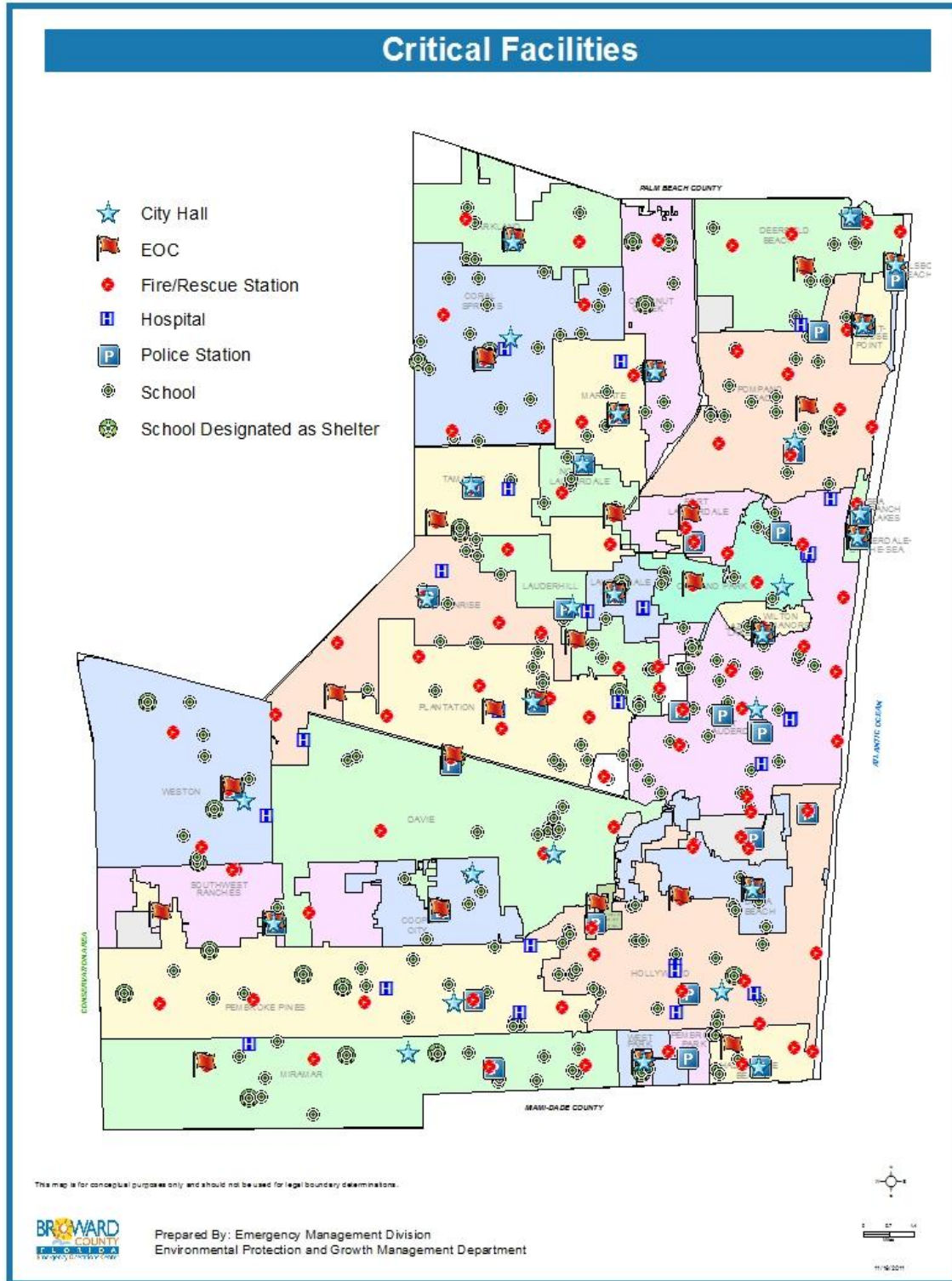
**Figure 4.3 Total # of Buildings for Broward County, By Type (Through September 2011)**



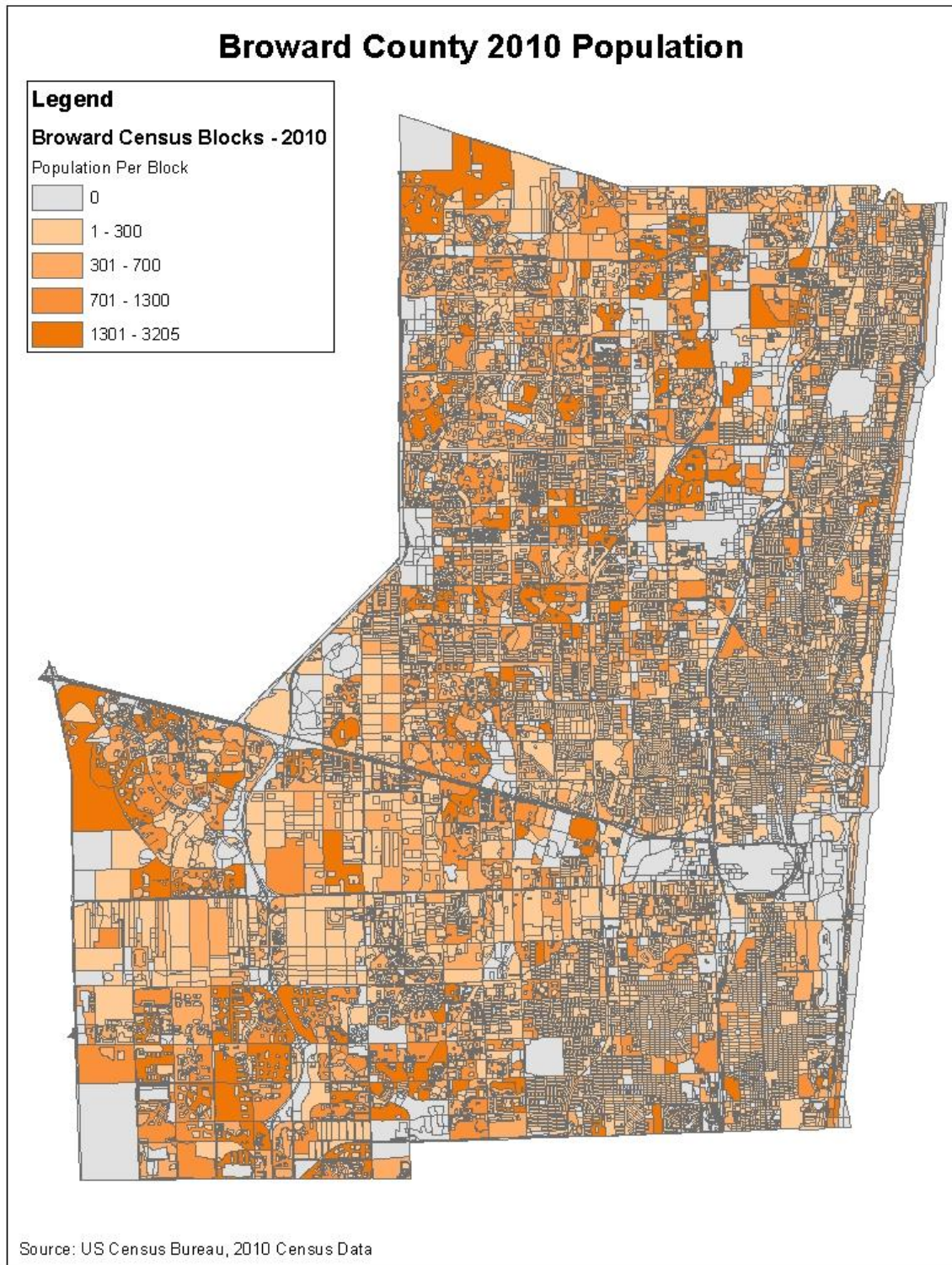
According to 2010 U.S. Census, Broward County has 810,388 housing units, of which approximately 84.7% are occupied. The population density in the county (exclusive of the Conservation Area) is nearly 4,300 persons per square mile, and nearly all of the 1.7 million residents live in municipal jurisdictions. Average household size is 2.52 persons. Based on the population forecasts for Broward County, it is expected that approximately 934,932 housing units will be needed by 2035 to accommodate the population. It is also worth noting that the population numbers listed herein refer to Broward County’s permanent, year-round residents; but, there are significant increases in people when considering seasonal influxes from other areas and tourists.

As the permanent population grows, more development and infrastructure is needed to accommodate the increasing number of residents. Broward County will experience residential build-out within the next few years, which will require planning for redevelopment and redistribution to make best use of limited land resources.

Map 4.3 Critical Facilities



Map 4.4 Population Distribution by Census Block, 2010



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## Hazard Vulnerability Profile for Existing and Future Land Use

This section provides information on Broward County's existing and future land use vulnerabilities to 3 spatially defined hazards to be addressed further in this risk assessment including hurricane storm surge, flood, and wildfire. It borrows heavily from a study performed by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA), an agency now defunct. Beginning in 2004, land use tabulations in relation to known hazard areas were developed by FDCA's Division of Community Planning as part of an analysis entitled, *Integrating Hazard Mitigation Planning into Comprehensive Planning: Broward County Profile*. The following data were used for the tabulations: online Mapping for Emergency Management, Parallel Hazard Information System (MEMPHIS)<sup>13</sup>, 2004 Broward County Property Appraiser / Florida Department of Revenue data, and the 1995 Florida Department of Environmental Protection and South Florida Water Management District GIS databases and shapefiles. Maps and tabulations of future land uses in hazard areas were developed using the Broward Countywide future land use map obtained in October 2005.

For the purposes of this profile, the identified hazard areas include the coastal hazards zone in relation to storm surge, hurricane vulnerability zones in relation to evacuation clearance times, flood zones in relation to the 100-year flood, and wildfire susceptible areas. More details about the hazard zones used for the tabulation are as follows:

- The Coastal Hazards Zone (CHZ) illustrates areas at risk to surge, which is comprised of the category 1 storm surge zone from NOAA Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model and the category 1 evacuation zone.
- The Hurricane Vulnerability Zone (HVZ) shows hurricane risk, which includes Category 1 to 3 Hurricane Evacuation Zones.
- FEMA's designated 100-year flood zones (i.e., A, AE, V, VE, AO, 100 IC, IN, AH) are used for flood.
- All medium-to-high risk zones from MEMPHIS for wildfire (Level 5 through Level 9).

Existing land use data was acquired from County Property Appraisers and the Florida Department of Revenue in 2004 for tabulation of the total amount of acres and percentage of land in identified hazard areas, sorted by existing land use category for the unincorporated areas. The total amount of acres and percentage of land in the identified hazards areas was tabulated and sorted by future land use category according to the local future land use map, as well as the amount of these lands listed as vacant according to existing land use. Broward County future land use data was acquired in October 2005 from Broward County and might not reflect changes per recent future land use amendments.

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<sup>13</sup> MEMPHIS was designed to provide a variety of hazard related data in support of the Florida Local Mitigation Strategy DMA2K revision project. It was created by Kinetic Analysis Corporation under contract with the FDCA. For more details on a particular hazard or an explanation of the MEMPHIS methodology, consult the MEMPHIS Web site (<http://lmsmaps.methaz.org/lmsmaps/index.html>).



County acreage was tabulated by existing (**Table 4.3**) and future (**Table 4.4**) land uses within the hazard areas.<sup>14</sup> The results of these land use tabulations are summarized below along with some recommendations included with the FDCA study. This information was confirmed for accuracy and relevance with the Department of Forestry in December, 2011.

### *Storm Surge*

**Table 4.3** presents the existing land uses within the surge zone. There are 14,665 acres of land within the coastal hazard zone (CHZ) and an additional 237 acres in the hurricane vulnerability zone (HVZ). These zones are primarily located on the barrier islands and inland up to a couple miles. Incorporated coastal communities occupy a majority of the land in these zones. Currently, 43.1% of the CHZ and 42.6% of the HVZ have single-family homes. Another major existing land use of these zones is commendably parks and conservation, with 13.0% of the CHZ and 13.9% of the HVZ used for these purposes. In addition, approximately 19% of both zones are still undeveloped. **Table 4.4** shows that of the currently vacant land in the CHZ and HVZ, 33.4% and 28.7%, respectively, are designated for future transportation uses. While future investment in transportation in these zones may increase evacuation capacities, it also will increase the taxpayer's investment in a hazardous area and subsidize future growth where the intention is to limit densities. **Table 4.4** also shows that currently vacant land is allocated for future residential use. According to the tabulations, 10.8% of the vacant property in both zones is designated for 5 dwelling units per acre and another 8.6% of the CHZ and 10.1% of the HVZ vacant acres are designated for 25 dwelling units per acre. If development occurs accordingly, it will further increase the population in the Category 1 evacuation zone and likely put more people at risk from storm surge.

### *Flood*

Table 4.3 presents the existing land uses within the 100-year floodplain. Much of Broward County is within a flood zone. Currently, 193,965 acres are at risk from flooding, but this does not include the Everglades Conservation Area which naturally floods. Of the 193,965 acres, 64.8%, or 125,750 acres are in residential use. Also, 33,981 flood-prone acres, or 17.5%, of the floodplain, is currently undeveloped. An additional 9,934 acres besides those in the Everglades Conservation Area are designated as parks, conservation areas, and golf courses. Using flood-prone areas for parks and conservation purposes is a strong flood mitigation strategy since development can be limited in these areas and the natural hydrology left in place. Existing vacant land allows the County and municipalities an opportunity to regulate or limit development before it occurs. Of the 33,981 acres currently undeveloped in the zone, 50.2% are designated for future residential uses, as shown in Table 4.4. Another 3,177 acres are designated for commercial use while an additional 1,260 vacant acres are designated for community facilities. Transportation and right-of-way future land uses are designated towards 14.2% of existing undeveloped land. This is a lot of development that is currently allowable within the 100-year floodplain. With proper mitigation designed into these structures and roads, much of the development can occur without increasing the vulnerability of the County to flood losses. However, alterations to the natural hydrology often have unforeseen impacts if mitigation occurs in a piece-meal fashion rather than looking at system-wide drainage impacts.

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<sup>14</sup> Note: The Everglades Conservation Area is not included in the following land use tabulations.

## Wildfire

Table 4.3 presents the land uses associated with high-risk wildfire zones. Small wildfire-prone areas are found throughout the County, although there is a concentration along Route 27. Single-family homes are found in 46.9% of the wildfire susceptible acres, generally scattered in isolated areas south of Highway 75 and east of Route 27. These homes are most likely very vulnerable to a wildfire since single-family residential neighborhoods on the outskirts of urban areas typically have a lot of vegetation that can allow a fire to spread between homes. Another 24% of the wildfire risk areas, or 1,628 acres, are currently conserved and special attention should be paid to maintaining wildfire fuel levels through prescribed burning or mechanical means in these areas. Another 875 acres are currently undeveloped. Vacant lands often can add to wildfire risk since wildfire fuel levels are not typically maintained. Of the undeveloped land, Table 4.4 shows that 19.1% is designated for future residential estates and 12.6% is designated for rural ranches. When development does occur on these lands, wildfire mitigation techniques for neighborhood design should be encouraged as well as education of homeowners about maintaining defensible space.

**Table 4.3 Total County Acres in Hazard Areas by Existing Land Use Category**

Existing Land Use Category		Coastal Hazard Zone	Hurricane Vulnerability Zone	Flood Zones	Wildfire Susceptible Areas
Agriculture	Acres	6.2	6.7	1,660.2	158.1
	%	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.3
Attractions, Stadiums, Lodging	Acres	25.2	24.1	120.2	0.0
	%	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
Places of Worship	Acres	65.1	59.1	507.6	10.3
	%	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Commercial	Acres	885.9	927.6	4,983.4	132.2
	%	6.0	6.2	2.6	2.0
Government, Institutional, Hospitals, Education	Acres	468.4	482.9	4,214.0	149.1
	%	3.2	3.2	2.2	2.2
Industrial	Acres	332.4	332.4	1,058.8	11.4
	%	2.3	2.2	1.1	0.2
Parks, Conservation Areas, Golf Courses	Acres	1,911.0	2,067.9	9,934.0	1,628.1
	%	13.0	13.9	5.1	24.0
Residential Group Quarters, Nursing Homes	Acres	1.3	1.1	44.4	0.0
	%	0.0	0.01	0.0	0.0
Residential Multi-Family	Acres	1,192.7	1,215.0	6,106.7	64.7
	%	8.1	8.2	3.1	1.0
Residential Mobile Home, or Commercial Parking Lot	Acres	163.2	183.9	2,505.7	80.3
	%	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2
Residential Single-Family	Acres	6,314.7	6,349.3	117,093.8	3,176.3
	%	43.1	42.6	60.4	46.9
Submerged Lands (Water Bodies)	Acres	38.1	38.1	778.0	25.4
	%	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4

Transportation, Communication, Rights-of-Way	Acres	436.7	423.3	9,052.5	443.6
	%	3.0	2.8	4.7	6.5
Utility Plants and Lines, Solid Waste Disposal	Acres	24.7	27.2	924.7	18.3
	%	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
Vacant	Acres	2,799.8	2,763.9	33,981.0	874.8
	%	19.1	18.5	17.5	12.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	Acres	<b>14,665.4</b>	<b>14,902.5</b>	<b>193,965.0</b>	<b>6,772.6</b>
	%	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Broward County 2009 LMS

**Table 4.4: Total and Undeveloped Acres in Hazard Areas by Future Land Use Category**

Future Land Use Category		Coastal Hazard Zone		Hurricane Vulnerability Zone		Flood Zones		Wildfire Susceptible Areas	
		Total	Undev.	Total	Undev.	Total	Undev.	Total	Undev.
Agriculture	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,352.8	576.5	1,632.7	47.7
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.7	24.1	5.5
Commercial	Acres	944.8	198.6	1,025.0	207.5	13,520.3	3,177.4	172.1	31.9
	%	6.4	7.1	6.9	7.5	7.0	9.4	2.5	3.6
Commercial Recreation	Acres	616.0	229.6	606.8	229.8	5,208.1	881.5	119.9	15.8
	%	4.2	8.2	4.1	8.3	2.7	2.6	1.8	1.8
Community Facilities	Acres	153.2	36.6	168.1	33.2	4,126.2	1,259.8	67.8	42.4
	%	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.2	2.1	3.7	1.0	4.8
Conservation	Acres	939.4	12.5	973.8	14.3	1,865.7	139.6	115.3	0.0
	%	6.4	0.4	6.5	0.5	1.0	0.4	1.7	0.0
Electric Generation Facility	Acres	45.5	18.7	45.7	16.9	500.5	305.9	48.6	2.0
	%	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.2
Employment Center - High	Acres	133.8	86.1	133.1	86.7	1,493.4	353.3	77.1	6.5
	%	0.9	3.1	0.9	3.1	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.7
Employment Center - Low	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	4.7	3.1	0.0
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Estates (1) Residential	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13,103.4	2,500.2	1,044.4	166.8
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	7.4	15.4	19.1
High (50) Residential	Acres	370.5	98.5	582.7	167.2	737.5	176.6	4.5	0.0
	%	2.5	3.5	3.9	6.0	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0
Industrial	Acres	52.6	6.0	26.1	2.9	9,426.4	2,179.4	162.1	40.4
	%	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	4.9	6.4	2.4	4.6
Local Activity Center	Acres	94.1	21.2	92.5	23.2	434.9	94.1	0.0	0.0
	%	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Low (2) Residential	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,094.7	272.4	154.0	26.1
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.8	2.3	3.0
Low (3) Residential	Acres	729.4	80.3	752.6	92.5	15,273.6	2,091.3	285.1	51.3
	%	5.0	2.9	5.1	3.3	7.9	6.2	4.2	5.9
Low (5) Residential	Acres	2,993.9	301.4	2,859.7	297.4	29,534.7	4,138.3	176.8	8.5
	%	20.4	10.8	19.2	10.8	15.2	12.2	2.6	1.0
Low-Medium (10) Residential	Acres	331.3	25.4	329.9	26.8	8,842.7	1,363.0	99.9	5.6
	%	2.3	0.9	2.2	1.0	4.6	4.0	1.5	0.6
Medium (16) Residential	Acres	852.5	122.8	795.6	112.8	7,480.4	1,320.6	27.2	11.1
	%	5.8	4.4	5.3	4.1	3.9	3.9	0.4	1.3
Medium-High (25) Residential	Acres	1,068.1	239.4	1,235.7	277.8	3,144.9	713.4	0.7	0.0
	%	7.3	8.6	8.3	10.1	1.6	2.1	0.0	0.0
Mining	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.1	14.9	4.7	0.0
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Office Park	Acres	3.6	0.0	2.9	0.0	686.8	55.5	50.2	0.0
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.0
Recreation and Open Space	Acres	784.7	66.7	984.2	91.2	7,130.6	1,175.7	301.6	17.2
	%	5.4	2.4	6.6	3.3	3.7	3.5	4.5	2.0

Future Land Use Category		Coastal Hazard Zone		Hurricane Vulnerability Zone		Flood Zones		Wildfire Susceptible Areas	
		Total	Undev.	Total	Undev.	Total	Undev.	Total	Undev.
Regional Activity Center	Acres	269.3	57.1	220.0	46.6	4,611.1	670.4	177.7	27.0
	%	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.7	2.4	2.0	2.6	3.1
Residential in Irregular Areas	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18,429.6	3,144.7	292.9	41.7
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	9.3	4.3	4.8
Right-of-Way	Acres	2,233.8	200.9	2,245.6	192.4	23,007.0	2,234.2	373.6	38.3
	%	15.2	7.2	15.1	7.0	11.9	6.6	5.5	4.4
Rural Estates	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,251.5	332.2	115.0	23.0
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.0	1.7	2.6
Rural Ranches	Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,902.7	956.1	495.8	109.9
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.8	7.3	12.6
Transportation	Acres	1,579.0	935.4	1,429.0	793.6	7,306.5	2,577.3	616.6	123.3
	%	10.8	33.4	9.6	28.7	3.8	7.6	9.1	14.1
Utilities	Acres	103.9	2.5	103.7	1.8	1,475.4	784.5	86.9	23.9
	%	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.8	2.3	1.3	2.7
Water	Acres	366.3	60.2	289.6	49.3	2,950.0	487.8	66.0	14.7
	%	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>14,665.5</b>	<b>2,799.8</b>	<b>14,902.4</b>	<b>2,763.9</b>	<b>193,964.9</b>	<b>33,981.0</b>	<b>6,772.4</b>	<b>874.8</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Broward County 2009 LMS

## Initial Hazard Identification

Broward County is vulnerable to a wide range of natural and human caused hazards that threaten life and property. FEMA’s current regulations and guidance under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) require, at a minimum, an evaluation of a full range of natural hazards. An evaluation of human-caused hazards (i.e., technological hazards, terrorism) is encouraged, though not required for plan approval. The initial identification of hazards for inclusion in the risk assessment was based on earlier versions of the Broward County LMS, as well as a review of the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Plan and FEMA mitigation planning guidelines. **Table 4.5** lists the full range of hazards initially identified for inclusion in this risk assessment.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>15</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1

**Table 4.5: Initially Identified Hazards for Broward County**

Natural Hazards	Human Caused Hazards
<p><b>Atmospheric</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Freeze</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lightning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Severe Thunderstorm (hail and wind)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tornado</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Cyclone (wind and storm surge)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Winter Storm</li> </ul> <p><b>Hydrologic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Erosion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drought</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flood</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rip Current</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sea Level Rise/Climate Change</li> </ul> <p><b>Geologic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expansive Soils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sinkhole / Land Subsidence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tsunami</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Volcano</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</li> </ul>	<p><b>Biological</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Disease</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Societal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Civil Disturbance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mass Migration</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Terrorism</li> </ul> <p><b>Technological</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Computer Virus</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dam / Levee Failure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Material Incident</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Power Plant Accident</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Structural Fire</li> </ul>

### Major Disaster Declarations

Prior to determining the potential hazards of concern for Broward County, it is also helpful to review past major disaster declarations that have impacted the area. Major disasters are declared by the President of the United States when the magnitude of a disaster event is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the local governments. In these cases, eligible applicants may apply for a wide range of federal disaster assistance that include funds for public assistance, individual assistance, and hazard mitigation assistance.<sup>16</sup>

Since 1965, Broward County has received 16 presidential disaster declarations for hurricane, flood, wildfire, tornado, and freeze events as listed in **Table 4.6**. Please note that this listing

<sup>16</sup> For more information on the disaster declaration process and federal disaster assistance, see [www.fema.gov/rrrr/dec\\_guid.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/rrrr/dec_guid.shtm).

does not include all federal, state, or local emergency declarations issued for smaller, less damaging disaster events that did not warrant a presidential declaration.

**Table 4.6: Presidential Disaster Declarations for Broward County (1965 – September 30, 2011)**

Event	Declaration Date	Declaration Number
Hurricane Betsy	09/14/1965	FEMA-209-DR
Freeze	03/15/1971	FEMA-304-DR
Hurricane Andrew	08/24/1992	FEMA-955-DR
Tornadoes, Flooding, High Winds & Tides, Freezing	03/22/1993	FEMA-982-DR
Severe Storms, High Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	02/20/1998	FEMA-1204-DR
Severe Storms, High Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	03/09/1998	FEMA-1195-DR
Extreme Fire Hazard	06/18/1998	FEMA-1223-DR
Hurricane Irene	10/20/1999	FEMA-1306-DR
Heavy Rains and Flooding	10/04/2000	FEMA-1345-DR
Severe Freeze	02/06/2001	FEMA-1359-DR
Hurricane Charley and Tropical Storm Bonnie	08/13/2004	FEMA-1539-DR
Hurricane Frances	09/04/2004	FEMA-1545-DR
Hurricane Jeanne	09/26/2004	FEMA-1561-DR
Hurricane Katrina	08/28/2005	FEMA-1602-DR
Hurricane Wilma	10/24/2005	FEMA-1609-DR
Tropical Storm Fay	8/21/2008	FEMA-3288-DR

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

### Hazards of Concern for Broward County

Each of the initially identified hazards was studied for their potential impact on Broward County as well as in terms of the availability of hazard mitigation strategies to reduce that impact. Best available data on historical occurrences, the geographic location and extent as well as the probability of future occurrences were collected and reviewed as part of the hazard identification process.

Additionally, a hazard identification exercise was conducted with the members of the Broward County Mitigation Task Force on July 24, 2007, to help identify the main hazards of concern among local government officials. The exercise included the distribution of \$20 in “mitigation money” among 27 task force members that could be spent on each of the initially identified hazards. Each was given a \$10 bill, a \$5 bill, and 5 \$1 bills in mitigation money to invest in mitigation as they saw fit.



Early in the risk assessment process, Broward County facilitated an interactive exercise with the Mitigation Task Force in order to gain feedback on the primary hazards of concern for local officials. (PBS&J project photo)

The results of this exercise indicated that tropical cyclone, flood, severe thunderstorm, and terrorism were considered the hazards of highest concern for mitigation planning purposes (each received \$40 or more). Hazards of moderate concern included nuclear power plant accident, civil disturbance, hazardous material incident, storm surge, tornado, biological hazards, lightning, extreme heat, and wildfire (each receiving more than \$5 but less than \$40). All of the remaining hazards were considered as having low concern among local officials (each receiving \$5 or less).

Upon further consideration of these initial study findings and subsequent data collection efforts, the hazards marked with a “✓” in **Table 4.7** were identified as the most significant hazards of concern for Broward County and are further evaluated and described more fully in this section. Those hazards excluded from further analysis are listed in **Table 4.8** along with brief documentation on why they have been excluded, however these hazards will continue to be revisited during future updates to the risk assessment for Broward County.

This section was updated in 2011-2012 for the ELMS which included the addition of sea level rise/climate change as a hazard. The LMS working group reviewed the initial ELMS draft findings in October-November 2011 and will review again in March and May 2012.

**Table 4.7: Most Significant Hazards of Concern for Broward County**

Natural Hazards	Human Caused Hazards
<p><b>Atmospheric</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Freeze</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lightning</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Thunderstorm (hail and wind)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tornado</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tropical Cyclone (wind and storm surge)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Winter Storm</li> </ul> <p><b>Hydrologic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Erosion</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rip Current</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sea Level Rise/Climate Change</li> </ul> <p><b>Geologic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expansive Soils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sinkhole / Land Subsidence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tsunami</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Volcano</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</li> </ul>	<p><b>Biological</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Disease</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Societal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Civil Disturbance</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mass Migration</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terrorism</li> </ul> <p><b>Technological</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Computer Virus</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dam / Levee Failure</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Material Incident</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Power Plant Accident</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Structural Fire</li> </ul>



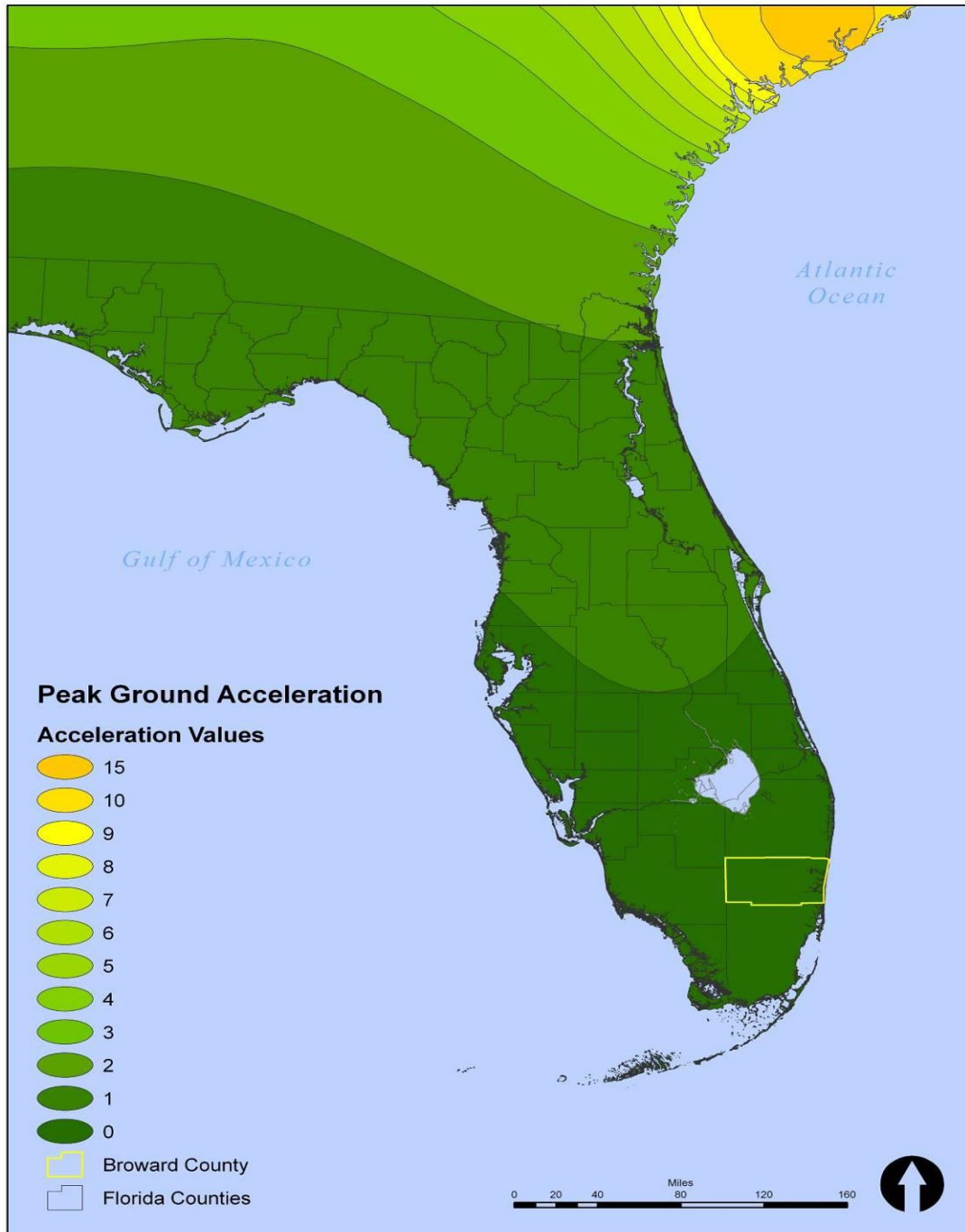
**Table 4.8: Hazards Excluded from Further Analysis<sup>17</sup>**

Hazard	Reasons for Exclusion
Freeze	Deep freezes do occasionally occur in South Florida; however, these events cause minimal impact outside of agricultural losses and related economic industries (including commercial nurseries). Due to widespread urban development and minimal agricultural land uses in Broward County, historical crop damages due to freezes are minimal in comparison to other areas in Florida.
Winter Storm	South Florida is not at risk to winter storms (including snow, ice, sleet, and blizzard conditions).
Earthquake	Broward County is located well outside of any areas identified by the United States Geological Survey as having seismic risk (see <b>Map 4.5</b> ). The peak ground acceleration (PGA) with a 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years for Broward County is 0% gravity (g) (lowest potential for seismic ground shaking events). FEMA recommends that earthquakes only be further evaluated for mitigation purposes in areas with a PGA of 3% g or more.
Expansive Soils	South Florida is not at risk to expansive soils. Based on its soil type, there is no potential for ground swelling and associated property damages in Broward County.
Tsunami	Extremely rare, small events are possible along the eastern shoreline of Broward County but the impact would likely be minimal. Further, the vulnerability of coastal assets to tsunami inundation is lessened through ongoing hurricane storm surge mitigation practices.
Volcano	Volcanoes are not located anywhere remotely near Broward County.
Agricultural Disease	Due to widespread urban development and minimal agricultural land uses in Broward County, agricultural disease is not a significant hazard of concern for Broward County. Although some residents do have citrus trees on their property that are susceptible to citrus canker, the Florida Department of Agriculture has an aggressive program in place for the cutting down and removal of infected trees.
Civil Disturbance	There have been no recorded instances of large, unlawful civil disturbances in Broward County that have exceeded the ability of existing law enforcement resources and partnering agencies to suppress and control. Aside from existing operations planning and ongoing security preparedness efforts, there is little that may be done in terms of hazard mitigation.
Computer Virus	Computer viruses will always remain a hazard of concern for Broward County but are considered to be more appropriately and adequately addressed through modern firewall technology, elaborate security systems, desktop anti-virus software, redundant backup procedures, and education.
Dam / Levee Failure	According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the FEMA National Dam Safety Program, there are no identified dams or levees which pose a high or intermediate hazard to Broward County.
Nuclear Power Plant Accident	Broward County is located outside of the Plume Exposure Pathway (10 mile radius) of the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Generating Station (located in Miami-Dade County) in which shelter and/or evacuation would likely be the principal immediate protective actions against accidental releases of radiological plumes (see <b>Map 4.6</b> ). Portions of Broward County are located in the Ingestion Pathway Zone (50 mile radius) but in the event of an accident, impacts are likely to be limited to serving as a host to evacuees from Miami-Dade County.

<sup>17</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1.

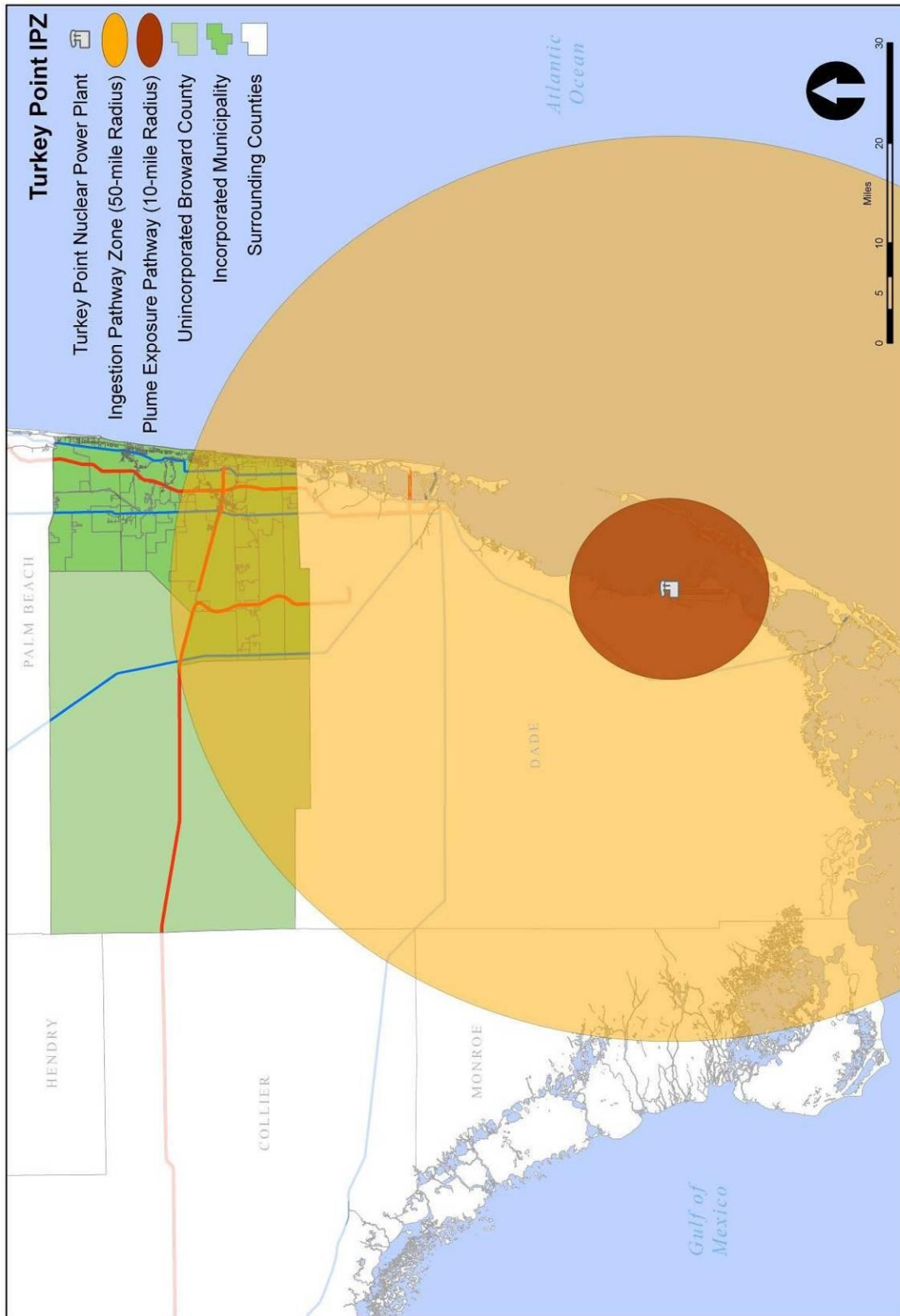
Structural Fire	The structural fire hazard is more appropriately and adequately addressed through statewide and local fire safety standards and codes, in addition to the continuous planning, training, and routine operation of local firefighting services.
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**Map 4.5 – Peak Ground Acceleration for Earthquake Risk**



Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

Map 4.6 – Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Planning Zones



Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

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## Natural Hazards

Natural hazards have the potential to threaten lives and cause costly damages to the built environment. Natural hazards are the largest single contributor to catastrophic or repetitive damage to communities in Broward County. This section includes the natural hazards that pose the greatest risk in Broward County. Natural hazards are categorized as atmospheric, hydrologic, geologic, and other (i.e., wildfire). Hazards are listed alphabetically by category. An addition to the enhanced LMS plan is the inclusion of sea level rise/climate change as a natural hazard. While this warrants its own subsection under “Hydrologic Hazards”, it has far ranging impacts that are discussed in the “Probability of Future Events” sections of other hazards that will be impacted such as drought, hurricane wind, flood, and wildfire.

### *Atmospheric Hazards<sup>18</sup>*

For the purposes of this vulnerability assessment atmospheric hazards are events or incidents that are associated with weather generated phenomenon. Atmospheric hazards included in this section are extreme heat, lightning, severe thunderstorm (hail and wind), tornado, and tropical cyclone.

#### *Extreme Heat*

##### *Background*

Extreme heat is defined as temperatures that hover 10 degrees or more above the average high temperature for the region and that last for an extended period of time. Humid conditions may also add to the discomfort of high temperatures. Health risks from extreme heat include heat cramps, heat fainting, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. According to the National Weather Service, heat is the leading weather-related killer in the United States and during the ten-year period between 1993 and 2002 killed more people than lightning, tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes combined. However, most deaths are attributed to prolonged heat waves in large cities that rarely experience hot weather. The elderly and the ill are most at-risk, along with those who exercise outdoors in hot, humid weather.

##### *Location and Spatial Extent*

Extreme temperatures typically impact a large area that cannot be confined to any geographic boundaries. Therefore, it is assumed that all of Broward County is uniformly exposed to this hazard and that the spatial extent of impact is large. It is important to note however that while extreme temperatures threaten human health they typically do not cause significant damage to the built environment.

##### *Historical Occurrences*

According to the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Plan, Florida averages 12 heat related fatalities per year. Major historical events in the state include 241 deaths in a 1993 heat wave, and another 68 during a 1999 heat wave. Recent events in Broward County, as recorded by the National Climatic Data Center, include the following:

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<sup>18</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1

#### *Winter 2003 – Extreme Heat*

During February 27 through March 23, 18 daily heat records were set in southeast Florida. There were more heat records during this 25-day period in southeast Florida than at any time of year and at any time in history. The warmest temperature ever in March in Fort Lauderdale was recorded at 93 degrees on the 22nd. The entire month of March was the warmest on record in Fort Lauderdale.

#### *June 2006 – Extreme Heat*

On June 16, 2006, a 20 year old male died of apparent heat exposure in the Everglades in extreme northern Broward County. High temperatures that day were in the lower 90s and lowest relative humidity values were around 55%, producing maximum heat index values of near 105 degrees.

#### *June 21-22, 2009– Extreme Heat*

On Sunday June 21 and Monday June 22, unusually high temperatures affected interior and eastern sections of South Florida. High temperatures reached the upper 90s in a few locations on June 21. The hottest day was June 22, in which an all-time record high was tied at Fort Lauderdale at 100 degrees.

#### *Probability of Future Events*

There is a high probability that extreme heat waves will remain a likely occurrence for Broward County.

#### *Vulnerability Assessment*

Broward County's existing buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities are not considered vulnerable to damage caused by extreme heat events and therefore any estimated property losses are anticipated to be minimal across the area. Extreme heat does however present a significant life and safety threat to Broward County's population. Heat casualties are usually caused by lack of adequate air conditioning or heat exhaustion. The most vulnerable population to heat casualties are the elderly or infirmed, who frequently live on low fixed incomes, and cannot afford to run air-conditioning on a regular basis, may experience power outages, and may be isolated, with no immediate family or friends to look out for their well-being.

Broward County has a large elderly population (around 250,000 people over the age of 65) that is particularly susceptible to the effects of extreme heat. The greatest impact to this and other segments of the population will likely occur during extreme heat conditions that follow large-scale power outages (e.g., after a damaging hurricane event) which eliminate the availability of air conditioning. In such cases, it is anticipated that many casualties will be avoided as many people will utilize air-conditioned shelter space made available throughout Broward County.

### *Lightning<sup>19</sup>*

#### *Background*

Lightning is a discharge of electrical energy resulting from the buildup of positive and negative charges within a thunderstorm, creating a "bolt" when the buildup of charges becomes strong enough. This flash of light usually occurs within the clouds or between the clouds and the

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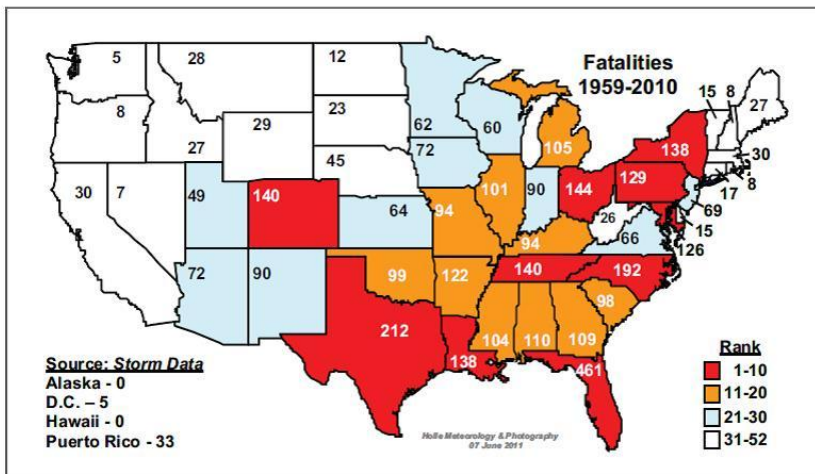
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ground. A bolt of lightning can reach temperatures approaching 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightning rapidly heats the sky as it flashes but the surrounding air cools following the bolt. This rapid heating and cooling of the surrounding air causes thunder. Based on the 10 year average (1999-2008) reported by the National Weather Service, an average of 42 people are killed each year by lightning strikes in the United States.

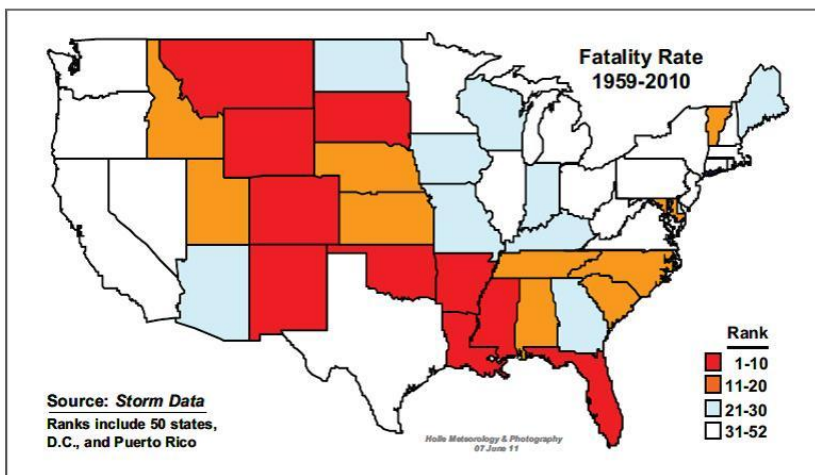
Florida has, by far, more lightning deaths than any other state. **Figure 4.4** shows the number of lightning deaths by state and the state ranks for lightning deaths weighted by population. Annually lightning kills more people in Florida than all-weather hazards combined.

**Figure 4.4: Lightning Statistics**

**Lightning Fatalities by State, 1959-2010**



**Lightning Fatalities Weighted by Population by State, 1959-2010**



*Location and Spatial Extent*

Lightning occurs randomly, therefore it is impossible to predict where it will strike. It is assumed that all of Broward County is uniformly exposed to lightning which strikes in very small, specific geographic areas.

*Historical Occurrences*

The National Climatic Data Center has recorded 1126 lightning events from 1993 to 2011, of which 103 that have resulted casualties in Broward County in the same period, as shown in **Table 4.9**. These events account for 14 deaths and 75 injuries, the majority of which have occurred during the summer months.

**Table 4.9: Historical Lightning Impact by Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Number of Events (1993-2011)	Total Deaths	Total Injuries
Coconut Creek	5	3	5
Cooper City	4	0	2
Coral Springs	8	2	6
Dania Beach	0	0	0
Davie	6	0	5
Deerfield Beach	3	1	2
Fort Lauderdale	13	2	16
Hallandale Beach	1	0	1
Hillsboro Beach	1	0	1
Hollywood	8	0	5
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	0	0	0
Lauderdale Lakes	1	0	0
Lauderhill	1	0	0
Lazy Lake	0	0	0
Lighthouse Point	1	1	0
Margate	2	0	1
Miramar	13	2	4
North Lauderdale	0	0	0
Oakland Park	0	0	0
Parkland	1	1	0
Pembroke Park	0	0	0
Pembroke Pines	11	0	15
Plantation	5	0	2
Pompano Beach	5	0	4
Sea Ranch Lakes	0	0	0
Southwest Ranches	0	0	0
Sunrise	5	0	1
Tamarac	3	1	2
Unincorporated	1	0	0
West Park	0	0	0
Weston	2	0	2

Jurisdiction	Number of Events (1993-2011)	Total Deaths	Total Injuries
Wilton Manors	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>75</b>

Source: National Climatic Data Center

#### Probability of Future Occurrences

The probability of future occurrences of lightning strikes in Broward County is very high, due mainly to a historical 8% event occurrence rate. Further, Broward County remains susceptible to lightning deaths and injuries due to its flat terrain and large number of people who engage in outdoor activities.

#### Vulnerability Assessment

To estimate potential losses due to lightning, NOAA historical lightning loss data was used to develop a lightning stochastic model. In this model:

- Losses were scaled for inflation
- Average historic lightning damageability was used to generate losses for historical lightning events where losses were not reported
- Expected annualized losses were calculated through a non-linear regression of historical data
- Probabilistic losses were scaled to account for would-be losses where no exposure/instrument was present at the time of the event

**Table 4.10** shows potential annualized property losses for each jurisdiction in Broward County.

**Table 4.10: Potential Annualized Losses by Jurisdiction (Lightning)<sup>20</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	Annualized Expected Property Losses (\$)	Annualized Percent Loss Ratio
Coconut Creek	\$3,061,603,270	Negligible	0.00%
Cooper City	\$1,943,657,150	Negligible	0.00%
Coral Springs	\$8,134,798,700	Negligible	0.00%
Dania Beach	\$1,878,435,580	Negligible	0.00%
Davie	\$6,711,031,880	Negligible	0.00%
Deerfield Beach	\$5,161,599,440	Negligible	0.00%
Fort Lauderdale	\$22,130,694,710	\$11,539	0.00%
Hallandale Beach	\$3,836,691,130	Negligible	0.00%
Hillsboro Beach	\$810,574,300	Negligible	0.00%
Hollywood	\$10,029,588,340	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,739,928,950	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderdale Lakes	\$1,152,461,750	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderhill	\$2,492,601,430	Negligible	0.00%
Lazy Lake	\$4,107,550	Negligible	0.00%
Lighthouse Point	\$1,261,700,120	Negligible	0.00%

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Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	Annualized Expected Property Losses (\$)	Annualized Percent Loss Ratio
Margate	\$2,296,212,030	Negligible	0.00%
Miramar	\$7,475,638,380	Negligible	0.00%
North Lauderdale	\$1,260,435,790	Negligible	0.00%
Oakland Park	\$2,473,754,560	Negligible	0.00%
Parkland	\$2,682,321,260	Negligible	0.00%
Pembroke Park	\$404,154,300	Negligible	0.00%
Pembroke Pines	\$10,247,846,250	\$21,207	0.00%
Plantation	\$6,803,128,100	Negligible	0.00%
Pompano Beach	\$8,981,181,420	Negligible	0.00%
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$110,763,020	Negligible	0.00%
Southwest Ranches	\$890,133,450	Negligible	0.00%
Sunrise	\$5,308,400,300	Negligible	0.00%
Tamarac	\$3,283,696,510	Negligible	0.00%
Unincorporated	\$1,106,396,610	Negligible	0.00%
West Park	\$331,537,990	Negligible	0.00%
Weston	\$6,490,572,820	Negligible	0.00%
Wilton Manors	\$941,493,080	Negligible	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>	<b>\$32,746</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

\* Negligible is less than \$5,000

Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

Indirect lightning strikes can generate electrical surges that can cause damage to electronic equipment some distance from the actual strike. On the other hand, a direct lightning strike causes damage to structures in 3 different ways:

1. There can be damage as a result of a direct lightning strike. Such damage may include damage to roofing materials; structures such as chimneys, heating, or air conditioning units located on the roof or exterior of a building; or fires caused by lightning igniting combustible material, such as wood-frame buildings or flammable liquids or vapors. Part of the lightning current can be carried inside a building by electric power, telephone, analog, or digital data lines (e.g., closed circuit television cameras, sensors in an industrial plant). This direct injection of lightning current inside a building can cause immense damage to electrical – and especially electronic – circuits and equipment.
2. The electromagnetic fields from the current in a lightning strike can induce currents and voltage in wire and cables inside a building. Such surge currents are typically less intense than direct injection of current, but can easily vaporize integrated circuits in computers, modems, electronic control circuits, etc.
3. Lightning can also be conducted along plumbing pipes and other utility piping such as gas lines. Findings from the Orlando Utilities Commission link lightning strikes to pinholes in metal plumbing pipes.

### *Severe Thunderstorm (Hail and Wind)<sup>21</sup>*

#### *Background*

According to the National Severe Storms Laboratory, more than 100,000 thunderstorms occur each year, though only about 10% of these storms are classified as “severe” (wind speeds greater than 58 miles per hour). Although thunderstorms generally affect a small area when they occur, they are very dangerous because of their ability to generate strong winds, tornadoes, hailstorms, flash flooding, and damaging lightning. While thunderstorms can occur in all regions of the United States, they are most common in the central and southern states because atmospheric conditions in those regions are most ideal for generating these powerful storms.

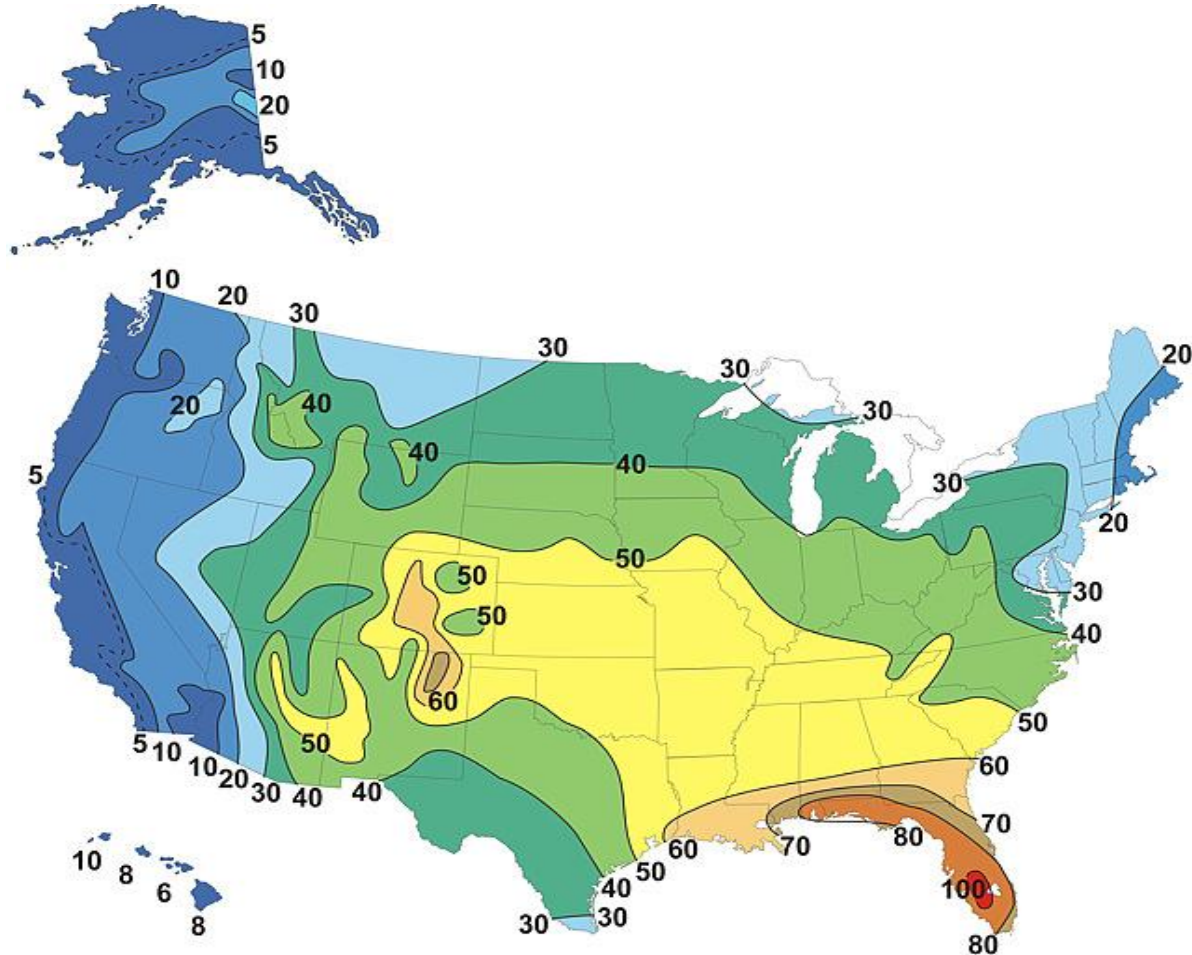
Thunderstorms are caused when air masses of varying temperatures meet. Rapidly rising warm moist air serves as the “engine” for thunderstorms. These storms can occur singularly, in lines or in clusters. They can move through an area very quickly or linger for several hours.

The National Weather Service estimates that as many as 40,000 thunderstorm occurrences each day world-wide. On annual basis, this means an incredible 14.6 million occurrences annually world-wide. **Figure 4.5** illustrates the average annual number of thunderstorm days in the United States. Florida leads the nation with the highest incidence per year (80 to 100 plus annual thunderstorm days).

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**Figure 4.5: Average Annual Number of Thunderstorm Days Throughout the U.S., 2010**



Source: National Weather Service, 2010

*Straight-line Wind*

Straight-line winds, which in extreme cases have the potential to cause wind gusts that exceed 100 miles per hour, are responsible for most thunderstorm wind damage. One type of straight-line wind, the downburst, can cause damage equivalent to a strong tornado and can be extremely dangerous to aviation.

*Hail*

Hailstorms are another potential damaging outgrowth of severe thunderstorms. Early in the developmental stages of a hailstorm, ice crystals form within a low-pressure front due to the rapid rising of warm air into the upper atmosphere and the subsequent cooling of the air mass. Frozen droplets gradually accumulate on the ice crystals until having developed sufficient weight they fall as precipitation—as balls or irregularly shaped masses of ice greater than 0.75 inches in diameter. The size of hailstones is a direct function of the size and severity of the storm. High velocity updraft winds are required to keep hail in suspension in thunderclouds. The strength of the updraft is a function of the intensity of heating at the Earth’s surface. Higher temperature gradients relative to elevation above the surface result in increased suspension time and hailstone size.

*Location and Spatial Extent*

As seen in Figure 4.5, Florida remains one of the most vulnerable states in the U.S. to thunderstorm events. According to the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Plan, it is a rare occasion when thunderstorms are not observed somewhere in the state on a daily basis during the summer rainy season (generally the end of May through the beginning of October). Thunderstorms vary tremendously in terms of size, location, intensity, and duration but are considered extremely frequent occurrences throughout South Florida and Broward County. It is assumed that all of Broward County is uniformly exposed to severe thunderstorms.

*Historical Occurrences*

According to the National Climatic Data Center, there have been 418 recorded severe thunderstorm events (including hail and high wind) in Broward County since the early 1950's. These included:

- **277 high wind events** since 1955 that resulted in 3 fatalities, 12 injuries, and \$2.37 million in property damages. The costliest event occurred on August 1, 1993 when a downburst flipped over an airplane at the Fort Lauderdale Executive airport causing approximately \$500,000 in damages.
- **141 hail events** since 1955 that resulted in no reported fatalities, 1 injury, \$12,000 in property damages, and no reported crop damages (listed by jurisdiction in **Table 4.11**). The locations of historically recorded hail events are shown in **Map 4.7**.

**Table 4.11: Historical Hail Impacts by Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Number of Events (1955-2011)	Maximum Hail Size (Inches)
Coconut Creek	1	0.88 in.
Cooper City	2	0.75 in.
Coral Springs	6	1.00 in.
Dania Beach	0	not applicable
Davie	15	1.00 in.
Deerfield Beach	1	0.75 in.
Fort Lauderdale	12	1.75 in.
Hallandale Beach	0	not applicable
Hillsboro Beach	0	not applicable
Hillsboro Lighthouse	0	not applicable
Hollywood	11	1.25 in.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	0	not applicable
Lauderdale Lakes	6	1.75 in.
Lauderhill	3	0.88 in.
Lazy Lake	0	not applicable
Lighthouse Point	0	not applicable
Margate	2	1.00 in.
Miramar	10	1.75 in.
North Lauderdale	2	1.00 in.

Jurisdiction	Number of Events (1955-2011)	Maximum Hail Size (Inches)
Oakland Park	2	1.00 in.
Parkland	1	0.75 in.
Pembroke Park	0	not applicable
Pembroke Pines	5	1.00 in.
Plantation	5	1.00 in.
Pompano Beach	4	0.88 in.
Sea Ranch Lakes	0	not applicable
Southwest Ranches	0	not applicable
Sunrise	6	1.75 in.
Tamarac	1	1.75 in.
Unincorporated	29	3.00 in.
West Park	0	not applicable
Weston	3	1.0 in.
Wilton Manors	0	not applicable
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>3.00</b>

Source: National Climatic Data Center

#### *Probability of Future Events*

There is a very high probability of future severe thunderstorm events for Broward County.

#### *Vulnerability Assessment*

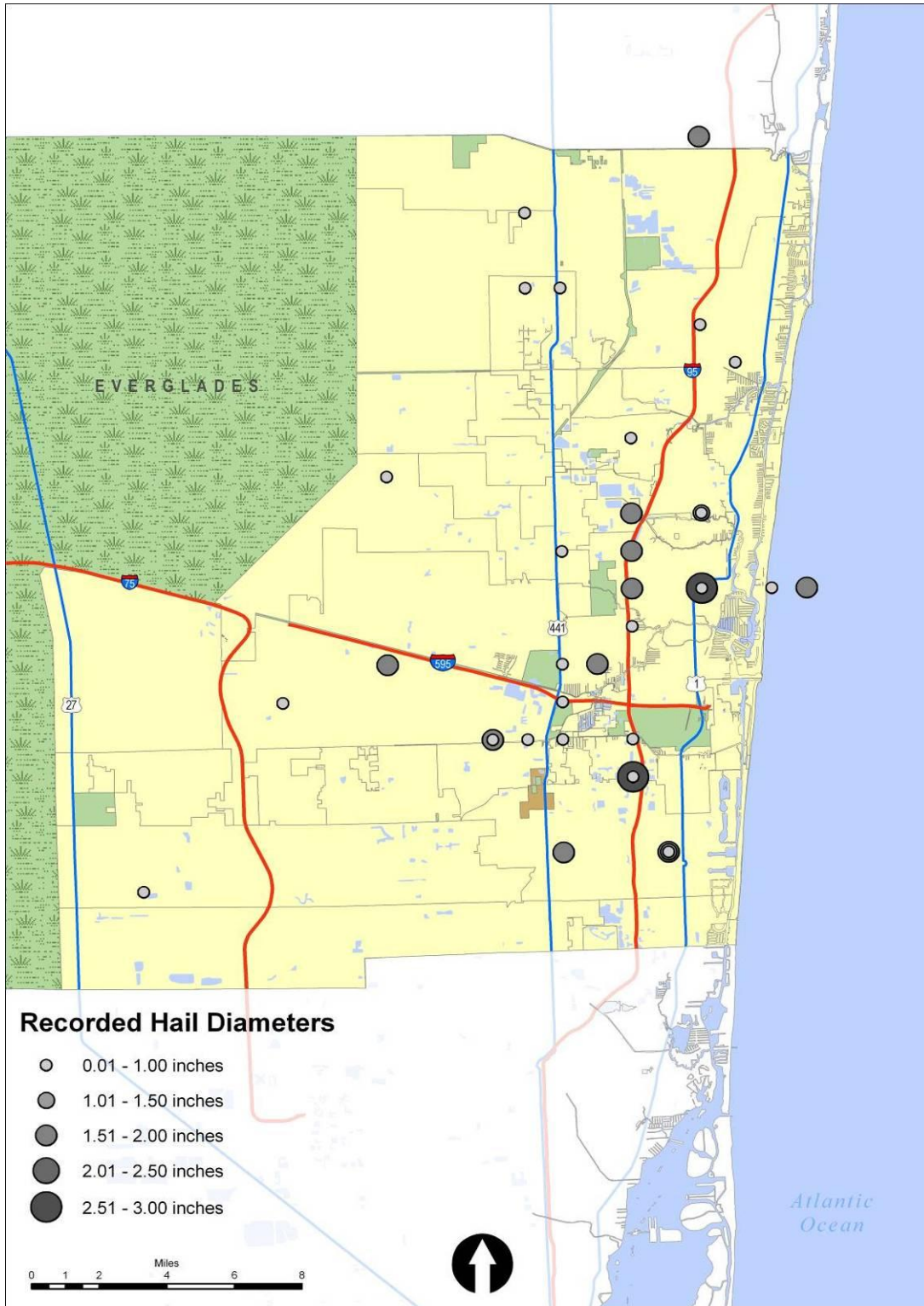
Historical evidence shows that all of Broward County is vulnerable to impacts from severe thunderstorms. Because it cannot be predicted where severe thunderstorms may strike, all buildings and facilities are considered to be uniformly exposed to this hazard and could potentially be impacted. It is important to note that only high wind and hail events attributed to severe thunderstorms that have been reported through NOAA data have been factored into this risk assessment. However, in the past 56 years it is likely that a higher number of thunderstorm occurrences have not been reported.

To estimate potential losses due to hail, NOAA historical hail loss data was used to develop a hail stochastic model. In this model:

- Losses were scaled for inflation
- Average historic hail damageability was used to generate losses for historical hail events where losses were not reported
- Expected annualized losses were calculated through a non-linear regression of historical data
- Probabilistic losses were scaled to account for would-be losses where no exposure/instrument was present at the time of the event

**Table 4.12**, after **Map 4.7**, shows potential annualized losses for hail by jurisdiction.

Map 4.7 – Historic Hail Events



Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

**Table 4.12: Potential Annualized Losses by Jurisdiction (Hail)<sup>22</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	Annualized Expected Property Losses (\$)	Annualized Percent Loss Ratio
Coconut Creek	\$3,061,603,270	Negligible	0.00%
Cooper City	\$1,943,657,150	Negligible	0.00%
Coral Springs	\$8,134,798,700	Negligible	0.00%
Dania Beach	\$1,878,435,580	Negligible	0.00%
Davie	\$6,711,031,880	Negligible	0.00%
Deerfield Beach	\$5,161,599,440	Negligible	0.00%
Fort Lauderdale	\$22,130,694,710	Negligible	0.00%
Hallandale Beach	\$3,836,691,130	Negligible	0.00%
Hillsboro Beach	\$810,574,300	Negligible	0.00%
Hollywood	\$10,029,588,340	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,739,928,950	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderdale Lakes	\$1,152,461,750	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderhill	\$2,492,601,430	Negligible	0.00%
Lazy Lake	\$4,107,550	Negligible	0.00%
Lighthouse Point	\$1,261,700,120	Negligible	0.00%
Margate	\$2,296,212,030	Negligible	0.00%
Miramar	\$7,475,638,380	Negligible	0.00%
North Lauderdale	\$1,260,435,790	Negligible	0.00%
Oakland Park	\$2,473,754,560	Negligible	0.00%
Parkland	\$2,682,321,260	Negligible	0.00%
Pembroke Park	\$404,154,300	Negligible	0.00%
Pembroke Pines	\$10,247,846,250	Negligible	0.00%
Plantation	\$6,803,128,100	Negligible	0.00%
Pompano Beach	\$8,981,181,420	Negligible	0.00%
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$110,763,020	Negligible	0.00%
Southwest Ranches	\$890,133,450	Negligible	0.00%
Sunrise	\$5,308,400,300	Negligible	0.00%
Tamarac	\$3,283,696,510	Negligible	0.00%
Unincorporated	\$1,106,396,610	Negligible	0.00%
West Park	\$331,537,990	Negligible	0.00%
Weston	\$6,490,572,820	Negligible	0.00%
Wilton Manors	\$941,493,080	Negligible	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>	<b>Negligible</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

\* Negligible is less than \$5,000

Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

To estimate potential losses due to severe thunderstorms, NOAA historical hail loss data was used to develop a severe thunderstorm stochastic model. In this model:

- Losses were scaled for inflation

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- Average historic severe thunderstorms damageability was used to generate losses for historical severe thunderstorm events where losses were not reported
- Expected annualized losses were calculated through a non-linear regression of historical data
- Probabilistic losses were scaled to account for would-be losses where no exposure/instrument was present at the time of the event

**Table 4.13** shows potential annualized property losses for thunderstorm wind for each jurisdiction in Broward County.

**Table 4.13: Potential Annualized Losses by Jurisdiction (Thunderstorm Wind)<sup>23</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	Annualized Expected Property Losses (\$)	Annualized Percent Loss Ratio
Coconut Creek	\$3,061,603,270	Negligible	0.00%
Cooper City	\$1,943,657,150	Negligible	0.00%
Coral Springs	\$8,134,798,700	Negligible	0.00%
Dania Beach	\$1,878,435,580	Negligible	0.00%
Davie	\$6,711,031,880	Negligible	0.00%
Deerfield Beach	\$5,161,599,440	Negligible	0.00%
Fort Lauderdale	\$22,130,694,710	\$27,290	0.00%
Hallandale Beach	\$3,355,758,950	Negligible	0.00%
Hillsboro Beach	\$810,574,300	Negligible	0.00%
Hollywood	\$10,029,588,340	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,739,928,950	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderdale Lakes	\$1,152,461,750	Negligible	0.00%
Lauderhill	\$2,492,601,430	Negligible	0.00%
Lazy Lake	\$4,107,550	Negligible	0.00%
Lighthouse Point	\$1,261,700,120	Negligible	0.00%
Margate	\$2,296,212,030	Negligible	0.00%
Miramar	\$7,475,638,380	Negligible	0.00%
North Lauderdale	\$1,260,435,790	Negligible	0.00%
Oakland Park	\$2,473,754,560	Negligible	0.00%
Parkland	\$2,682,321,260	Negligible	0.00%
Pembroke Park	\$404,154,300	Negligible	0.00%
Pembroke Pines	\$10,247,846,250	Negligible	0.00%
Plantation	\$6,803,128,100	Negligible	0.00%
Pompano Beach	\$8,981,181,420	Negligible	0.00%
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$110,763,020	Negligible	0.00%
Southwest Ranches	\$890,133,450	Negligible	0.00%
Sunrise	\$5,308,400,300	Negligible	0.00%
Tamarac	\$3,283,696,510	Negligible	0.00%
Unincorporated	\$1,106,396,610	Negligible	0.00%

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West Park	\$331,537,990	Negligible	0.00%
Weston	\$6,490,572,820	Negligible	0.00%
Wilton Manors	\$941,493,080	Negligible	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>	<b>\$27,290</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

\* Negligible is less than \$5,000

Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

## Tornado<sup>24</sup>

### Background

A tornado is a violent windstorm characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud extending to the ground. Tornadoes are most often generated by thunderstorm activity (but sometimes result from hurricanes and other tropical storms) when cool, dry air intersects and overrides a layer of warm, moist air forcing the warm air to rise rapidly. The damage caused by a tornado is a result of the high wind velocity and wind-blown debris, also accompanied by lightning or large hail. According to the National Weather Service, tornado wind speeds normally range from 40 to more than 300 miles per hour. The most violent tornadoes have rotating winds of 250 miles per hour or more and are capable of causing extreme destruction and turning normally harmless objects into deadly missiles.

Each year, an average of over 800 tornadoes is reported nationwide, resulting in an average of 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries (NOAA, 2007). They are more likely to occur during the months of March through May and can occur at any time of day, but are likely to form in the late afternoon and early evening. Most tornadoes are a few dozen yards wide and touch down briefly, but even small short-lived tornadoes can inflict tremendous damage. Highly destructive tornadoes may carve out a path over a mile wide and several miles long.

The destruction caused by tornadoes ranges from light to inconceivable depending on the intensity, size, and duration of the storm. Typically, tornadoes cause the greatest damage to structures of light construction such as residential homes (particularly mobile homes). The Enhanced Fujita Scale for Tornadoes was developed to measure tornado strength and associated damages (**Table 4.14**).

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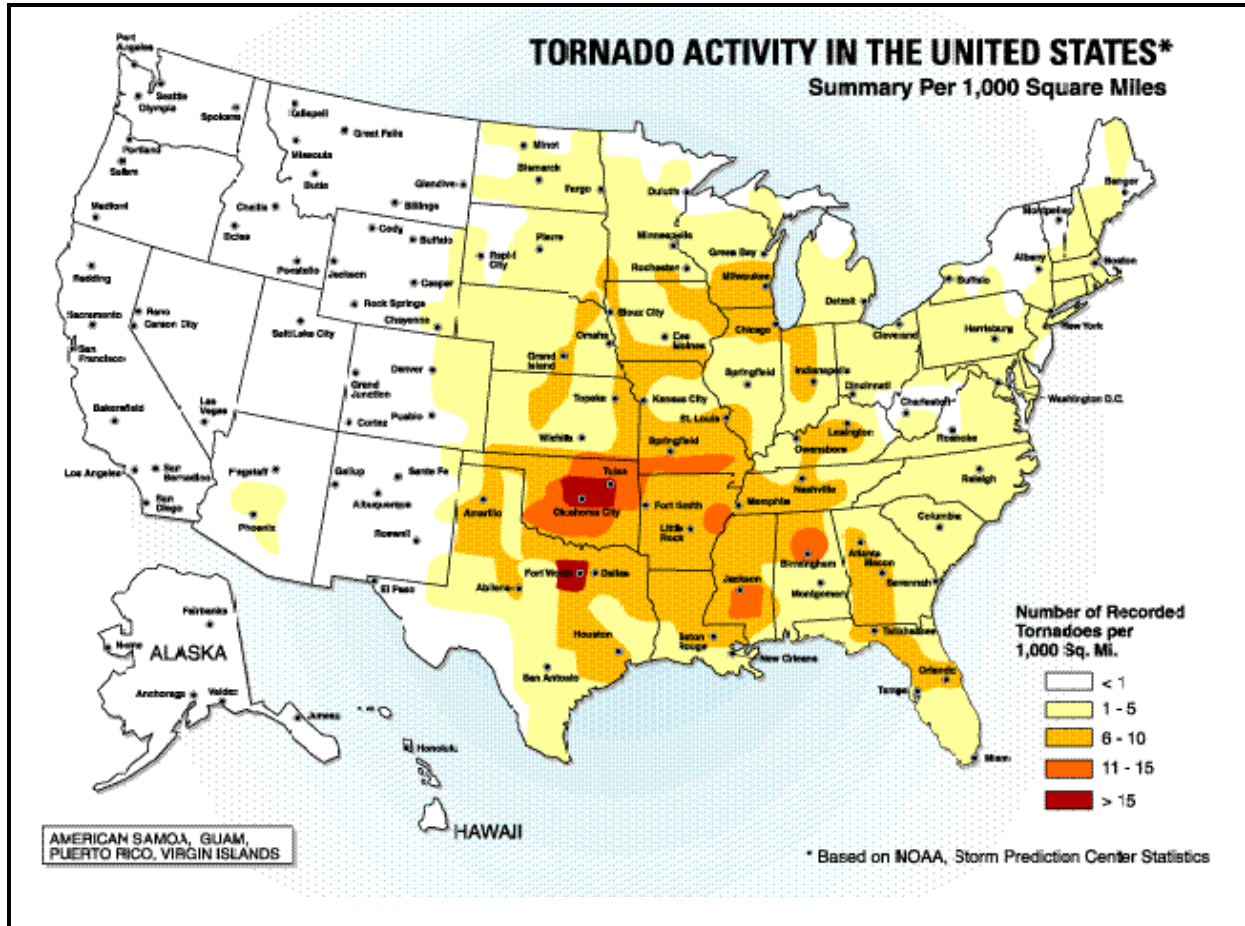
Table 4.14: Enhanced Fujita Scale for Tornadoes

EF-Scale Number	Intensity Phrase	3 Second Gust (MPH)	Type of Damage Done
EF0	GALE	65–85	Some damage to chimneys; breaks branches off trees; pushes over shallow-rooted trees; damages to sign boards.
EF1	MODERATE	86–110	The lower limit is the beginning of hurricane wind speed; peels surface off roofs; mobile homes pushed off foundations or overturned; moving autos pushed off the roads; attached garages may be destroyed.
EF2	SIGNIFICANT	111–135	Considerable damage. Roofs torn off frame houses; mobile homes demolished; boxcars pushed over; large trees snapped or uprooted; light object missiles generated.
EF3	SEVERE	136–165	Roof and some walls torn off well-constructed houses; trains overturned; most trees in forest uprooted.
EF4	DEVASTATING	166–200	Well-constructed houses leveled; structures with weak foundations blown off some distance; cars thrown and large missiles generated.
EF5	INCREDIBLE	Over 200	Strong frame houses lifted off foundations and carried considerable distances to disintegrate; automobile sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 meters; trees debarked; steel re-enforced concrete structures badly damaged.

According to the NOAA Storm Prediction Center (SPC), the highest concentration of tornadoes in the United States has been in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Florida respectively. Although the Great Plains region of the Central United States does favor the development of the largest and most dangerous tornadoes (earning the designation of “tornado alley”), Florida experiences the greatest number of tornadoes per square mile of all U.S. states (SPC, 2002). **Figure 4.6** shows tornado activity in the United States based on the number of recorded tornadoes per 1,000 square miles.

The tornadoes associated with tropical cyclones are most frequent in September and October when the incidence of tropical storm systems is greatest. This type of tornado usually occurs around the perimeter of the storm, and most often to the right and ahead of the storm path or the storm center as it comes ashore. These tornadoes commonly occur as part of large outbreaks and generally move in an easterly direction.

Figure 4.6: Tornado Activity in the United States



Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

### *Waterspouts*

Waterspouts are weak tornadoes that form over warm water and are most common along the Gulf Coast and southeastern states. Waterspouts occasionally move inland, becoming tornadoes that can cause damage and injury. However, most waterspouts dissipate over the open water threatening only marine and boating interests. Typically a waterspout is weak and short-lived, and because they are so common, most go unreported unless they cause damage.

### *Location and Spatial Extent*

Tornadoes occur throughout the State of Florida, and based on historical data more confirmed tornado touchdowns have been confirmed in South Florida than other regions in the state. Florida tornadoes typically impact a relatively small area; however, events are completely random and it is not possible to predict specific areas that are more susceptible to tornado strikes over time. Therefore, it is assumed that all of Broward County is uniformly exposed to this hazard. According to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Florida has 2 distinct tornado seasons: (1) summer (most frequent, less intense events); and (2) late winter/early spring (less frequent, more intense events).

*Historical Occurrences*

Florida averages 75 tornado events per year, though most are smaller, less intense, and shorter in duration than those in other states. According to the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Plan, when compared with other states Florida ranks #4 in the number of tornado events; #19 in tornado deaths; #11 in tornado injuries; and #18 in damages.

According to the National Climatic Data Center, there have been 109 recorded tornado events in Broward County since 1950.<sup>25</sup> These events resulted in 1 death, 92 injuries, and an estimated \$173.7 million in property damages. Most of these events (71) were determined to be of minimal tornado intensity (F0), as shown in **Table 4.15**. The specific location of the reported touchdown occurrence for each of these historical tornado events in Broward County (where known) is shown in **Map 4.8** (some touchdown points do overlap). The strongest and most deadly tornado in Broward County history occurred on March 1, 1980 when an F3 tornado killed 1 person, injured 33, and caused approximately \$25 million in property damages.

**Table 4.15: Overall Historical Tornado Impact in Broward County by Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Number of Events (1950-2008)	Magnitude (Fujita Scale*)						Maximum F Scale
		F0	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	
Coconut Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Cooper City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Coral Springs	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	F0
Dania Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Davie	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	F0
Deerfield Beach	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	F1
Fort Lauderdale	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	F1
Hallandale Beach	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	F1
Hillsboro Beach	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	F0
Hillsboro Lighthouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Hollywood	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	F1
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Lauderdale Lakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Lauderhill	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	F0
Lazy Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Lighthouse Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Margate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Miramar	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	F1

<sup>25</sup> These events do not include reported funnel clouds or waterspouts.

North Lauderdale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Oakland Park	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	F0
Parkland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Pembroke Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Pembroke Pines	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	F1
Plantation	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	F0
Pompano Beach	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	F0
Sea Ranch Lakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Southwest Ranches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Sunrise	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	EF1 and EF2**
Tamarac	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	F1
Unincorporated	71	45	16	7	3	0	0	F3
West Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Weston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
Wilton Manors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not applicable
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>F3</b>

Source: National Climatic Data Center - as of 10/31/11

\* - For historical purposes, the Fujita Scale was used in this table

\*\* - The Sunrise tornado of October 18, 2011 occurred when the Enhanced Fujita scale had been adopted.

To exemplify the potential impact of a major tornado event, the following notable recent events are described and considered as part of Broward County's risk assessment and mitigation planning purposes.

### June 16, 1997

An F1 tornado touched down in Sunrise at the intersection of Commercial Boulevard and Nob Hill, flipping 1 car. The tornado moved southwest to near NW 103 Street/NW 45 Avenue. Several roofs were damaged, numerous windows were broken, small trees were uprooted, and power lines knocked down. Several cars were damaged by flying debris, and 1 injury was reported. Total damages exceeded \$1 million.

### February 2, 1998

In the evening, several F1 tornadoes crossed the Dade/Broward County line and damaged a strip shopping center in Miramar. The multiple tornadoes moved across North Perry airport, where 40 aircraft were destroyed and 40 aircraft were damaged. The tornadoes weakened as they continued north-northeast damaging a shopping center in Davie near Orange Road/Hiatus Road. Total damages exceeded \$30 million.

### October 18, 2011

A strong tornado rated as an EF-2 with maximum estimated winds of 125 mph moved across western portions of Plantation and Sunrise on the evening of October 18th. A total of 136 structures suffered damage, with about 20-25 of these sustaining significant to severe damage. A few mobile homes in the Plantation section of the tornado were destroyed with roof and wall collapse. The tornado intensified as it moved into Sunrise, damaging homes in the New Orleans Homes subdivision. Two concrete block homes sustained significant to total roof loss, and several other homes had significant roof, garage and window damage. Cars were damaged by winds and debris as well as uprooted and sheared trees. Most of the damage was in the EF-1 range, except for a

two-block area of EF-2 damage in Sunrise at the New Orleans Homes subdivision where the highest winds were noted. Despite the magnitude and extent of the damage, no major injuries were reported with only a few scrapes and cuts. Federal assistance was approved for residents in the affected area due to the severity and magnitude of the damage.

*Probability of Future Events*

The probability of future tornado occurrences affecting Broward County is high. According to historical records, Broward County experiences an average of nearly 2 confirmed tornado touchdowns per year. While the majority of these events are small in terms of size, intensity, and duration, they do pose a significant threat should Broward County experience a direct tornado strike.

*Vulnerability Analysis*

To estimate potential losses due to tornadoes, NOAA historical tornado loss data was used to develop a tornado stochastic model. In this model:

- Losses were scaled for inflation
- Average historic tornado damageability was used to generate losses for historical tornadic events where losses were not reported
- Expected annualized losses were calculated through a non-linear regression of historical data
- Probabilistic losses were scaled to account for would-be losses where no exposure/instrument was present at the time of the event

**Table 4.16** shows potential annualized property losses for each jurisdiction in Broward County.

**Table 4.16: Potential Annualized Losses by Jurisdiction (Tornado)<sup>26</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	Annualized Expected Property Losses (\$)	Annualized Percent Loss Ratio
Coconut Creek	\$3,061,603,270	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Cooper City	\$1,943,657,150	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Coral Springs	\$8,134,798,700	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Dania Beach	\$1,878,435,580	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Davie	\$6,711,031,880	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Deerfield Beach	\$5,161,599,440	\$8,756	0.00%
Fort Lauderdale	\$22,130,694,710	\$40,834	0.00%
Hallandale Beach	\$3,836,691,130	\$21,247	0.00%
Hillsboro Beach	\$810,574,300	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Hollywood	\$10,029,588,340	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,739,928,950	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%

<sup>26</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.2

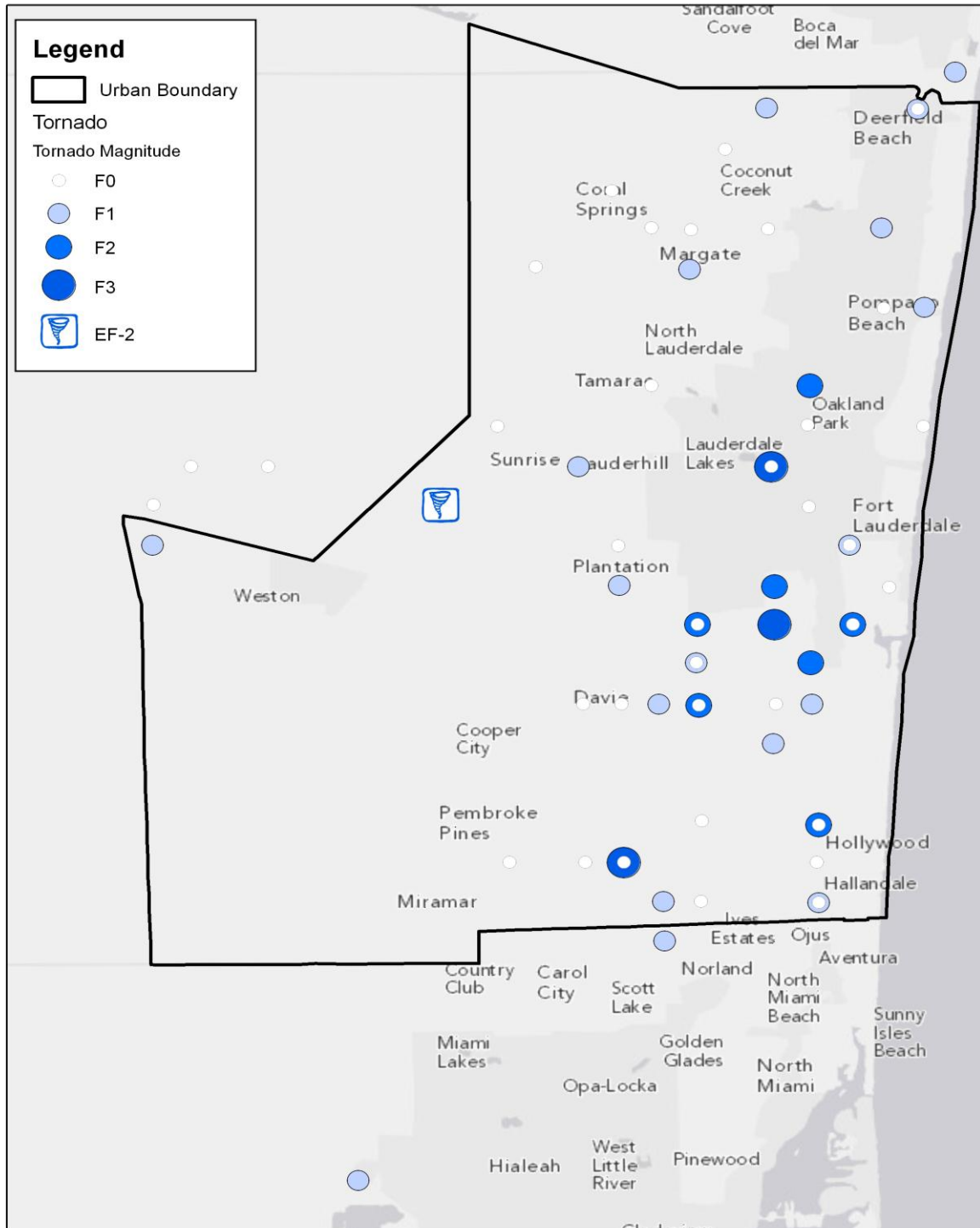
Lauderdale Lakes	\$1,152,461,750	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Lauderhill	\$2,492,601,430	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Lazy Lake	\$4,107,550	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Lighthouse Point	\$1,261,700,120	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Margate	\$2,296,212,030	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Miramar	\$7,475,638,380	\$1,046,334	0.01%
North Lauderdale	\$1,260,435,790	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Oakland Park	\$2,473,754,560	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Parkland	\$2,682,321,260	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Pembroke Park	\$404,154,300	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Pembroke Pines	\$10,247,846,250	\$7,872	0.00%
Plantation	\$6,803,128,100	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Pompano Beach	\$8,981,181,420	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$110,763,020	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Southwest Ranches	\$890,133,450	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Sunrise	\$5,308,400,300	\$22,890	0.00%
Tamarac	\$3,283,696,510	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Unincorporated	\$1,106,396,610	\$553,674	0.05%
West Park	\$331,537,990	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Weston	\$6,490,572,820	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
Wilton Manors	\$941,493,080	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>	<b>\$1,701,607</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

\* *Negligible is less than \$5,000*

Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

**Map 4.8** provides the locations of historical tornado occurrences in Broward County. For historical purposes, the Fujita scale was used in this map except for the recent Sunrise tornado (October 18, 2011) when the Enhanced Fujita scale was used.

Map 4.8 – Historic Tornado Occurrences through October 2011



Source: 2009 Broward County LMS and <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/media/mfl/SunrisePlantationTornado.pdf>



## Tropical Cyclones

### Background

Hurricanes and tropical storms are classified as cyclones and defined as any closed circulation developing around a low-pressure center in which the winds rotate counter-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere (or clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere) and whose diameter averages 10 to 30 miles across. A tropical cyclone refers to any such circulation that develops over tropical waters. Tropical cyclones act as a “safety-valve,” limiting the continued build-up of heat and energy in tropical regions by maintaining the atmospheric heat and moisture balance between the tropics and the pole-ward latitudes. The primary damaging forces associated with these storms are high-level sustained winds, heavy precipitation, and tornadoes. Coastal areas are also vulnerable to the additional forces of storm surge, wind-driven waves, and tidal flooding which can be more destructive than cyclone wind.

The key energy source for a tropical cyclone is the release of latent heat from the condensation of warm water. Their formation requires a low-pressure disturbance, warm sea surface temperature, rotational force from the spinning of the earth, and the absence of wind shear in the lowest 50,000 feet of the atmosphere. The majority of hurricanes and tropical storms form in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico during the official Atlantic hurricane season, which encompasses the months of June through November. The peak of the Atlantic hurricane season is in early to mid-September and the average number of storms that reach hurricane intensity per year in this basin is about 6.






As an incipient hurricane develops, barometric pressure (measured in millibars or inches) at its center falls and winds increase. If the atmospheric and oceanic conditions are favorable, it can intensify into a tropical depression. When maximum sustained winds reach or exceed 39 miles per hour, the system is designated a tropical storm, given a name, and is closely monitored by the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida. When sustained winds reach or exceed 74 miles per hour the storm is deemed a hurricane. Hurricane intensity is further classified by the Saffir-Simpson Scale (**Table 4.17**), which rates hurricane intensity on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most intense. Storm surge is no longer included in the scale due to fluctuations in wind speed in the span of a hurricane that may not alter the storm surge level. This scale was current in 2011 and is expected to change in 2012 after this plan is prepared.

**Table 4.17: Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale**

Category	Maximum Sustained Wind Speed (MPH)	Minimum Surface Pressure (Millibars)
1	74 - 95	Greater than 980
2	96 - 110	979-965
3	111 - 130	964-945
4	131 - 155	944-920
5	155 plus	Less than 920

The Saffir-Simpson Scale categorizes hurricane intensity linearly based upon maximum sustained winds, barometric pressure and, which are combined to estimate potential damage. Categories 3, 4, and 5 are classified as “major” hurricanes, and while hurricanes within this range comprise only 20% of total tropical cyclone landfalls, they account for over 70% of the damage in the United States. **Table 4.18** describes the damage that could be expected for each category of hurricane. Damage during hurricanes may also result from spawned tornadoes, storm surge, and inland flooding associated with heavy rainfall that usually accompanies these storms.

**Table 4.18: Hurricane Damage Classifications**

Storm Category	Damage Level	Description of Damages	Photo Example
1	MINIMAL	No real damage to building structures. Damage primarily to unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery, and trees. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.	
2	MODERATE	Some roofing material, door, and window damage. Considerable damage to vegetation, mobile homes, etc. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings.	
3	EXTENSIVE	Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings, with a minor amount of curtain wall failures. Mobile homes are destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures, with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland.	
4	EXTREME	More extensive curtain wall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland.	
5	CATASTROPHIC	Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.	

Sources: National Hurricane Center; Federal Emergency Management Agency

*Location and Spatial Extent*

Florida remains one of the most vulnerable states in the U.S. to hurricanes and tropical storms. According to the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Plan, there were 60 land falling hurricanes between 1900 and 2002 with significantly more frequent tropical storms. Between

1992 and 2001, the State of Florida received 14 presidential declarations for hurricanes and tropical storms totaling over \$1.8 billion in federal funds. Hurricane activity increased from 2004-2005 with 4 presidential declarations in 2004 and another 3 presidential declarations for hurricanes in 2005. There has only been 1 hurricane/tropical storm presidential declaration in Broward County from 2006 to 2011.

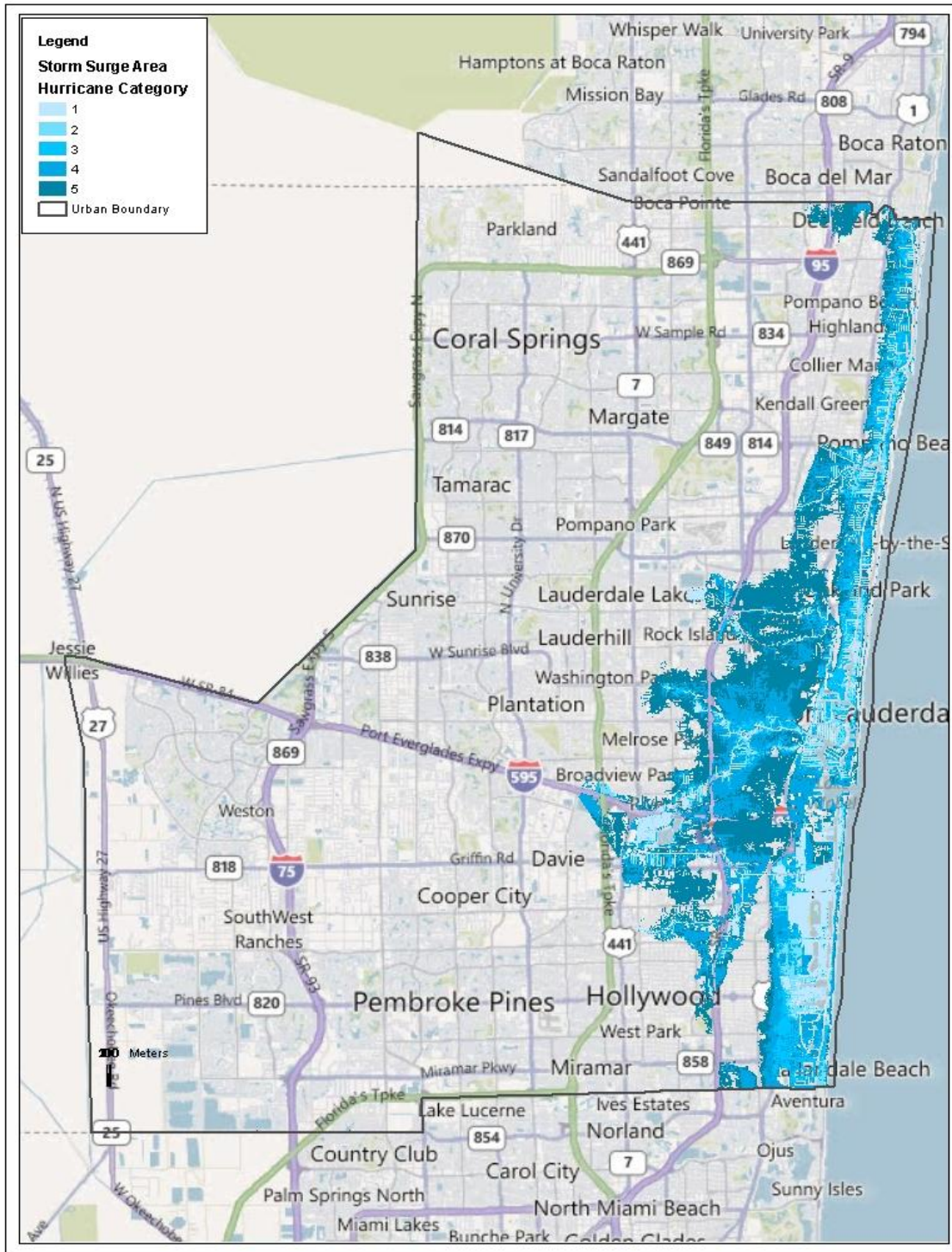
By virtue of its geographic location in South Florida, all areas of Broward County are highly susceptible to hurricanes and tropical storm-force winds. Further, the immediate coastal zone and areas along the canals of Broward County are extremely susceptible to potential storm surge inundation resulting from hurricanes and tropical storms.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) manages water levels in the canals in order to reduce salt water intrusion into the fresh ground water that is tapped for public water supply. SFWMD monitors water levels in the canals carefully and operates a series of water control structures in each canal that have gates which shut when the tailwater near the structure is too high to allow positive drainage from the west to the east. Examples of the water control structures are the S33 on Canal C-12 (the North Fork of the New River) and S36 on Canal C-13. These structures are generally west of I-95 about halfway between the I-95 and the Florida Turnpike (one exception is the G54 on the G-15 Canal (the North New River Canal) which is just west of the Florida Turnpike).

High tailwater generally occurs during high tide conditions and the effect is to block saltwater from travelling farther to the west of the water control structures. As these structures would be closed during high tide, they are also closed during storm surge events which generally mean that the gates would also block the storm surge from travelling west of the water control structures. It is conceivable that an extreme event may damage the gates to be inoperable and thus not block the storm surge but this is not within the reasonable range of potential events. Thus the storm surges do not show any inundation west of the water control structures. It is expected that increases in sea level combined with high tides may future overtopping of some of the water control structures

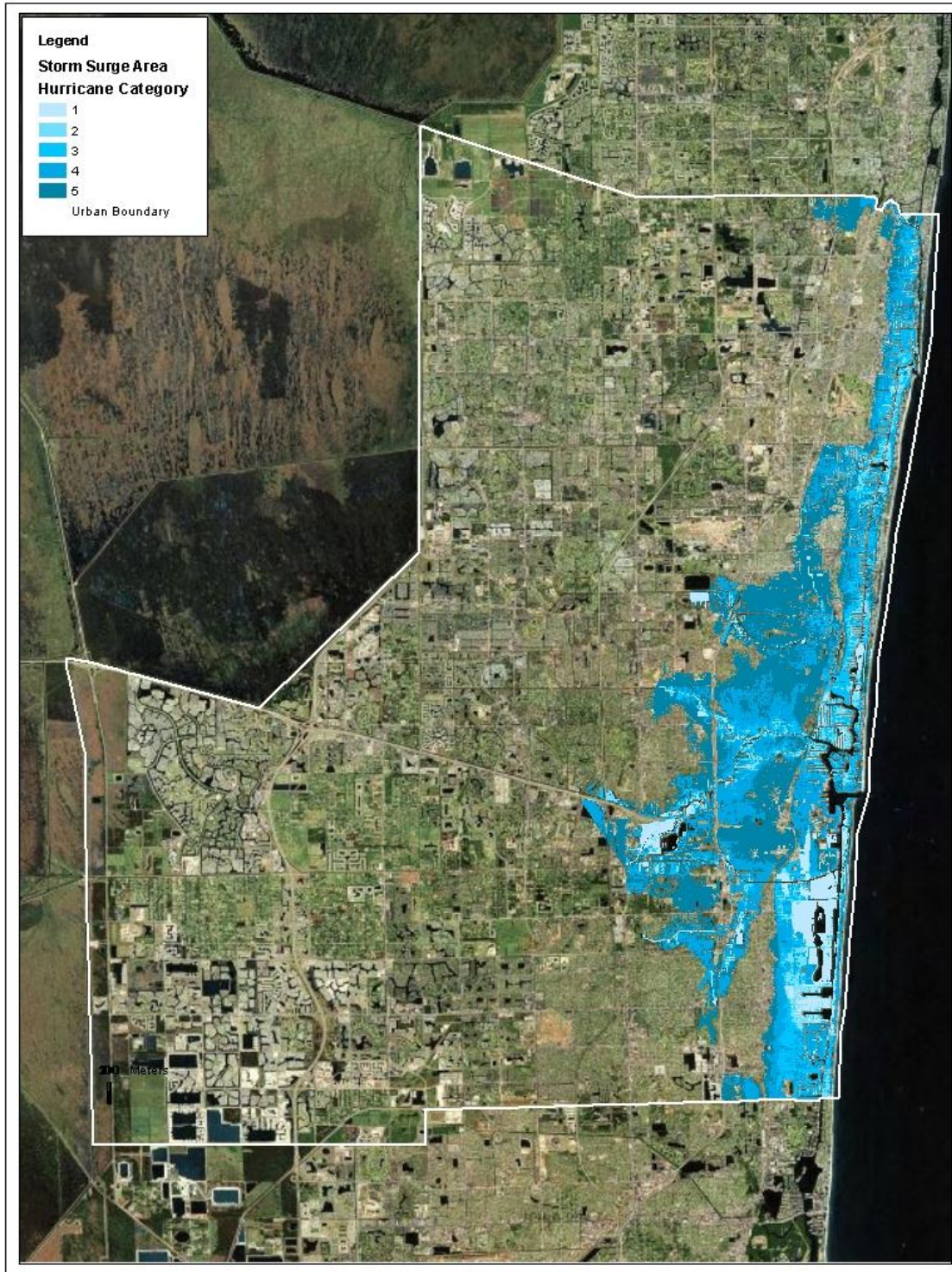
**Maps 4.9 and 4.10** illustrate storm surge inundation zones for Broward County derived from Florida Division of Emergency Management's effort to update Regional Evacuation Studies). As part of the statewide study, the DEM managed a separate contract for the production of updated LIDAR elevation data, which was completed for about 28,000 square miles across the State of Florida. New Sea, Lake, and Overland Surge from Hurricanes (SLOSH) modeling was then completed for 2 SLOSH basins involved in the update for South Florida: Biscayne Bay for Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, and Florida Bay for Monroe County. SLOSH is a modeling tool used to estimate storm surge for coastal areas resulting from historical, hypothetical, or predicted hurricanes taking into account maximum expected levels for pressure, size, forward speed, track, and winds. Therefore, the SLOSH data is best used for defining the potential maximum surge for any particular location.

Map 4.9 – 2011 Storm Surge Inundation Zones



Source – Florida Division of Emergency Management (Storm Surge Zones from Regional Evacuation Studies)

Map 4.10 – Aerial of Storm Surge Inundation (2011)



Source – Florida Division of Emergency Management (Storm Surge Zones from Regional Evacuation Studies)

*Historical Occurrences*

According to NOAA historical storm track records, 102 hurricane or tropical storm tracks have passed within 75 miles of Broward County since 1850.<sup>27</sup> This includes: three Category 5 hurricanes, 8 Category 4 hurricanes, 13 Category 3 hurricanes, 15 Category 2 hurricanes, 18 Category 1 hurricanes, and 45 tropical storms. Of the 102 recorded storm events, 22 had tracks that traversed directly through Broward County. **Table 4.19** provides for each event the date of occurrence, name (if applicable), maximum wind speed (as recorded within 75 miles of Broward County), and Category of the storm based on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. **Map 4.11** shows the track of each recorded storm in relation to Broward County and South Florida.

**Table 4.19: Historical Storm Tracks within 75 Miles of Broward County (1850–Sept 2011)**

Date of Occurrence	Storm Name	Maximum Wind Speed (MPH)	Storm Category
10/17/1859	Unnamed	70	Tropical Storm
11/1/1861	Unnamed	70	Tropical Storm
9/17/1863	Unnamed	70	Tropical Storm
10/23/1865	Unnamed	105	Category 2 Hurricane *
10/11/1870	Unnamed	105	Category 2 Hurricane
10/20/1870	Unnamed	90	Category 1 Hurricane
8/17/1871	Unnamed	115	Category 3 Hurricane
8/25/1871	Unnamed	105	Category 2 Hurricane
10/7/1873	Unnamed	115	Category 3 Hurricane
9/16/1876	Unnamed	70	Tropical Storm
10/20/1876	Unnamed	105	Category 2 Hurricane
7/3/1878	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm
9/8/1878	Unnamed	70	Tropical Storm
10/22/1878	Unnamed	80	Category 1 Hurricane
8/17/1881	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm
8/24/1885	Unnamed	80	Category 1 Hurricane
8/24/1886	Unnamed	80	Category 1 Hurricane
8/16/1888	Unnamed	125	Category 3 Hurricane *
9/8/1888	Unnamed	50	Tropical Storm
9/24/1888	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm
10/6/1889	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm *
8/24/1891	Unnamed	85	Category 1 Hurricane
10/7/1891	Unnamed	50	Tropical Storm*
6/10/1892	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm *
9/25/1894	Unnamed	105	Category 2 Hurricane
10/2/1895	Unnamed	60	Tropical Storm
10/16/1895	Unnamed	40	Tropical Storm*
10/9/1896	Unnamed	60	Tropical Storm
8/2/1898	Unnamed	40	Tropical Storm
9/27/1898	Unnamed	40	Tropical Storm
10/11/1898	Unnamed	70	Tropical Storm

<sup>27</sup> These storm track statistics do not include tropical depressions or extratropical storms. Though these related hazard events are less severe in intensity, they may indeed cause significant local impact in terms of rainfall and high winds.

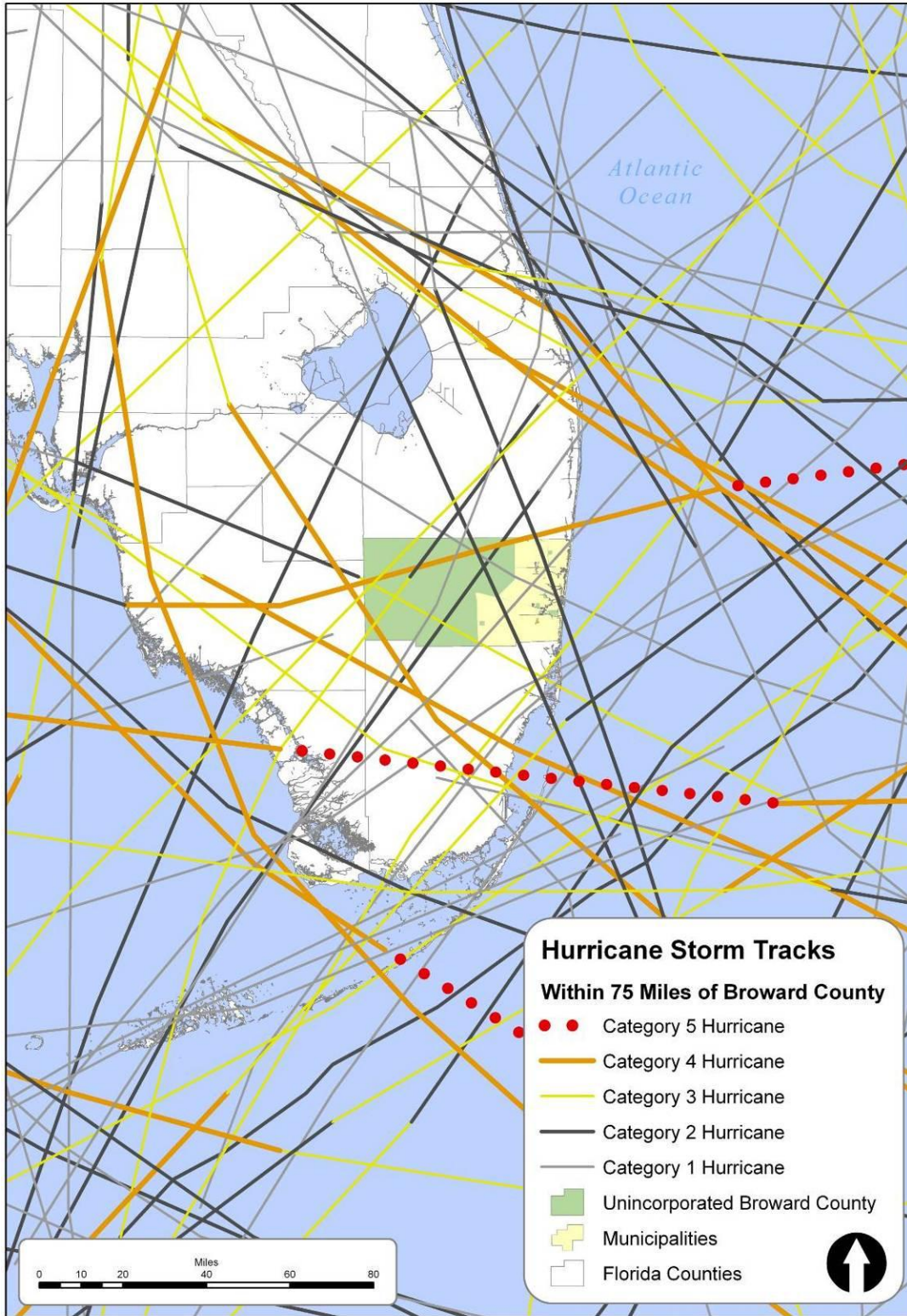
7/30/1899	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm
8/10/1901	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm*
9/11/1903	Unnamed	85	Category 1 Hurricane*
10/17/1904	Unnamed	80	Category 1 Hurricane
6/17/1906	Unnamed	85	Category 1 Hurricane
10/18/1906	Unnamed	120	Category 3 Hurricane
6/28/1909	Unnamed	50	Tropical Storm*
8/29/1909	Unnamed	50	Tropical Storm
10/11/1909	Unnamed	115	Category 3 Hurricane
10/18/1910	Unnamed	120	Category 3 Hurricane
11/15/1916	Unnamed	80	Category 1 Hurricane
10/20/1924	Unnamed	105	Category 2 Hurricane*
7/27/1926	Unnamed	110	Category 2 Hurricane
9/16/1926	Unnamed	40	Tropical Storm
9/18/1926	Unnamed	140	Category 4 Hurricane
10/21/1926	Unnamed	110	Category 2 Hurricane
8/8/1928	Unnamed	100	Category 2 Hurricane
8/13/1928	Unnamed	60	Tropical Storm
9/16/1928	Unnamed	150	Category 4 Hurricane
9/28/1929	Unnamed	110	Category 2 Hurricane
8/30/1932	Unnamed	65	Tropical Storm
7/30/1933	Unnamed	85	Category 1 Hurricane
9/4/1933	Unnamed	130	Category 4 Hurricane
10/5/1933	Unnamed	130	Category 4 Hurricane
5/27/1934	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm
9/3/1935	Unnamed	160	Category 5 Hurricane
9/29/1935	Unnamed	115	Category 3 Hurricane
11/4/1935	Unnamed	75	Category 1 Hurricane
6/15/1936	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm
7/29/1936	Unnamed	65	Tropical Storm
8/11/1939	Unnamed	80	Category 1 Hurricane
10/6/1941	Unnamed	120	Category 3 Hurricane
9/15/1945	Unnamed	140	Category 4 Hurricane*
11/1/1946	Unnamed	45	Tropical Storm
9/17/1947	Unnamed	160	Category 5 Hurricane*
10/12/1947	Unnamed	85	Category 1 Hurricane*
9/22/1948	Unnamed	120	Category 3 Hurricane*
10/5/1948	Unnamed	125	Category 3 Hurricane
8/27/1949	Unnamed	150	Category 4 Hurricane
10/18/1950	King	110	Category 2 Hurricane*
10/2/1951	How	70	Tropical Storm
2/3/1952	Unnamed	50	Tropical Storm*
8/29/1953	Unnamed	50	Tropical Storm*
10/5/1953	Unnamed	40	Tropical Storm
10/9/1953	Hazel	70	Tropical Storm
10/18/1959	Judith	50	Tropical Storm
9/10/1960	Donna	140	Category 4 Hurricane
8/27/1964	Cleo	105	Category 2 Hurricane*
10/14/1964	Isbell	125	Category 3 Hurricane*
9/8/1965	Betsy	125	Category 3 Hurricane
10/4/1966	Inez	85	Category 1 Hurricane
10/2/1969	Jenny	45	Tropical Storm

8/19/1976	Dottie	40	Tropical Storm*
9/3/1979	David	100	Category 2 Hurricane
8/18/1981	Dennis	40	Tropical Storm
9/27/1984	Isidore	60	Tropical Storm
7/24/1985	Bob	45	Tropical Storm
10/12/1987	Floyd	75	Category 1 Hurricane
10/16/1991	Fabian	45	Tropical Storm
8/24/1992	Andrew	160	Category 5 Hurricane
11/16/1994	Gordon	50	Tropical Storm
8/2/1995	Erin	85	Category 1 Hurricane
8/24/1995	Jerry	40	Tropical Storm
11/5/1998	Mitch	65	Tropical Storm
9/21/1999	Harvey	60	Tropical Storm*
10/15/1999	Irene	75	Category 1 Hurricane*
8/13/2004	Charley	145	Category 4 Hurricane
9/5/2004	Frances	110	Category 2 Hurricane
9/26/2004	Jeanne	120	Category 3 Hurricane
8/25/2005	Katrina	80	Category 1 Hurricane
10/24/2005	Wilma	105	Category 2 Hurricane

\* Storm track traversed through Broward County.  
Source: National Hurricane Center



Map 4.11 – Historical Storm Tracks



Source: 2009 Broward County LMS

Some of the more notable historical tropical cyclone events for Broward County are described below:

**October 18, 1906 Hurricane**

A hurricane moved across the Florida Keys and passed over Miami on October 18 as a Category 3 storm resulting in the loss of 134 lives.

**September 18, 1926 Hurricane**

The eye of the hurricane moved directly over Miami on the morning of September 18, leaving approximately 100 dead. The storm continued northwestward across South Florida and entered the Gulf of Mexico at Fort Myers. Northeast winds from the storm raised Lake Okeechobee water levels above the low dike on the south end of the lake near Moore Haven. Approximately 3 miles of dike failed, sending 10 to 12 foot floodwaters into Moore Haven and at least 5-foot deep floodwaters into Clewiston, 16 miles to the southeast.

**September 16, 1928 Hurricane [Okeechobee Hurricane]**

A Category 4 hurricane made landfall near Palm Beach on September 16 with a central pressure of 929 millibars. The center passed near Lake Okeechobee, causing the lake to overflow its banks and inundate the surrounding area to a depth of 6 to 9 feet. An estimated 1,836 people died in Florida, primarily due to the lake surge. Damage to property was estimated at \$25 million in Florida.

**September 3, 1935 [Labor Day Hurricane]**

This hurricane is considered to be one of the most severe hurricanes ever recorded in Florida. With winds in excess of 200 miles per hour, the storm passed over the Florida Keys on September 2 with a minimum barometric pressure of 26.35 inches. Three relief-work camps, inhabited by veterans of World War I, were destroyed. The American Red Cross estimates that 408 lives were lost.

**September 3, 1979 Hurricane David**

Hurricane David, a category 2 storm, made landfall north of Palm Beach and caused an estimated \$476 million in damages.

**August 24, 1992 Hurricane Andrew**

Hurricane Andrew made a memorable landfall in South Miami-Dade County, causing estimated damages in excess of \$26 billion in damages. Andrew produced approximately 7 inches of rain, sustained winds of 165 miles per hour, a maximum storm tide of 16 feet, and a total of 96 deaths (including Louisiana). In all, Andrew destroyed 25,000 homes and significantly damaged more than 100,000 others in South Florida. Two weeks after the hurricane, the U.S. military deployed nearly 22,000 troops to aid in the recovery efforts, the largest military rescue operation in U.S. history. When Hurricane Andrew hit southeast Miami-Dade County, flying debris in the storm's winds knocked out most ground-based wind measuring instruments, and widespread power outages caused electric-based measuring equipment to fail. The winds were so strong many wind-measuring tools were incapable of registering the maximum winds. Surviving wind observations and measurements from aircraft reconnaissance, surface pressure, satellite analysis, radar, and distribution of debris and structural failures were used to estimate the surface winds. Although originally classified as a Category 4 storm,

extensive post-impact research led to the reclassification of Andrew as a Category 5 hurricane in 2002.

### **Augusts 2, 1995 Hurricane Erin**

Erin, a tropical storm in the central Bahamas, strengthened to minimal hurricane intensity, before moving ashore near Vero Beach. Erin moved across central Florida as a tropical storm then moved into the northeast Gulf of Mexico where it reintensified to hurricane strength before moving ashore a final time near Pensacola. In southeast Florida maximum winds gusts were 37 knots at Miami Beach with the lowest pressure of 1000.9 millibars at West Palm Beach International Airport. An unscientific study estimated that lost productivity in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, caused by the approach of Erin, amounted to \$200 million.

### **November 5, 1998 Tropical Storm Mitch**

Tropical Storm Mitch, once a powerful Category 5 storm, crossed South Florida at Monroe and Palm Beach counties at tropical storm strength. The storm caused gusty winds, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and beach erosion. Property damage was estimated at \$30 million.

### **September 13–22, 1999 Hurricane Floyd**

Hurricane Floyd was an enormous Category 4 storm that skirted the southeast Florida coast with minimal effects, mostly to marine interests. Most areas reported maximum sustained winds of 25 to 30 miles per hour, which caused very minor damage, mainly to trees and some utility lines. Rainfall amounts were unusually light with less than 1/2 inch reported at all official stations in South Florida. The storm surge ranged from 3.3 feet above normal in Palm Beach County to 1.5 feet above normal in Miami-Dade County, causing mostly minor beach erosion. Other marine damage occurred to sea walls and small boats. Floyd's unpredictable path led to the largest peacetime evacuation in U.S. history as over a million people sought refuge. Floyd did not make landfall in Florida, but created flooding, beach erosion, and resulted in nearly \$68 million in property damages.

### **October 15, 1999 Hurricane Irene**

Hurricane Irene was a Category 1 storm as it made landfall in Monroe and Miami-Dade counties, moving southwest to northeast. It moved northeast across central Miami-Dade and Broward counties before exiting into the Atlantic on October 16 near Jupiter in northeast Palm Beach County. The storm caused major flooding due to 9-18 inches of rainfall, beach erosion, and minor wind damages. Heavy rains and sustained winds of tropical storm force caused widespread flooding and power outages in the metropolitan areas of Broward County. 4 tornadoes touched down in Broward and Palm Beach counties, injuring 3 persons. Damage in southeast Florida, mainly from flooding is estimated near \$600 million which includes \$335 million in agricultural losses. An estimated 700,000 customers lost electricity. Flooding in a few residential areas lasted for a week displacing several hundred persons and isolating thousands more. Other long-term ecological repercussions may be experienced from the flooding rains such as the effects of high water on Everglade's hammocks, and the effects of excessive fresh-water runoff on estuaries.

### **September 5, 2004 Hurricane Frances**

Hurricane Frances made landfall at Seawalls Point in Martin County as a Category 2 hurricane. Frances moved farther inland just north of Lake Okeechobee and weakened

to a tropical storm before crossing the entire Florida Peninsula and exiting into the Gulf of Mexico just north of Tampa. The highest measured sustained wind at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport was 41 miles per hour with a peak gust of 55 miles per hour. The estimated storm surge ranged from 1-2 feet along the northeast Broward Coast. 2 vehicle-related deaths were reported in Broward County. Florida Power and Light (FPL) reported power outages occurred to 423,000 customers in Broward. An estimated 7,000 persons sought refuge in public shelters in Broward County. Wind damage to house roofs, mobile homes, trees, power lines, signs, screened enclosures, and outbuildings occurred over much of southeast Florida, but was greatest in Palm Beach County. Preliminary property damage in South Florida is estimated at \$620 million, including \$80 million in Broward County.

**September 26, 2004 Hurricane Jeanne**

Hurricane Jeanne made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane near the south end of Hutchinson Island, nearly coincident with the landfall point of Hurricane Frances only 3 week before. After landfall Jeanne initially moved along a track similar to Frances, just north of Lake Okeechobee as it weakened to a tropical storm then it turned to the northwest and moved over the northwest Florida. Although slightly smaller and stronger than Hurricane Frances, winds and pressures over southeast Florida were remarkably similar to Frances. The estimated storm surge ranged from 1-2 feet along the northeast Broward Coast. Property damage from storm surge and winds at the coast occurred to condos, marinas, piers, seawalls, bridges, and docks, as well as to boats and a few coastal roadways. Preliminary property damage in southeast Florida is estimated at \$330 million, including \$50 million in Broward. Florida Power and Light reported outages occurred to 165,900 customers in Broward County.

**August 25, 2005 Hurricane Katrina**

Hurricane Katrina made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane along the southeast Florida coast. The center of the 25-mile-wide eye of Katrina made landfall near the Broward/Miami-Dade County border then moved toward the southwest across central and southwest Miami-Dade County, passing directly over the National Weather Service (NWS) Office in Sweetwater. Katrina weakened to a tropical storm before exiting the Florida peninsula into the Gulf of Mexico then quickly regained hurricane strength (and would later strike the Mississippi and Louisiana coast). Maximum sustained winds measured at the NWS Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) sites included 60 miles per hour at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The maximum ASOS-measured peak wind gusts included 82 miles per hour at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and other unofficial peak wind gust measurements included 92 miles per hour at Port Everglades. Mostly minor beach erosion and isolated incidence of coastal flooding were observed. Total damage in South Florida was estimated at around \$100 million. Wind damage was mainly to vegetation, signs, and watercraft. Winds and flooding combined caused an estimated \$423 million in losses to agriculture and nurseries.



Hurricane Wilma caused extensive damage throughout Broward County.

**October 24, 2005 Hurricane Wilma**

Hurricane Wilma made landfall as a Category 3 storm on the southwest Florida coast between

Everglades City and Cape Romano in Collier County. Wilma exhibited a very large 55 to 65 mile-wide eye while crossing the state, and the eye covered large portions of South Florida, including most of Broward County with maximum sustained winds of 125 miles per hour and an estimated minimum central pressure of 950 millibars. The highest recorded gusts were in the 100-120 miles per hour range.

An interesting and revealing aspect of Wilma was the wind field in the eye wall. The winds on the back (south/west) side of the eye wall were as strong, if not stronger, than those on the front (north/east) side. This goes against the common, but sometimes erroneous, belief that the strongest winds in a hurricane are always in the right-front quadrant of the storm. This occurred over much of South Florida, and likely contributed to the heavier damage across Broward and Palm Beach counties compared to slightly lesser damage across much of Miami-Dade and Collier counties.

Wilma moved rapidly northeast across the state, with an average forward speed of 25 miles per hour, exiting the east coast over northeastern Palm Beach County near Palm Beach Gardens on the morning of October 24th as a Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of around 105 miles per hour. Damage was widespread, with large trees and power lines down virtually everywhere. Structural damage was heaviest in Broward and Palm Beach counties where roof damage and downed or split power poles were noted. The hurricane particularly affected older structures in downtown Ft. Lauderdale like the Broward County Courthouse, School Board Building, and other tall office buildings constructed before the post-Hurricane Andrew-era of more stringent wind protection standards. The glass façades of several downtown buildings, including the Templeton Building, were sheared off. Hurricane Wilma caused \$20.6 billion worth of damage in Florida<sup>28</sup>.

*Probability of Future Events*

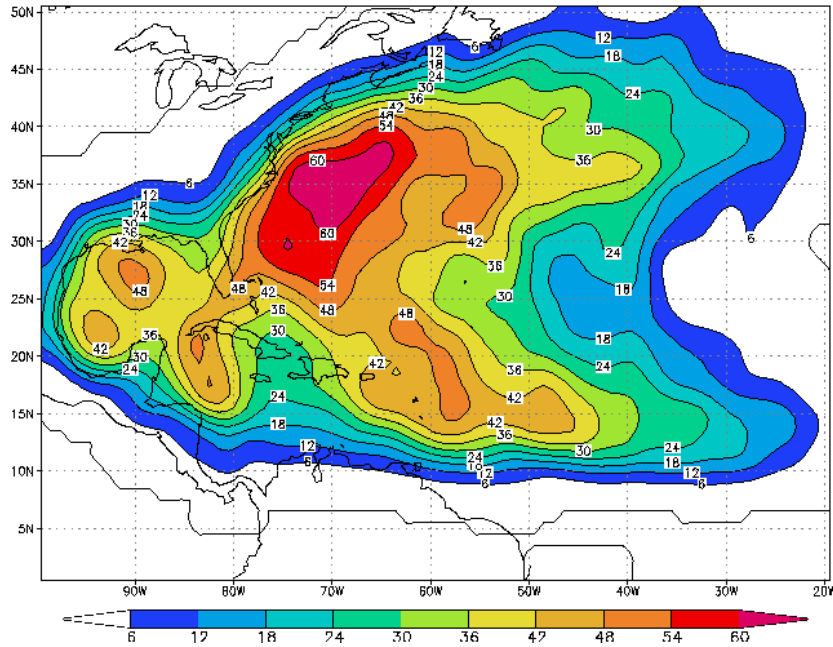
There is a very high probability of future hurricane and tropical storm events for Broward County. According to statistical data provided by the National Hurricane Center, the annual probability of a hurricane and tropical storm affecting the area is between 48 and 54% per year. This empirical probability is fairly consistent with other scientific studies and observed historical data made available through a variety of federal, state, and local sources. Additional data made available through NOAA indicate that the return period for a Category 3 hurricane in Broward County is between 9 and 15% per year.

**Figure 4.7** shows for any particular location what the chance is that a tropical storm or hurricane will affect the area sometime during the Atlantic hurricane season. This illustration was created by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Hurricane Research Division using data from 1944 to 1999 and counting hits when a storm or hurricane was within approximately 100 miles (165 km) of each location.

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<sup>28</sup> 2012 Wikipedia entry on Hurricane Wilma

**Figure 4.7: Empirical Probability of a Named Hurricane or Tropical Storm**



Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Hurricane Research Division

**Table 4.20** profiles the potential peak gust wind speeds in miles per hour (MPH) that could be expected in Broward County during a hurricane event for various return periods.

**Table 4.20: Average Expected Hurricane Wind Speeds (Peak Gust) by Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Wind Speed [MPH] vs. Return Periods [Year]						
	10	20	50	100	200	500	1000
Coconut Creek	85	103	120	131	140	152	161
Cooper City	85	103	121	132	142	154	162
Coral Springs	85	102	120	131	140	152	161
County Regional Facility	85	103	121	132	142	154	163
Dania Beach	85	104	122	132	143	155	164
Davie	85	103	121	132	142	154	162
Deerfield Beach	86	103	120	131	141	154	162
Fort Lauderdale	81	104	121	132	142	154	163
Hallandale Beach	86	104	122	133	143	156	165
Hillsboro Beach	87	104	122	133	142	155	164

Hollywood	85	104	122	133	143	155	164
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	86	104	121	133	142	155	163
Lauderdale Lakes	85	103	121	131	141	154	162
Lauderhill	85	103	120	131	141	153	162
Lazy Lake	86	104	121	132	142	155	163
Lighthouse Point	86	104	121	132	142	155	164
Margate	85	103	120	131	140	153	161
Miramar	85	103	121	133	142	155	164
North Lauderdale	85	103	120	131	141	153	161
Oakland Park	85	103	121	132	142	154	162
Parkland	85	102	120	131	140	152	160
Pembroke Park	85	104	122	133	143	156	165
Pembroke Pines	85	103	121	132	142	155	163
Plantation	85	103	121	131	141	153	162
Pompano Beach	86	103	121	132	141	154	163
Sea Ranch Lakes	86	104	122	133	143	155	164
Seminole Tribe of Florida	85	103	121	132	142	154	163
Southwest Ranches	85	103	120	131	141	153	161
Sunrise	85	103	120	131	141	153	161
Tamarac	85	103	120	131	141	153	161
Unincorporated	85	103	120	131	141	153	161
West Park	85	104	122	133	143	156	165
Weston	85	102	120	131	140	152	160
Wilton Manors	85	103	121	132	142	154	163

Source: Hazus-MH MR5 Scenario Based on Hurricane Wilma

### Vulnerability Assessment

Two methods were utilized to estimate potential losses caused by tropical cyclones. Hazus-MH was utilized to conduct a loss estimation analysis for hurricane wind, while a separate GIS-based analysis was completed for storm surge inundation using NOAA’s SLOSH data in combination with Broward County’s local tax assessor records. These analyses are more thoroughly described earlier in this section under “risk assessment methods,” and the results are provided below. See Appendix J for information on housing vulnerability to hurricane wind.

### Hurricane Wind

Hazus-MH wind speed data, inventory and damage functions, and methodology were used to determine the annual expected losses due to hurricane wind. **Table 4.21** shows annualized property losses and annualized percent loss ratios by jurisdiction.

**Table 4.21: Potential Annualized Losses by Jurisdiction (Hurricane Wind)<sup>29</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	Annualized Losses For Residential Buildings at Risk	Annualized Losses For Commercial Buildings at Risk	Total Annualized Expected Property Losses	Annualized Percent Loss Ratio
Coconut Creek	\$3,061,603,270	\$20,077,953	\$2,701,953	\$22,779,906	0.85%
Cooper City	\$1,943,657,150	\$14,283,112	\$945,406	\$15,228,518	0.85%
Coral Springs	\$8,134,798,700	\$50,443,688	\$58,811,868	\$59,255,556	0.81%
Dania Beach	\$1,878,435,580	\$11,253,369	\$4,220,747	\$15,474,116	1.02%
Davie	\$6,711,031,880	\$53,307,442	\$6,752,467	\$60,059,909	1.05%
Deerfield Beach	\$5,161,599,440	\$29,645,076	\$5,872,001	\$35,517,077	0.85%
Fort Lauderdale	\$22,130,694,710	\$131,927,103	\$37,961,493	\$169,888,596	0.88%
Hallandale Beach	\$3,836,691,130	\$38,926,804	\$3,890,859	\$42,817,663	1.16%
Hillsboro Beach	\$810,574,300	\$9,378,275	\$81,263	\$9,459,538	1.17%
Hollywood	\$10,029,588,340	\$65,836,859	\$13,482,769	\$79,319,628	0.91%
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,739,928,950	\$16,193,293	\$806,623	\$16,999,916	0.98%
Lauderdale Lakes	\$1,152,461,750	\$7,078,126	\$1,087,491	\$8,165,617	0.85%
Lauderhill	\$2,492,601,430	\$15,717,939	\$1,905,096	\$17,623,035	0.83%
Lazy Lake	\$4,107,550	\$32,860	\$0	\$32,860	0.80%
Lighthouse Point	\$1,261,700,120	\$10,140,074	\$730,255	\$10,870,329	0.87%
Margate	\$2,296,212,030	\$12,990,439	\$2,155,018	\$15,145,457	0.74%
Miramar	\$7,475,638,380	\$64,704,961	\$6,742,450	\$71,447,411	1.07%
North Lauderdale	\$1,260,435,790	\$8,191,643	\$872,629	\$9,064,272	0.83%
Oakland Park	\$2,473,754,560	\$12,110,730	\$3,279,496	\$15,390,226	0.79%
Parkland	\$2,682,321,260	\$21,170,976	\$426,482	\$21,597,458	0.86%
Pembroke Park	\$404,154,300	\$1,362,551	\$513,828	\$1,876,379	1.12%
Pembroke Pines	\$10,247,846,250	\$83,973,781	\$11,133,727	\$95,107,508	1.00%
Plantation	\$6,803,128,100	\$41,173,210	\$9,405,538	\$50,578,748	0.82%
Pompano Beach	\$8,981,181,420	\$53,315,183	\$7,475,290	\$60,790,473	0.88%
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$110,763,020	\$927,402	\$113,770	\$1,041,172	0.94%
Southwest Ranches	\$890,133,450	\$7,821,244	\$324,963	\$8,146,207	1.11%
Sunrise	\$5,308,400,300	\$24,191,394	\$10,316,132	\$34,507,526	0.80%
Tamarac	\$3,283,696,510	\$20,394,375	\$2,363,439	\$22,757,814	0.76%
Unincorporated	\$1,106,396,610	\$3,155,168	\$1,911,498	\$5,066,666	0.98%
West Park	\$331,537,990	\$1,848,026	\$364,252	\$2,212,278	0.84%
Weston	\$6,490,572,820	\$60,142,219	\$5,392,299	\$65,534,518	1.09%
Wilton Manors	\$941,493,080	\$6,845,365	\$940,569	\$7,785,934	0.82%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>	<b>\$898,560,640</b>	<b>\$152,981,671</b>	<b>\$1,051,542,311</b>	<b>0.92%</b>

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser and Hazus-MH MR2

<sup>29</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.2



### *Future Risk Conditions Influencing Hurricane Wind Speeds*

Climate change will have an impact on future hurricane wind speeds. While the impacts of sea level rise are discussed in greater detail in a subsection dedicated to this subject in Chapter 4, the following results of climate change and sea level rise, as documented by the 2011 South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) report, will impact storm surge levels in Broward County:

- Increase the wind intensity of the tropical storms and hurricanes by 2-11%

In conclusion, the impacts of climate change will likely exacerbate the severity of future hurricane events. One interesting factor from the 2011 SFWMD report is that, due to increased wind shear over the Atlantic basin, that the number of tropical storms and hurricanes may decrease 6-34%. For more information about climate change, refer to the “Sea Level Rise/Climate Change” part in this section (starting p.138) and the Economic Hot Spot Profiles of Chapter 5.

### *Storm Surge*

The level of exposure and potential loss estimates for storm surge were generated based on inundation zones derived from the 2006 NOAA SLOSH data described earlier in this section (and shown in Map 4.9) in combination with Broward County’s geo-referenced parcel data and tax assessor records. In order to complete the analysis, every individual land parcel that is located wholly or partially within a storm surge inundation zone for a Category 3 storm event was identified, by jurisdiction. This analysis is intended for use as a general planning tool in order to provide reasonable estimates of potential at-risk properties using best available geo-referenced data. It is important to note that while using best readily available data, this GIS-based assessment does not take into account certain unknown site-specific factors that may mitigate future storm surge losses on a building-by-building basis (such as elevation, surrounding topography, flood-proofing measures, structural projects, etc.).

The objective of the GIS-based analysis is to calculate the total building value of all potentially at-risk properties in Broward County, by jurisdiction. Annualized loss estimates were then calculated based on the assumption of total building loss (worst case scenario) for those properties expected to be inundated during a Category 3 storm event based on the NOAA SLOSH data. In so doing, total exposed building value for each jurisdiction was multiplied by .09 (9% annual chance for Category 3 hurricane based on NOAA probability data<sup>30</sup>). The results of the GIS-based storm surge analysis for Broward County are provided in **Table 4.22**.

### *Future Risk Conditions Influencing Storm Surge Levels*

The impacts of climate change and the attendant sea level rise will have considerable impact on future storm surge levels. While the impacts of sea level rise are discussed in greater detail in a subsection dedicated to this subject later on in Chapter 4, the following results of climate change and sea level rise, as documented by the 2011 SFWMD report, will impact storm surge levels in Broward County:

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<sup>30</sup> While NOAA probability data indicate the annual percent chance of a Category 3 event in Broward County is between 9 and 15%, the lower figure of 9% was utilized based on the lower likelihood of all conditions (storm direction and speed, tidal cycle, etc.) necessary for what would be considered a maximum “worst case” storm surge event.

- Inundation of coastal properties by higher sea level and reduced effectiveness of existing storm surge barriers in Broward County
- Higher storm surge levels

In conclusion, the impacts of climate change, global warming, and sea level rise will likely exacerbate the severity of future storm surge events. Additional factors that could mitigate storm surge include the construction of additional structures on the canal system closer to the Atlantic Ocean that would block even more inland storm surge penetration via the canals. One interesting factor from the 2011 SFWMD report is that, due to increased wind shear over the Atlantic basin, that the number of tropical storms and hurricanes may decrease 6-34%. For more information about climate change, refer to the “Sea Level Rise/Climate Change” part in this section (starting p.138) and the Economic Hot Spot Profiles of Chapter 5.

**Table 4.22: Total Building Value of At-Risk Properties by Jurisdiction (Maximum Category 3 Storm Surge)<sup>31</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Number of At-Risk Properties	Total Building Value	Annualized Loss Estimate
Coconut Creek	0	\$0	\$0
Cooper City	0	\$0	\$0
Coral Springs	0	\$0	\$0
Dania Beach	830	\$482,570,870	\$43,431,379
Davie	75	\$94,322,360	\$8,489,912
Deerfield Beach	388	\$116,809,730	\$10,512,876
Fort Lauderdale	5,970	\$5,465,635,730	\$491,907,216
Hallandale Beach	624	\$169,029,310	\$15,212,638
Hillsboro Beach	36	\$133,254,660	\$11,992,919
Hillsboro Lighthouse	1	\$267,060	\$24,035
Hollywood	5,568	\$3,154,347,940	\$283,891,315
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	376	\$162,016,270	\$14,581,464
Lauderdale Lakes	0	\$0	\$0
Lauderhill	0	\$0	\$0
Lazy Lake	0	\$0	\$0
Lighthouse Point	522	\$267,905,790	\$24,111,521
Margate	0	\$0	\$0
Miramar	0	\$0-	\$0
North Lauderdale	0	\$0	\$0
Oakland Park	30	\$26,514,910	\$2,386,342
Parkland	0	\$0	\$0
Pembroke Park	0	\$0	\$0
Pembroke Pines	0	\$0	\$0

<sup>31</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1

Plantation	0	\$0	\$0
Pompano Beach	2,170	\$801,269,230	\$72,114,231
Sea Ranch Lakes	17	\$15,949,420	\$1,435,448
Southwest Ranches	0	\$0	\$0
Sunrise	0	\$0	\$0
Tamarac	0	\$0	\$0
Unincorporated	174	\$17,916,060	\$1,612,445
West Park	0	\$0	\$0
Weston	0	\$0	\$0
Wilton Manors	52	\$12,069,480	\$1,086,253
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,833</b>	<b>\$5,459,708,820</b>	<b>\$982,789,994</b>

Sources: Hazus 2.0; Broward County; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## Hydrologic Hazards<sup>32</sup>

For the purposes of this vulnerability assessment hydrologic hazards are defined as events or incidents associated with water related damage. Hydrologic hazards account for over 75% of Federal disaster declarations in the United States, with annual costs averaging billions of dollars. Hydrologic hazards included in this section are coastal erosion, drought, flood, and rip current.

### Coastal Erosion

#### Background

Coastal erosion is measured as the rate of change in the position of the shoreline or a reduction in the volume of sand along a shoreline over a period of time. The root cause of beach erosion is a deficit of sand in the littoral system (region between the limits of high and low tides), caused by development on or adjacent to beaches, removal of dunes, damming of rivers, and/or blockage of the alongshore movement of sand by groins, jetties, or stabilized inlets. Significant short-term fluctuations of shoreline position and sand volume can result from storms-driven waves, but chronic erosion is an effect of a shortage of sand combined with storms and disruption of sand movement. Natural recovery from erosion can take months or years, and in a sand-starved beach system, may never occur. If a beach and dune system does not recover naturally, coastal and upland property may be exposed to further damage in subsequent storm events. Death and injury are not often associated with coastal erosion; however, it can cause the destruction of buildings and infrastructure.

The majority of Broward County beaches are subject to periodic beach renourishment, which is the mechanical infusion of sand from sources relatively remote from the beach. Historically, the County's beach renourishment program is a partnership of local government, the State of Florida, and the Federal Government through the US Army Corps of Engineers. Since 1970, nearly 11 million cubic yards of sand has been placed on approximately 12 of the County's 24 miles of beach in 10 partnered projects. Broward County's shoreline is fully developed, with little of the original dune systems intact. The County strives to maintain a berm (beach) width of approximately 50-100 feet, which provides the minimally adequate level of both recreational beach space and storm wave protection for upland development. The beach is subject to 2 types of weather hazards: northeasterly low pressure systems (nor'easters) and tropical systems.

#### Location and Spatial Extent

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has estimated that 21.3 of the 24 miles of Broward County's beaches are critically eroded.<sup>33</sup> Three critical erosion areas (21.3 miles) are specifically identified.

1. The south end of Deerfield Beach and the entire Town of Hillsboro Beach along northern Broward County is a 3.2 mile long critically eroded area (R6-R23). Private development is vulnerable throughout this area. Some seawalls exist in Hillsboro Beach and a boulder

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<sup>32</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1

<sup>33</sup> Critically Eroded Beaches in Florida. June 2007. Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, Division of Water Resource Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Florida.

mound groin field exists along the Deerfield Beach shoreline. In 2011, the cities of Hillsboro Beach and Deerfield Beach completed a beach renourishment project for the southern 500 feet of Deerfield Beach and the northern 5,750 feet for Hillsboro Beach. The “HillsboroDeerfield Beach Renourishment Project” placed 340,000 cubic yards of sand on these beaches.<sup>34</sup>

2. South of Hillsboro Inlet and extending for 10 miles along Pompano Beach, Sea Ranch Lakes, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, and Ft. Lauderdale is a continuous critically eroded area (R25-R77) that threatens development and recreational interests including State Road AIA. A beach restoration project has been constructed at Pompano Beach and Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, and inlet sand transfer is ongoing at Hillsboro Inlet. Numerous bulkheads and retaining walls also exist along this stretch of coast. A beach renourishment for portions of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, and Pompano Beach is scheduled to begin in 2013 (known as “Segment II of the Broward County Beach Erosion Control Project”).
3. Along the southern beaches of Broward County starting just south of the entrance to Port Everglades are critically eroded areas (R86-R128) that threaten recreational interests at John U. Lloyd State Park and development and recreational interests along the communities of Dania Beach, Hollywood, and Hallandale Beach. “Segment III of the Broward County Beach Erosion Control Project”, which started in April 2005 and was completed in 2006, was a beach renourishment project for 6.2 miles of beaches from the Broward County line in Hallandale Beach to the John Lloyd State Park. The project also included the cities of Hollywood and Dania Beach and involved the placement of 1.7 million cubic yards of sand.<sup>35</sup>

#### *Historical Occurrences*

According to the National Climatic Data Center, there were 7 major climatological incidents that resulted in beach erosion in nine years, between 1998 and 2007. Broward County’s beaches are more susceptible to erosion during nor’easter storm season and hurricane season, which run from October 1 to March 31 and June 1 to November 30, respectively. Most of the historical occurrences of tropical systems have been in September or November, with nor’easters common during the period November through March.

Some of the more notable historical events are described below:

#### **November 1998 Tropical Storm Mitch**

Tropical Storm Mitch, once a powerful Category 5 storm, crossed South Florida at Monroe and Palm Beach counties at tropical storm strength. The storm caused gusty winds, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and beach erosion.

#### **September 13–22, 1999 Hurricane Floyd**

Hurricane Floyd was an enormous Category 4 storm that skirted the southeast Florida coast with minimal effects, mostly to marine interests. The storm surge ranged from 3.3

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<sup>34</sup> [www.townofhillsborobeach.com](http://www.townofhillsborobeach.com)

<sup>35</sup> [www.broward.org/beachrenourishment](http://www.broward.org/beachrenourishment)

feet above normal in Palm Beach County to 1.5 feet above normal in Miami-Dade County, causing mostly coastal flooding and minor beach erosion.

### **November 2001 Coastal Flooding resulting from Hurricane Michelle**

Nearly a week of moderate to strong onshore winds, culminating with the approach of Hurricane Michelle, produced coastal flooding from Hollywood Beach to Hallandale Beach. Beach erosion in Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade counties during the entire event was moderate to locally severe. Costs for remediation of beach erosion from the event were estimated at over \$10 million, and property damage was estimated at \$20,000.

### **September 5, 2004 Hurricane Frances**

Hurricane Frances made landfall at Sewalls Point in Martin County as a Category 2 hurricane. Frances moved farther inland just north of Lake Okeechobee and weakened to a tropical storm before crossing the entire Florida Peninsula and exiting into the Gulf of Mexico just north of Tampa. The estimated storm surge ranged from 1-2 feet along the northeast Broward Coast, resulting in beach erosion.

### **September 26, 2004 Hurricane Jeanne**

Hurricane Jeanne made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane near the south end of Hutchinson Island, nearly coincident with the landfall point of Hurricane Frances nearly 3 week before. The estimated storm surge ranged from 1-2 feet along the northeast Broward Coast, resulting in beach erosion.

### **2004 Nor'easter**

Nor'easter caused beach erosion in Broward County.

### **August 25, 2005 Hurricane Katrina**

Hurricane Katrina made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane along the southeast Florida coast. Mostly minor beach erosion and isolated incidence of coastal flooding were observed.

#### *Probability of Future Occurrences*

There is a high probability of future erosion along the Broward County coastline due to a chronic scarcity of sand in the littoral system. Beaches in Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Dania Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, and Pompano Beach have historically participated in federal, state, and locally cost-shared beach nourishment programs, and other beaches, such as Deerfield Beach and the Town of Hillsboro Beach, have conducted small-scale beach fill projects using municipal, state, and federal funds.

#### *Future Risk Conditions Influencing Coastal Erosion Rates*

The impacts of climate change and the attendant sea level rise will have a significant impact on future coastal erosion rates due to the following likely factors of future sea levels and coastal storms (as documented by the 2011 SFWMD report):

- Inundation of coastal properties by higher sea level and likely overtopping and submersion of existing coastal erosion control structures
- Higher storm surge levels

For more information about climate change, refer to the “Sea Level Rise/Climate Change” part in this section (starting p.138).

#### *Vulnerability Analysis*

Most of Broward County's 24 miles of coastline are vulnerable to erosion. There are 3 specific areas in Broward County that are considered to be critically eroded: 1) the south end of Deerfield Beach and the entire Town of Hillsboro Beach, 2) the area south of Hillsboro Inlet and extending for 10 miles along Pompano Beach, Sea Ranch Lakes, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, and Ft. Lauderdale, and 3) the area along the southern 8.1 miles of Broward County south of Port Everglades.

Many Broward County beaches are actively eroding, while others are relatively stable but of inadequate dimensions to provide storm protection and recreational beach space. Factors which contribute to the vulnerable condition of the County's beaches include the unmitigated erosive influence of stabilized inlets, encroaching development, storms, and removal of historic dunes. To address this vulnerability, Broward County has been engaged in shore protection and beach nourishment efforts since the early 1960's. These projects, mostly funded by a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, have performed as designed, in most cases exceeding their design life of 10 to 12 years. The current Broward County Beach Management Program is a comprehensive plan to replace beach sand where it is needed, to stabilize with structures the most erosive stretch of beach, and, by means of inlet sand bypassing, to “feed” those beaches which are sand-starved because of the presence of stabilized inlets. Restoring the historical southward migration of sand, in combination with the other elements of the program, will reduce the extent and frequency of beach nourishment projects and provide a nearly sustainable beach many miles downstream, especially in the Broward communities of Dania Beach, Hollywood, and Hallandale Beach<sup>36</sup>.

Prior studies conducted for the Broward County Biological Resources Division have identified the economic rationale for engaging in shore protection and beach nourishment activities. There are also environmental benefits as the beaches are also a primary nesting grounds for threatened and endangered sea turtles, and are important habitat for a number of plant and animal species. Economically, according to prior studies, beaches are critical to Broward County considering the following factors:

- Broward's beaches attract 7.2 million visitors a year, who spend \$422 million annually in Broward County.
- Broward's beaches contribute \$548 million annually to Broward County's economy, including the creation and sustenance of 17,700 full-time equivalent jobs in the County.
- Broward's beaches add \$1.4 billion to County property values.
- As a result of the beaches, local government tax revenues are increased by \$29 million annually, of which the largest beneficiary is the Broward School District, which collects about \$10 million annually as a result of the beaches.
- Broward's beaches result in an \$803 million annual input to southeast Florida regional economy, and create 26,000 jobs in the region.

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<sup>36</sup> Broward County Biological Resources Division, 2007.

- Out-of-State visitors to Broward’s beaches have a \$598 million annual impact on the economy of the State of Florida, create 19,000 jobs in the state, and produce \$19 million in annual state tax revenues.
- More than 60% of overnight tourists said that they would not have come to Broward County if there were no beaches, and a further 14.3% said they would come less frequently.
- Broward’s beaches protect over \$4 billion in upland property, structures, and infrastructure.
- In Florida, beaches protect \$150 billion in shorefront structures and infrastructure.
- Florida’s beaches alone result in an annual increase of about a half billion dollars annually in Federal income tax revenues.
- Florida’s beaches attract 2 million international tourists, who spend about \$1.1 billion annually in the state.

## *Drought*

### *Background*

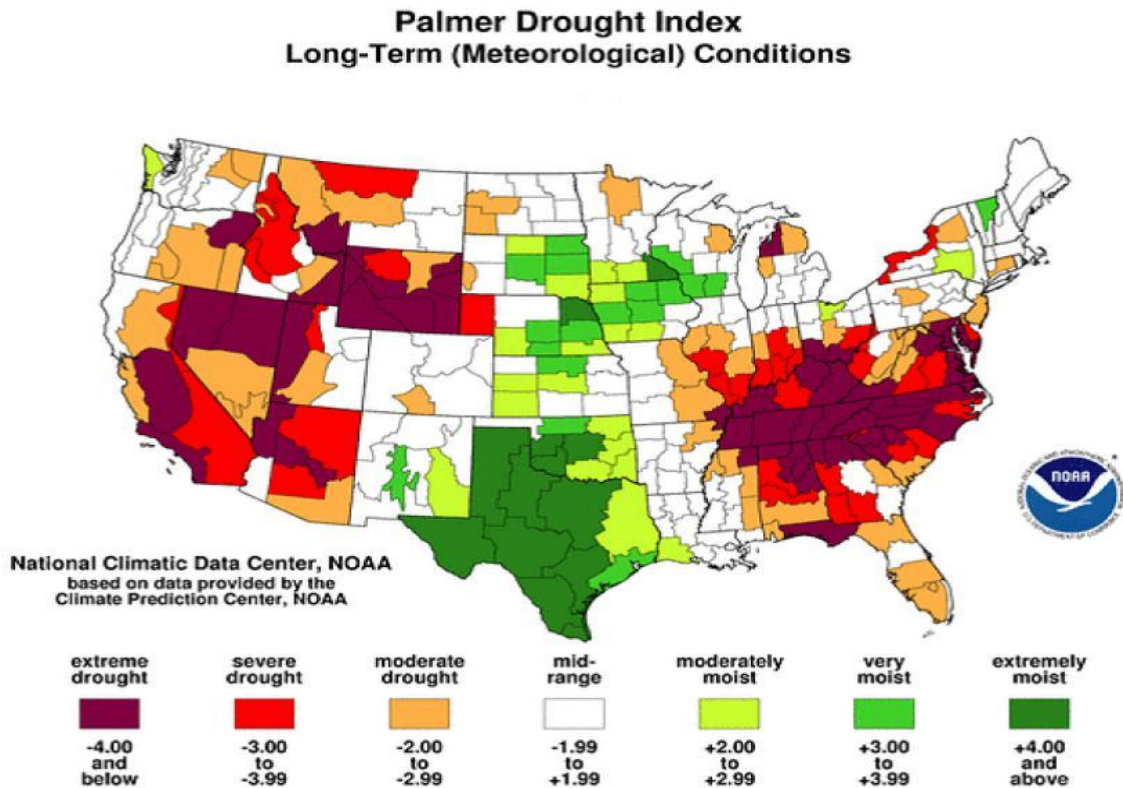
Drought is a natural climatic condition caused by an extended period of limited rainfall beyond that which occurs naturally in a broad geographic area. High temperatures, high winds, and low humidity can worsen drought conditions, and can make areas more susceptible to wildfire. Human demands and actions can also hasten drought-related impacts.

Droughts are frequently classified as one of following 4 types: meteorological, agricultural, hydrological, or socio-economic. Meteorological droughts are typically defined by the level of “dryness” when compared to an average, or normal amount of precipitation over a given period of time. Agricultural droughts relate common characteristics of drought to their specific agricultural-related impacts. Hydrological drought is directly related to the effect of precipitation shortfalls on surface and groundwater supplies. Human factors, particularly changes in land use, can alter the hydrologic characteristics of a basin. Socio-economic drought is the result of water shortages that limit the ability to supply water-dependent products in the marketplace.

**Figure 4.8** shows the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) Summary Map for the United States from 1895 to 1995. PDSI drought classifications are based on observed drought conditions and range from -0.5 (incipient dry spell) to -4.0 (extreme drought). As can be seen, the Eastern United States has historically not seen as many significant long-term droughts as the Central and Western regions of the country.



Figure 4.8: Palmer Drought Severity Index Summary Map for the United States



Source: National Climatic Data Center, NOAA

*Location and Spatial Extent*

Drought typically impacts a large area that cannot be confined to any geographic boundaries; however, some regions of the United States are more susceptible to drought conditions than others. According to the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) Summary Map for the United States, South Florida is in a zone less than or equal to -3 (-3 indicating severe drought conditions) meaning that severe drought conditions are a relatively low to moderate risk for Broward County.

Drought conditions typically do not cause significant damage to the built environment, but rather drought effects are most directly felt by agricultural sectors. At times, drought may also cause

community-wide impacts as a result of acute water shortages (regulatory use restrictions, drinking water supply, and salt water intrusion).

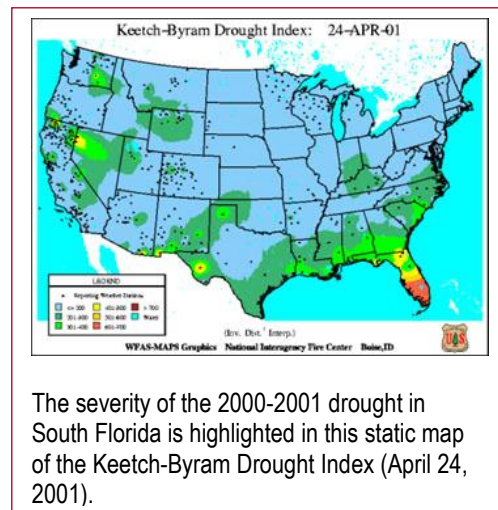
There are a few agricultural areas in the county that have greater exposure to drought. According to 2004 Broward County Property Appraiser data, the areas with the most agricultural land use were the municipalities of Parkland, Coconut Creek, and Southwest Ranches, as well as south of Weston and west of Cooper City. According to the Florida Department of Agriculture, there are 2,507 open acres and over 2.7 million greenhouse acres used for horticulture purposes. In urban Broward County, horticulture dominates the commercial agricultural production. Nursery production, landscape installation, landscape maintenance, and arboriculture account for over \$200 million in annual sales. Hundreds of firms employ thousands of individuals.<sup>37</sup>

Water shortages during times of drought (and the degree of regulatory use restrictions) can have a potentially significant impact throughout Broward County and possibly higher economic costs for water supply. As a secondary effect, drought events increase the threat of wildfire in South Florida (and particularly the Everglades) which can also cause serious consequences, including the destruction of property.

#### *Historical Occurrences*

South Florida relies on its summer rains for its year-round water demands. According to the State of Florida Mitigation Plan, there have been 10 drought cycles in Florida (typically 2-year periods) since the year 1900. In Central and South Florida, severe droughts were reported in 1932, 1955–1957, 1961–1963, 1971–1972, 1973–1974, 1980–1982, 1985, 1988–1989, 1990, 2000–2001, 2006–2007, and 2010-2011. According to the National Drought Mitigation Center, from January 1, 1850 to September 19, 2007, there were 134 reported drought impacts for Broward County. There were 17 agricultural, 34 fire, 32 water/energy, 18 social, and 21 other specific drought impacts.

Throughout a drought cycle in South Florida in 2000-2001 rainfall amounts fell 30% below normal. During this time, Lake Okeechobee (Florida’s largest source of fresh drinking water) set daily record-breaking lows. Similarly, groundwater levels declined and there were periods when below-average levels were reached across the region. In September 2000, the water shortage was becoming a threat to agricultural, environmental, and utilities’ needs. In these times of drought, the use of well water for crop irrigation lowers the water table, which exposes the water table to salt water intrusion and a serious compromise of drinking water supplies. Based on their concerns and on the precipitation forecast, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to more effectively respond to the emergency situations. It operated approximately 12 hours a day and remained activated until July 2001.



<sup>37</sup> Broward County Extension.

During 2006 to 2007 Broward County experienced extreme drought conditions. According to the Florida Department of Agriculture, drought caused \$100 million in crop damage and economic losses to Florida during this period, and the figure could rise tenfold over the next 2 years. On August 1, 2007, the lake level of Lake Okeechobee was 9.20 feet above sea level. This was the lowest level ever recorded during most of the 41 years between 1965 and 2005. Water levels were so low that chloride levels have been a concern in sentinel monitoring wells near well-fields in Hallandale Beach and Dania Beach.

The five-month period from November 2008 to April 2009 was the second driest on record for most South Florida locations. The driest winter on record over many locations in southeast Florida led to the onset of severe drought (D2) conditions. The level of Lake Okeechobee fell from 12.2 feet at the beginning of the month to 11.1 feet by the end of the month, which was 2.5 feet below normal levels. Normal conditions began to resume with the onset of the rainy season by the end of May 2009.

Continued dry weather from January-April, 2011, coupled with long-term dryness going back to the previous summer, led to the expansion of severe drought conditions over South Florida. The period of October 2010 to February 2011 was the driest on record in the 80-year history of the SFWMD's records. This led to the continuation of extreme drought conditions (D3) over the eastern half of the peninsula. Underground water levels were in the lowest 10% of normal levels along the east coast and 10 to 30% of normal over interior and west coast areas. The level of Lake Okeechobee fell from 12.15 at the beginning of the month to 11.66 by the end of the month. This was about 2.5 feet below normal for April.

#### *Probability of Future Events*

There is a high probability of future drought events in South Florida, though such occurrences are typically not classified as severe in comparison to other regions. The effects, if any, of drought events on Broward County will depend on the severity and duration of drought conditions, water shortages, and the degree of regulatory water use restrictions. For a drought forecast for a future year, check the National Climatic Data Center website.

#### *Future Risk Conditions Influencing Drought*

The impacts of climate change, specifically the warming of the planet, will likely exacerbate the length and intensity of drought periods. The 2010 SFWMD report states that climate change projected scenarios consist of a 10% increase or decrease in precipitation amounts (p. 136). Fluctuations between periods of greater than average and lesser than average rainfall are expected. Therefore, drought will continue to be a factor in the future and climate change will likely exacerbate cyclical drought conditions. The main impact for the County will be minimizing impacts to the public water supply and natural resources. For more information about climate change, refer to the "Sea Level Rise/Climate Change" part in this section (pp.152-159).

#### *Vulnerability Assessment*

In order to analyze the risk of the Broward County area to drought and estimate potential losses, 100 years of statistical data from the University of Nebraska was used (this data was developed by the University based on Palmer Drought and Crop Severity Indices) as well as 2002 USDA

agriculture data. A drought event frequency-impact was then developed to determine a drought impact profile on non-irrigated agriculture products and estimate potential losses due to drought in the area. **Table 4.23** shows annualized expected exposure to drought for Broward County.

**Table 4.23 Annualized Expected Agricultural Product Market Value Exposed to Drought**

County	Total Agricultural Products Exposure (2007 Dollars)	Annualized Loss	% Loss Ratio
Broward	\$51,698,987	<i>Negligible</i>	0.00%

*\*Negligible is less than \$5,000*

*Source: 2009 Broward County LMS*

Note: Total includes all incorporated jurisdictions within the County

## Flood

### Background

Flooding is the most frequent and costly natural hazard in the United States, a hazard that has caused more than 10,000 deaths since 1900. Nearly 90% of presidential disaster declarations result from natural events where flooding was a major component.

Floods are generally the result of excessive precipitation, and can be classified under two categories: general floods, precipitation over a given river basin for a long period of time along with storm-induced wave or tidal action, and flash floods, the product of heavy localized precipitation in a short time period over a given location. The severity of a flooding event is typically determined by a combination of several major factors, including: stream and river basin topography and physiography; precipitation and weather patterns; recent soil moisture conditions; and the degree of vegetative clearing and impervious surface.

Generally, inland floods in South Florida may last for several days due to a relative lack of topography to drain flood waters, heavy urbanization, and impacts of tides on outfall toward the Atlantic Ocean. The primary types of general flooding include riverine, coastal, and urban flooding. Riverine flooding is a function of excessive precipitation levels and water runoff volumes within the watershed of a stream or river. Coastal flooding<sup>38</sup> is typically a result of storm surge, wind-driven waves, and heavy rainfall produced by hurricanes, tropical storms, and other large coastal storms. Urban flooding occurs where manmade development has obstructed the natural flow of water and decreased the ability of natural groundcover to absorb and retain surface water runoff.

Most flash flooding is caused by slow-moving thunderstorms in a local area or by heavy rains associated with hurricanes and tropical storms. However, flash flooding events may also occur from a dam or levee failure within minutes or hours of heavy amounts of rainfall, or from a sudden release of water held by a retention basin or other stormwater control facility. Although

<sup>38</sup> While briefly mentioned here, coastal flooding is more thoroughly addressed under the "Tropical Cyclone" hazard.

flash flooding occurs most often along mountain streams, it is also common in urbanized areas where much of the ground is covered by impervious surfaces.

The periodic flooding of lands adjacent to rivers, streams, and shorelines (land known as floodplain) is a natural and inevitable occurrence that can be expected to take place based upon established recurrence intervals. The recurrence interval of a flood is defined as the average time interval, in years, expected between a flood event of a particular magnitude and an equal or larger flood. Flood magnitude increases with increasing recurrence interval.

Floodplains are designated by the frequency of the flood that is large enough to cover them. For example, the 10-year floodplain will be covered by the 10-year flood and the 100-year floodplain by the 100-year flood. Flood frequencies such as the 100-year flood are determined by plotting a graph of the size of all known floods for an area and determining how often floods of a particular size occur. Another way of expressing the flood frequency is the chance of occurrence in a given year, which is the percentage of the probability of flooding each year. For example, the 100-year flood has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year. The 500-year flood has a 0.2% chance of occurring in any given year.

#### *Location and Spatial Extent*

Much of Broward County is susceptible to localized flooding, particularly during the rainy season of June through October. The county is surrounded by and interspersed with man-made canals, storm water management lakes, freshwater ponds, rivers such as the Middle and the New Rivers, the Everglades, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Intracoastal Waterway. There are 7 primary canals and numerous secondary and tertiary canals that provide flood control and water supply protection for the area's enormous growth and development. Stormwater management ponds are also used for flood protection as well as stormwater treatment, and are created by removing rock to build up the surrounding land for homes. The western portion of Broward County has undergone significant development over the last 25 to 30 years which has resulted in the filling of wetlands to accommodate new housing developments.

Broward County lies close to sea level (with elevation ranging from 5 to 25 feet) and is relatively flat, which often results in extensive "ponding" due to the lack of elevation gradients to facilitate adequate stormwater runoff. Further, its water supply lies just below the surface of the ground. Major rainfall events sometimes leave rainwater nowhere to drain, causing flooding near rivers and canals as well as in urban areas due to poor percolation rates and the low elevations (particularly in western parts of the county). Coastal flooding along the county's immediate shoreline is typically associated with tidal surge caused by landfalling tropical storms and hurricane events (note: storm surge is addressed under "Tropical Cyclone").

The severity of flooding is directly related to the amount and duration of the rainfall event. The areas affected by flooding in Broward County could increase. For the barrier island communities, should a significant rainfall event occur at the same time as high-tide, on-shore winds, or a combination of both, the severity could be devastating. Flooding of up to 4 feet could be expected in some areas. Broward County could easily be caught "off-guard" and people living in flood-prone areas would be at an increased risk to property damage and life safety.

Based upon a Category 5 hurricane event, similar to the Hurricane Ono scenario that was exercised during the Florida Catastrophic Planning Workshop in 2007, Broward County could see storm surges of over 6 feet above normal tide levels, resulting in significant to severe flooding the barrier islands. This could inundate the barrier islands with 4 to 6 feet of water and

sand. The storm tide would also penetrate inland for several miles, reaching Federal Highway with expected flooding of 1 to 2 feet, including downtown Fort Lauderdale.

**Map 4.12** illustrates the location and extent of currently mapped special flood hazard areas for Broward County based on FEMA digital Q3 flood data which was still effective in 2011. This includes Zones A/AE (100-year floodplain), Zone VE (100-year coastal flood zones, associated with wave action), Zone AH (areas subject to shallow flooding) and Zone X500 (500-year floodplain which is also known as the shaded X zone). It is important to note that flooding and flood-related losses do occur outside of delineated special flood hazard areas, and according to Broward County officials, there are known inaccuracies with the currently mapped, FEMA-identified flood hazard zones. Broward County is currently coordinating with FEMA on map modernization and undergoing limited re-studies for some flood zones which will assist in correcting some of these data accuracy deficiencies.

### *Historical Occurrences*

According to the National Climatic Data Center, there have been 22 reported flood events in Broward County from January 1, 1994 through September 30, 2011. According to the data, there were no deaths or injuries associated with these storms, but there was nearly \$500 million in property damage (not including recorded agricultural losses). Some of the more notable events are described below:

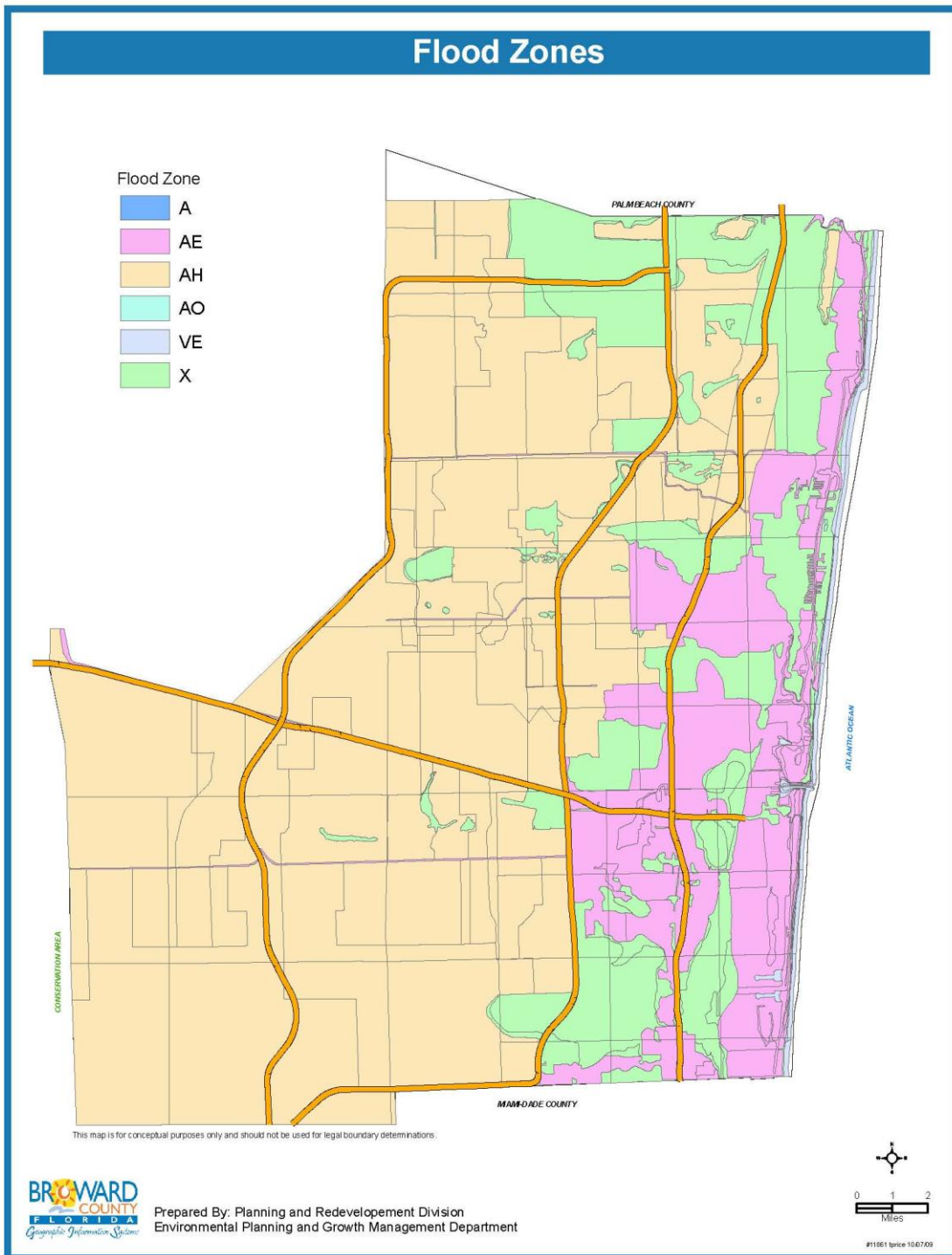
#### **June 1998 – Flash Flood**

Excessive rains caused localized heavy flooding from Boca Raton to Miami Beach. The greatest official 24-hour rainfall was 13.75 inches at Pompano Beach with over 7 inches reported at Boca Raton and Miami Shores. Numerous streets were flooded and several vehicles became submerged in parking lots with their occupants having to be rescued. 3 Broward mobile homes had to be evacuated, several roofs collapsed and numerous dwellings had flood waters inside. Property damage was estimated at \$1 million.

#### **October 1999 – Flash Flood resulting from Hurricane Irene**

After crossing Florida Bay, the center of Irene made landfall on the peninsula near Cape Sable on October 15 as a Category 1 hurricane. It moved northeast across central Miami-Dade and Broward counties before exiting into the Atlantic on October 16 near Jupiter in northeast Palm Beach County. Heavy rains and sustained winds of tropical storm force caused widespread flooding and power outages in the metropolitan areas of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Within a 24-hour period, rainfall totals in southeast Florida ranged from 6 to 17 inches with many areas getting 10 to 15 inches. Cooper City had over 15 inches of water, West Pembroke Pines had over 14 inches, Ft. Lauderdale and Hollywood had over 13 inches, Plantation had nearly 12 inches, and Lauderdale Lakes and Pompano Beach had over 9 inches. Property damages were estimated by the National Climatic Data Center to be approximately \$600 million, which includes \$335 million in agricultural losses. An estimated 700,000 customers lost electricity. Flooding in a few residential areas lasted for a week, displacing several hundred persons and isolating thousands more. It was reported that 8,000 people suffered flood damages. Some roads were impassible for weeks, electricity was out in certain areas, and residents and businesses suffered heavy losses.

Map 4.12 – FEMA Flood Zones Effective in 2011 – early 2012



**October 2000 – “No Name” or “Pre-Leslie” Storm**

On October 3, 2000, a low-pressure system, later to become Tropical Storm Leslie, developed off the west coast of Cuba, and headed toward South Florida. Water managers and weather officials closely tracked the storm, and preemptive measures were taken to start moving water out of the canals. However, weather forecasts called for 4-8 inches of rainfall from this storm, and unfortunately, once the storm passed over South Florida, it dumped 14-18 inches of rainfall over a linear area in the center of the county. An estimated 93,000 houses with about 214,000 persons were isolated by flood waters. Power was cut to 13,000 people. There were 3 indirect deaths including 2 males who drove vehicles into canals and 1 man who fell from a roof while repairing a leak.

**October 2001 – Flash Flood**

Up to 10 inches of rain fell in 2 hours at Lighthouse Point and up to a total of 12 inches fell across portions of northeast metropolitan Broward County. Severe street flooding caused many stalled vehicles and 25 houses and 25 to 30 apartments suffered flood damage. Property damage was estimated at \$100,000.

**November 2001 – Coastal Flooding resulting from Hurricane Michelle**

Nearly a week of moderate to strong onshore winds, culminating with the approach of hurricane Michelle, produced coastal flooding from Hollywood Beach to Hallandale Beach. The flooding was worst near the time of high tide and involved damage to sea walls and other coastal structures. Water flowed across the "broadwalk" and into some businesses. Beach erosion in Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade counties during the entire event was moderate to locally severe. Beach renourishment costs are estimated at over \$10 million, and property damage was estimated at \$20,000.

**May 2003 – Flash Flood**

A weak tropical wave extending north from the west Caribbean Sea in combination with a mid/upper level trough of low pressure in the east Gulf of Mexico caused locally extreme rainfall over portions of the Broward-Miami-Dade metropolitan areas. The most rain occurred in a swath from Hollywood to Pompano Beach with an official maximum of 10.21" measured at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Of that total, 7.36 inches fell from 6 to 8 PM which exceeds the 100-year maximum rate for that time period. Radar estimates of 12 to 14 inches of rain were made near Oakland Park and Wilton Manors. According to Emergency Management estimates, 492 homes and businesses suffered some flood damage and many roadways were impassable. Property damage was estimated at \$1 million.

**November 2005 – Flash Flood**

Law enforcement reported flooding of homes, cars, and streets in northeastern Broward County from Deerfield Beach south to Pompano Beach and Oakland Park. Persistent showers developed over northeastern Broward County late in the evening of Friday, November 19 and reached its peak during the early morning hours of Saturday November 20. Doppler radar estimated up to 5 inches of rain in a 2-hour period between midnight and 2:00 AM fell over these areas.

**December 2009 Flash Flood**

Extensive and severe flooding occurred over southeastern Broward County. Hardest-hit communities were Dania Beach, Hollywood, Hallandale Beach, and Pembroke Park. As much as 14 inches of rain fell in about 6 hours with other mesonet reports along with radar



estimates showing an area of 8 to 13 inches of rain primarily along and east of I-95 in the above-mentioned communities. Severe flooding began around 7:30 PM in Dania Beach, gradually progressing southward between 8 and 10 PM to cover the rest of the affected area. A total of 101 homes sustained major flood damage in Broward County, with an additional 88 homes having minor damage. Water was reported to be as high as 2 feet deep inside some homes, and a mobile home park in Pembroke Park had to be evacuated due to the rising water. Shelters were opened in Hallandale Beach and Hollywood to accommodate the evacuees. 6 businesses also sustained significant water damage. One building had a roof collapse in Hallandale Beach. Hundreds of cars were damaged or destroyed by the water. In addition to the water damage, about 2,000 customers lost power in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

### Historical Summary of Insured Flood Losses

According to FEMA flood insurance policy records, there have been more than 22,000 flood losses reported in Broward County through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), totaling more than \$64 million in claims payments. **Table 4.24** lists the number of losses and total claims payments, by jurisdiction for both 2009 and 2011 (for comparison). It should be noted that this listing includes only those losses to structures that were insured through the NFIP policies, and for losses in which claims were sought. It is likely that many additional instances of flood losses in Broward County were either uninsured or have gone unreported.

**Table 4.24: National Flood Insurance Program Loss Statistics by Jurisdiction (as of November 1, 2011)**

Jurisdiction	Number of Losses		Total Claims Payments	
	2009	2011	2009	2011
Coconut Creek	120	33	\$42,672	\$47,166
Cooper City	503	202	\$647,785	\$668,011
Coral Springs	1,241	485	\$1,907,109	\$1,957,807
Dania Beach	238	143	\$1,019,800	\$1,516,027
Davie	980	421	\$2,417,427	\$2,427,823
Deerfield Beach	257	95	\$301,593	\$324,696
Fort Lauderdale	1,685	759	\$6,331,259	\$6,519,475
Hallandale Beach	948	879	\$10,522,437	\$22,576,333
Hillsboro Beach	40	22	\$1,277,532	\$1,277,532
Hollywood	2,263	1,475	\$8,374,031	\$15,682,192
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	35	14	\$83,179	\$83,179
Lauderdale Lakes	796	347	\$1,213,177	\$1,213,177
Lauderhill	1,468	758	\$3,746,779	\$3,750,760
Lazy Lake	2	0	\$0	\$0.00
Lighthouse Point	152	65	\$399,769	\$399,769
Margate	939	384	\$815,385	\$821,547

Miramar	1,464	566	\$2,640,374	\$2,640,236
North Lauderdale	743	317	\$929,836	\$929,836
Oakland Park	576	300	\$2,678,389	\$2,667,731
Parkland	59	16	\$83,793	\$119,605
Pembroke Park	75	72	\$965,857	\$1,403,054
Pembroke Pines	1,344	485	\$3,166,882	\$3,185,918
Plantation	1,110	407	\$1,726,885	\$1,738,163
Pompano Beach	831	285	\$2,101,354	\$2,673,373
Sea Ranch Lakes	9	4	\$271,081	\$271,081
Southwest Ranches	3	2	\$14,434	\$21,596
Sunrise	1,356	462	\$1,438,353	\$1,443,665
Tamarac	997	348	\$1,097,343	\$1,109,986
Unincorporated	2,175	933	\$8,055,124	\$8,247,260
West Park	0	0	\$0	\$0
Weston	39	4	\$20,130	\$43,107
Wilton Manors	166	73	\$530,085	\$530,085
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,614</b>	<b>10,356</b>	<b>\$64,777,182</b>	<b>\$86,290,190</b>

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

### *Probability of Future Events*

It is highly likely that Broward County will continue to experience flooding associated with large tropical storms, hurricanes, and heavy rainfall events.

### *Future Risk Conditions Influencing Flood*

The impacts of climate change and the attendant sea level rise will have considerable impact on future flood conditions. While the impacts of sea level rise are discussed in greater detail in a subsection dedicated to this subject in Section 4, the following results of climate change and sea level rise, as documented by the 2011 SFWMD report, will impact flooding in Broward County:

- Inundation of coastal properties by higher sea level
- A potential 10% increase in overall precipitation (however, it should be noted that some experts have projected a 10% decrease)
- Higher storm surge levels
- Higher sea levels limit the ability of coastal drainage systems to outfall inland stormwater runoff into marine systems thus exacerbating flooding and reducing the effectiveness of the larger drainage system
- Rainfall increases of up to 20% within 60 miles of tropical storms and hurricanes

In conclusion, the impacts of climate change, global warming, and sea level rise will likely exacerbate the severity and duration of floods, both ones caused by tropical cyclones and ones not caused by these storms. For more information about climate change, refer to the “Sea Level Rise/Climate Change” part in this section (starting p.138) and the Economic Hot Spot Profiles of Chapter 5.

*Vulnerability Assessment*

In order to assess flood risk, two distinct vulnerability assessment approaches were applied for Broward County in order to assess exposure and potential losses to flood hazard events. This includes (1) a Hazus-MH analysis for riverine (or “non-coastal”) flood events; and (2) a GIS-based analysis for riverine and coastal flood events using FEMA’s digital Q3 flood data (as shown in Map 4.11) in combination with Broward County’s local tax assessor records.

First, riverine flood hazards were modeled using Hazus-MH for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year flood events. Flood depth was estimated at the pixel level for affected areas, along with proportion of the area affected within the census block. Hazus-MH was utilized to estimate floodplain boundaries, potential exposure for each event frequency, and loss estimates based on probabilistic scenarios using a Level 1 analysis.<sup>39</sup> **Table 4.25** shows potential building losses for 10- and 50-year riverine flood events by jurisdiction, and **Table 4.26** shows potential building losses for 100- and 500-year riverine flood events by jurisdiction.

**Table 4.25: Potential Building Losses by Jurisdiction (10- and 50-year Riverine Flood Events)**

Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	10-Year			50-Year		
		Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
Coconut Creek	\$3,061,603,270	\$291,110	Negligible	Negligible	\$552,120	Negligible	Negligible
Cooper City	\$1,943,657,150	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Coral Springs	\$8,134,798,700	\$44,516,190	\$443,730	\$126,760	\$52,586,240	\$1,196,600	\$1,672,740
Dania Beach	\$1,878,435,580	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Davie	\$6,711,031,880	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Deerfield Beach	\$5,161,599,440	\$229,320	\$56,310	\$150,520	\$512,810	\$124,510	\$337,660
Fort Lauderdale	\$22,130,694,710	\$10,703,830	\$184,520	\$92,120	\$16,108,420	\$782,980	\$829,050
Hallandale Beach	\$3,836,691,130	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Hillsboro Beach	\$810,574,300	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Hollywood	\$10,029,588,340	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,739,928,950	\$2,434,280	\$55,540	Negligible	\$2,500,100	\$155,870	Negligible
Lauderdale Lakes	\$1,152,461,750	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Lauderhill	\$2,492,601,430	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Lazy Lake	\$4,107,550	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

39 According to FEMA’s Hazus Web site, “a Level 1 analysis yields a rough estimate based on the nationwide database and is a great way to begin the risk assessment process and prioritize high-risk communities.”

Lighthouse Point	\$1,261,700,120	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	\$136,000	Negligible	Negligible
Margate	\$2,296,212,030	\$10,548,780	\$248,200	\$39,920	\$17,173,400	\$718,770	\$252,010
Miramar	\$7,475,638,380	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
North Lauderdale	\$1,260,435,790	\$840,840	\$90,980	Negligible	\$6,246,740	\$351,530	\$59,580
Oakland Park	\$2,473,754,560	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Parkland	\$2,682,321,260	\$29,746,130	\$78,060	Negligible	\$30,233,850	\$78,060	Negligible
Pembroke Park	\$404,154,300	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Pembroke Pines	\$10,247,846,250	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Plantation	\$6,803,128,100	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Pompano Beach	\$8,981,181,420	\$33,942,220	\$2,477,240	\$9,686,510	\$67,084,270	\$5,607,320	\$18,322,110
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$110,763,020	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Southwest Ranches	\$890,133,450	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Sunrise	\$5,308,400,300	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Tamarac	\$3,283,696,510	\$5,522,610	Negligible	Negligible	\$23,560,490	\$93,600	Negligible
Unincorporated	\$1,106,396,610	\$107,630	\$17,350	\$33,260	\$171,000	\$39,180	\$75,050
West Park	\$331,537,990	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Weston	\$6,490,572,820	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Wilton Manors	\$941,493,080	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>	<b>\$138,882,940</b>	<b>\$3,651,930</b>	<b>\$10,129,090</b>	<b>\$216,912,220</b>	<b>\$9,148,420</b>	<b>\$21,548,200</b>

\* Negligible means less than \$5,000

Source: Broward County property Appraiser and Hazus-MH MR2

**Table 4.26: Potential Building Losses by Jurisdiction (100- and 500-year Riverine Flood Events)**

Jurisdiction	Total Exposure	100-Year			500-Year		
		Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
Coconut Creek	\$3,061,603,270	\$840,020	Negligible	Negligible	\$706,560	Negligible	Negligible
Cooper City	\$1,943,657,150	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Coral Springs	\$8,134,798,700	\$53,765,270	\$1,435,120	\$1,864,120	\$61,010,430	\$4,714,770	\$7,227,810
Dania Beach	\$1,878,435,580	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Davie	\$6,711,031,880	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Deerfield Beach	\$5,161,599,440	\$660,040	\$162,290	\$443,430	\$2,243,370	\$300,690	\$742,450
Fort Lauderdale	\$22,130,694,710	\$19,225,060	\$919,290	\$1,050,810	\$23,874,870	\$1,787,050	\$2,285,860
Hallandale Beach	\$3,836,691,130	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Hillsboro Beach	\$810,574,300	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	\$909,900	\$42,300	Negligible
Hollywood	\$10,029,588,340	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$1,739,928,950	\$5,487,730	\$193,500	Negligible	\$11,498,500	\$481,050	Negligible
Lauderdale Lakes	\$1,152,461,750	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Lauderhill	\$2,492,601,430	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Lazy Lake	\$4,107,550	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Lighthouse Point	\$1,261,700,120	\$196,220	Negligible	Negligible	\$5,022,540	\$37,250	Negligible
Margate	\$2,296,212,030	\$19,102,270	\$1,599,370	\$522,720	\$24,953,830	\$2,091,590	\$1,319,960
Miramar	\$7,475,638,380	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
North Lauderdale	\$1,260,435,790	\$6,688,620	\$355,660	\$61,500	\$8,161,780	\$2,706,750	\$1,097,330

Oakland Park	\$2,473,754,560	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Parkland	\$2,682,321,260	\$30,417,440	\$78,060	Negligible	\$32,291,920	\$646,270	Negligible
Pembroke Park	\$404,154,300	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Pembroke Pines	\$10,247,846,520	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Plantation	\$6,803,128,100	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Pompano Beach	\$8,981,181,420	\$78,029,050	\$6,935,920	\$22,599,440	\$151,152,010	\$10,806,250	\$36,645,670
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$110,763,020	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Southwest Ranches	\$890,133,450	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Sunrise	\$5,308,400,300	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Tamarac	\$3,283,696,510	\$23,572,450	\$94,490	\$236,240	\$27,554,200	\$619,550	\$333,520
Unincorporated	\$1,106,396,610	\$229,600	\$50,970	\$98,360	\$321,570	\$108,520	\$176,390
West Park	\$331,537,990	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Weston	\$6,490,572,820	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Wilton Manors	\$941,493,080	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>	<b>\$238,213,770</b>	<b>\$11,824,670</b>	<b>\$26,876,620</b>	<b>\$348,791,580</b>	<b>\$24,299,740</b>	<b>\$49,828,990</b>

\* Negligible means less than \$5,000

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser and Hazus-MH MR2

The second approach to assessing each jurisdiction’s exposure and potential losses to riverine and coastal flood hazard events included an independent GIS-based analysis using FEMA’s digital Q3 flood data in combination with Broward County’s local tax assessor records and critical facilities data. In order to complete the assessment, initially every individual land parcel and critical facility that is located wholly or partially within a FEMA Zone A, AE, or V special flood hazard area with a 1% annual chance of flooding (100-year floodplain) was identified, by jurisdiction. It should be noted in this revised Plan, critical facilities in FEMA AH Zone has been added to broaden the analysis. This analysis is intended for use as a general planning tool in order to provide reasonable estimates of potential at-risk properties or facilities using best available georeferenced data in comparison to the results of the Hazus-MH loss estimation results. It is important to note that while the GIS-based assessment does use specific attribute data tied to each individual at-risk property (i.e., year built and building value), it does not take into account certain unknown site-specific factors that may mitigate future flood losses on a building-by-building basis (such as elevation, surrounding topography, flood-proofing measures, drainage, etc.).

The identification of at-risk properties (and subsequently buildings) was completed using local parcel data layers in combination with local tax assessor records. To further narrow down the list of initially identified floodplain properties to those with buildings potentially at-risk to flood events, GIS selection criteria was utilized to identify only those properties with buildings constructed prior to 1972 (pre-NFIP), under the assumption that those built after 1972 would be protected to the 100-year flood level due to the availability of flood hazard maps and the adoption of local flood damage prevention ordinances. The objective of the GIS-based analysis is to calculate the total building value of all potentially at-risk properties in Broward County, by jurisdiction. The results of the GIS-based flood analysis for Broward County are provided in **Tables 4.27, 4.27a and 4.27b.**

**Table 4.27: Total Building Value of At-Risk Properties by Jurisdiction (Riverine / Coastal Flood Events)**

Jurisdiction	Number of Floodplain Properties	Total Building Value	Pre-NFIP Building Value (pre-1972)
Coconut Creek	11,368	\$1,049,891,230	\$0
Cooper City	10,057	\$1,943,657,150	\$17,426,980
Coral Springs	37,123	\$7,524,370,740	\$0
Dania Beach	9,796	\$1,541,311,620	\$633,787,060
Davie	28,689	\$6,483,800,040	\$388,631,280
Deerfield Beach	9,781	\$1,715,145,330	\$215,725,470
Fort Lauderdale	37,739	\$12,450,843,970	\$4,703,973,830
Hallandale Beach	19,825	\$3,076,975,620	\$430,799,820
Hillsboro Beach	1,383	\$520,674,130	\$32,422,310
Hillsboro Lighthouse	31,005	\$6,134,480,510	\$0
Hollywood	2,460	\$673,760,460	\$2,307,525,260
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	12,153	\$1,151,744,090	\$62,344,310
Lauderdale Lakes	23,589	\$2,460,449,970	\$10,285,410
Lauderhill	15	\$4,107,550	\$191,604,990
Lazy Lake	3,749	\$971,836,240	\$4,562,710
Lighthouse Point	11,368	\$2,207,285,850	\$754,736,960
Margate	21,022	\$7,524,370,740	\$17,226,340
Miramar	33,996	\$7,115,652,310	\$54,058,510
North Lauderdale	9,994	\$1,116,825,290	\$0
Oakland Park	12,299	\$1,803,791,150	\$811,745,300
Parkland	3,956	\$1,636,014,550	\$0
Pembroke Park	227	\$220,029,800	\$120,932,940
Pembroke Pines	53,979	\$9,868,651,520	\$22,990
Plantation	30,636	\$6,760,225,350	\$19,519,800
Pompano Beach	37,216	\$6,861,685,8920	\$1,073,542,660
Sea Ranch Lakes	67	\$34,729,930	\$10,446,880
Seminole Tribe of Florida	2,461	\$890,133,450	\$566,497,840
Southwest Ranches	32,857	\$4,927,835,900	\$7,832,910
Sunrise	29,175	\$3,153,911,270	\$3,888,850
Tamarac	2,148	\$7,115,652,310	\$45,530,580
Unincorporated	1,073	\$828,319,170	\$154,551,000
West Park	23,254	\$48,970,250	\$65,453,430
Weston	5,275	\$6,482,636,880	\$0
Wilton Manors	33,996	\$934,384,560	\$483,006,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>538,367</b>	<b>\$102,594,131,770</b>	<b>\$13,188,082,920</b>

Sources: Broward County; Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Table 4.27a: Total Building Value of At-Risk Properties by Jurisdiction and Type (Riverine / Coastal Flood Events) September 30, 2011**

Jurisdiction	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Other*	Total
Coconut Creek	\$371,419,300	\$32,740,600	\$1,489,540	\$70,972,370	\$476,621,810
Cooper City	\$1,682,568,630	\$99,588,080	\$16,616,450	\$187,047,670	\$1,985,820,830
Coral Springs	\$4,324,480,400	\$848,801,000	\$155,966,710	\$646,664,650	\$5,975,912,760
Dania Beach	\$606,495,790	\$321,628,110	\$156,715,280	\$88,325,440	\$1,173,164,620
Davie	\$4,044,013,380	\$1,047,451,630	\$217,339,260	\$1,065,803,760	\$6,374,608,030
Deerfield Beach	\$671,488,760	\$184,326,310	\$154,357,310	\$103,731,690	\$1,113,904,070
Fort Lauderdale	\$4,677,433,870	\$2,094,519,730	\$431,226,450	\$2,822,574,120	\$10,025,754,170
Hallandale Beach	\$374,561,540	\$343,725,330	\$34,125,400	\$70,716,820	\$823,129,090
Hillsboro Beach	\$263,236,290	\$1,514,270	\$0	\$505,310	\$265,255,870
Hollywood	\$2,602,759,500	\$618,308,260	\$287,780,060	\$466,192,610	\$3,975,040,430
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$134,132,570	\$10,005,750	\$0	\$72,270	\$144,210,590
Lauderdale Lakes	\$446,808,640	\$112,006,810	\$20,558,030	\$289,808,970	\$869,182,450
Lauderhill	\$1,323,834,220	\$174,905,080	\$51,417,060	\$290,208,780	\$1,840,365,140
Lazy Lake	\$3,091,870	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,091,870
Lighthouse Point	\$832,325,340	\$9,135,690	\$0	\$5,161,320	\$846,622,350
Margate	\$1,142,321,770	\$232,315,960	\$59,152,580	\$206,017,890	\$1,639,808,200
Miramar	\$4,614,068,230	\$521,435,540	\$332,708,350	\$456,158,200	\$5,924,370,320
North Lauderdale	\$708,863,290	\$84,963,090	\$8,746,260	\$102,411,860	\$904,984,500
Oakland Park	\$623,973,720	\$242,196,320	\$189,052,010	\$196,554,060	\$1,251,776,110
Parkland	\$1,277,039,140	\$6,318,390	\$560,200	\$141,813,600	\$1,425,731,330
Pembroke Park	\$20,122,580	\$20,764,380	\$110,646,900	\$31,142,950	\$182,676,810
Pembroke Pines	\$5,942,195,710	\$936,555,370	\$81,746,690	\$790,812,280	\$7,751,310,050
Plantation	\$4,074,196,690	\$950,598,510	\$86,846,930	\$531,022,220	\$5,642,664,350
Pompano Beach	\$1,646,912,680	\$333,050,330	\$836,980,790	\$420,795,630	\$3,237,739,430
Sea Ranch Lakes	\$28,889,360	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,889,360
Southwest Ranches	\$639,883,080	\$22,722,110	\$4,112,890	\$146,175,510	\$812,893,590
Sunrise	\$1,855,233,590	\$1,032,250,620	\$219,072,770	\$1,005,486,490	\$4,112,043,470
Tamarac	\$1,570,087,050	\$245,219,340	\$98,516,350	\$176,022,110	\$2,089,844,850
Unincorporated	\$126,357,780	\$21,561,040	\$49,378,960	\$1,984,509,940	\$2,181,807,720
West Park	\$23,524,190	\$4,424,120	\$296,730	\$1,440,150	\$29,685,190
Weston	\$4,668,805,660	\$353,837,110	\$146,760,170	\$336,047,800	\$5,505,450,740
Wilton Manors	\$533,613,190	\$75,676,240	\$7,694,230	\$66,489,510	\$683,473,170

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,854,737,810</b>	<b>\$10,982,545,120</b>	<b>\$3,759,864,360</b>	<b>\$12,700,685,980</b>	<b>\$79,297,833,270</b>
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\* "Other" building occupancy category includes agriculture, religious/nonprofit, government, and education occupancies.

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser

**Table 4.27b: Total # of Buildings At-Risk Properties by Jurisdiction and Type (Riverine / Coastal Flood Events) September 30, 2011**

Jurisdiction	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Other*	Total
Coconut Creek	3,445	39	1	101	3,586
Cooper City	10,868	155	5	363	11,391
Coral Springs	27,302	678	261	1101	29,342
Dania Beach	7,104	277	355	639	8,375
Davie	23,802	2712	297	1514	28,325
Deerfield Beach	5,855	248	212	288	6,603
Fort Lauderdale	23,356	2,175	721	1357	27,609
Hallandale Beach	3,689	269	105	112	4,175
Hillsboro Beach	165	2	0	8	175
Hollywood	19,972	711	295	2684	23,662
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	587	20	0	3	610
Lauderdale Lakes	5,402	128	25	108	5,663
Lauderhill	12,563	344	55	258	13,220
Lazy Lake	16	0	0	2	18
Lighthouse Point	3,213	21	0	17	3,251
Margate	14,330	319	167	245	15,061
Miramar	28,789	763	132	1169	30,853
North Lauderdale	8,827	104	11	158	9,100
Oakland Park	7,201	590	749	450	8,990
Parkland	4,918	22	1	475	5,416
Pembroke Park	86	57	98	58	299
Pembroke Pines	39,716	447	109	918	41,190
Plantation	23,020	594	93	842	24,549
Pompano Beach	16,443	930	1,386	1413	20,172
Sea Ranch Lakes	70	0	0	4	74
Southwest Ranches	2,391	15	2	917	3,325
Sunrise	20,494	529	271	601	21,895
Tamarac	18,205	287	50	356	18,898



Unincorporated	2,187	192	85	598	3,062
West Park	1,060	13	5	25	1,103
Weston	18,909	280	86	822	20,097
Wilton Manors	3,513	235	27	80	3,855
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>357,498</b>	<b>13,156</b>	<b>5,604</b>	<b>17,686</b>	<b>393,944</b>

\* "Other" building occupancy category includes agriculture, religious/nonprofit, government, and education occupancies.

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser

The GIS-based analysis for critical facilities identified 78 critical facilities throughout Broward County as being potentially at-risk to flood events. These include 24 city halls, 80 fire stations, 28 police stations, 14 hospital, and 201 schools (26 of which are designated as either county or local shelters). These potentially at-risk critical facilities are listed in **Table 4.28 in Appendix I**.

FEMA defines a repetitive loss property as any insurable building for which two or more claims of more than \$1,000 were paid by the NFIP within any rolling 10-year period, since 1978. A repetitive loss property may or may not be currently insured by the NFIP. Currently there are over 122,000 repetitive loss properties nationwide. FEMA defines a severe repetitive loss (SRL) property as with 1 of the following conditions in a 10-year period: 1) At least 4 claims payments (building and contents) over \$5,000 each; 2) At least 2 building claims payments with the cumulative amount exceeding the market value of the building.

According to FEMA repetitive loss property records, there are currently 754 "non-mitigated" Repetitive Loss Properties located in Broward County<sup>40</sup>. These properties have accounted for a total of 1,919 losses and more than \$35 million in claims payments (building and contents) under the NFIP as shown in **Table 4.29**. All but 1 of Broward County's municipal jurisdictions (Sea Ranch Lakes) is identified as having one or more Repetitive Loss Properties.

Also included is the list of FEMA SRL properties in **Table 4.30**. These properties have accounted for 244 losses and more than \$8.7 million in claims payments. **Map 4.13** shows the approximate location of both Repetitive Loss and SRL Properties in Broward County. Hallandale Beach has the most SRL properties with 12.

Although this information is tracked by the County in accordance with FEMA guidelines, it is protected from release by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(2).

**Table 4.29: NFIP Repetitive Loss Properties by Jurisdiction (as of September 30, 2011)**

Jurisdiction	Number of Repetitive Loss Properties	Number of Losses	Building Payments	Contents Payments	Total Payments
Coconut Creek	1	8	\$17,909	\$2,339	\$20,248
Cooper City	4	8	\$17,909	\$2,339	\$20,248

<sup>40</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.1

Coral Springs	11	22	\$186,788	\$80,826	\$267,614
Dania Beach	32	83	\$959,174	\$265,824	\$1,224,999
Davie	18	45	\$409,695	\$384,092	\$793,788
Deerfield Beach	5	11	\$77,557	\$21,608	\$99,165
Fort Lauderdale	70	211	\$1,828,383	\$1,610,406	\$3,438,789
Hallandale Beach	150	422	\$10,280,636	\$3,779,462	\$14,060,098
Hillsboro Beach	1	2	\$9,665	\$0	\$9,665
Hollywood	212	499	\$6,501,963	\$2,329,907	\$8,831,870
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	1	3	\$16,974	\$4,944	\$21,918
Lauderdale Lakes	15	33	\$153,626	\$35,351	\$188,978
Lauderhill	29	64	\$412,082	\$140,362	\$552,444
Lazy Lake	1	2	\$6,285	\$0	\$6,285
Lighthouse Point	2	4	\$12,734	\$22,264	\$34,998
Margate	10	22	\$60,551	\$18,998	\$79,548
Miramar	37	77	\$508,670	\$171,503	\$680,172
North Lauderdale	8	17	\$86,037	\$12,618	\$98,655
Oakland Park	46	121	\$1,258,915	\$589,706	\$1,848,621
Parkland	1	2	\$8,859	\$1,575	\$10,434
Pembroke Park	11	42	\$438,112	\$644,931	\$1,083,043
Pembroke Pines	11	24	\$169,470	\$26,186	\$195,657
Plantation	12	24	\$85,701	\$16,359	\$102,060
Pompano Beach	14	37	\$597,997	\$90,471	\$688,468
Sea Ranch Lakes	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Southwest Ranches	2	4	\$18,593	\$13,066	\$31,659
Sunrise	7	18	\$120,179	\$48,739	\$168,919
Tamarac	10	22	\$110,314	\$47,907	\$158,222
Unincorporated	5	11	\$99,005	\$48,704	\$147,709
West Park	18	62	\$487,810	\$259,001	\$737,811
Weston	3	8	\$97,828	\$11,690	\$109,518
Wilton Manors	7	17	\$118,563	\$26,155	\$144,717
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>\$25,133,996</b>	<b>\$10,704,996</b>	<b>\$35,838,992</b>

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Greatest increase in number of Repetitive Loss Properties (from 2009 LMS to present)

- Hallandale Beach - 83 to 150 properties
- Hollywood - 108 to 212 properties

Biggest decrease in number of Repetitive Loss Properties (from 2009 LMS to present)

- 2 less properties – multiple cities: Davie, Fort Lauderdale, and Oakland Park

**Table 4.30: NFIP SRL Properties by Jurisdiction (as of September 30, 2011)**

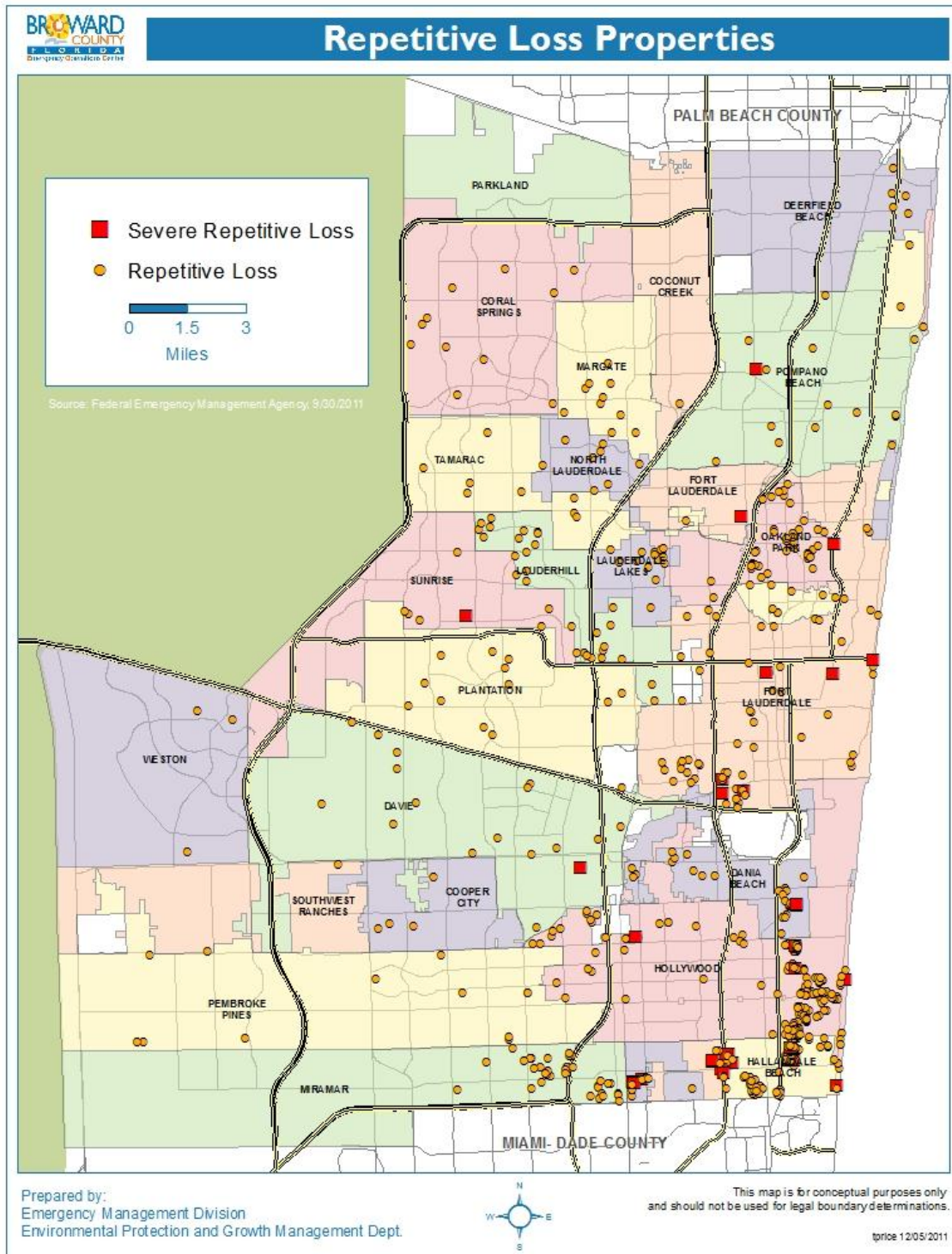
Jurisdiction	Number of SRL Properties	Number of Losses	Building Payments	Contents Payments	Total Payments
Coconut Creek	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cooper City	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coral Springs	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dania Beach	2	9	\$191,022	\$48,687	\$239,710
Davie	1	5	\$97,957	\$226,528	\$324,485
Deerfield Beach	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fort Lauderdale	8	54	\$569,211	\$1,095,642	\$1,664,853
Hallandale Beach	12	94	\$3,250,758	\$1,136,775	\$4,387,533
Hillsboro Beach	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hollywood	4	22	\$370,551	\$222,975	\$593,526
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lauderdale Lakes	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lauderhill	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lazy Lake	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lighthouse Point	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Margate	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miramar	1	3	\$172,871	\$371,679	\$674,958
North Lauderdale	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oakland Park	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parkland	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pembroke Park	4	23	\$303,280	\$371,679	\$674,958
Pembroke Pines	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Plantation	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pompano Beach	1	6	\$180,649	\$0	\$180,649
Sea Ranch Lakes	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Southwest Ranches	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sunrise	1	5	\$70,664	\$40,075	\$110,739
Tamarac	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unincorporated	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
West Park	4	23	\$222,320	\$132,360	\$354,680
Weston	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wilton Manors	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Jurisdiction	Number of SRL Properties	Number of Losses	Building Payments	Contents Payments	Total Payments
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>\$5,429,282</b>	<b>\$3,309,521</b>	<b>\$8,738,804</b>

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Map 4.13 Repetitive Loss and SRL Properties in Broward County (as of September 30, 2011)



### *Rip Current*

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), a rip current is a narrow channel of water flowing seaward from the beach through areas of breaking waves, occurring over the waters and bays of the ocean. Rip currents often form when the gradient wind is strong and directly onshore or when swell from a distant extratropical or tropical cyclone encroaches on the coast, but rip currents can also be present during any large wave event.

Rip currents form when water is driven shoreward by waves over sandbars, and then the water finds a path seaward through gaps in sandbars at a velocity as high as 5 miles per hour. Near the beach, rip currents are narrow (30-60 feet wide) and fast, with increasing width and decreasing velocity as they extend up to 1,000 feet offshore.

Rip currents, commonly called rip tides and erroneously called undertows, affect most of the surf areas along Florida's Atlantic and Gulf coasts. They annually kill more people in Florida than hurricanes, tornadoes, and lightning combined. The threat to the population is much greater, since bathers come to the beach from many locations. Although rip currents can occur at any time of the year, the majority of deaths in Florida and Broward County occur from March through August, when the combination of a large number of bathers and favorable wind conditions coincide. Many victims are tourists who are unfamiliar with surf conditions; however, local residents also become victims, as can strong or weak swimmers. Bathers must heed rip current warnings posted at the beaches, and it is recommended that ocean bathers swim near lifeguards. The local NWS office in Miami, Florida issues Marine Weather Statements when conditions are favorable for rip currents.

### *Location and Spatial Extent*

In Broward County, areas immediately offshore of the coastal communities from Deerfield Beach, south to Hallandale Beach are susceptible to rip currents under the right conditions.

### *Historical Occurrences*

According to the National Climatic Data Center, 37 deaths and 41 injuries occurred during 1994 to 2010 as listed in **Table 4.31**. Half of these incidents occurred in Fort Lauderdale.

**Table 4.31: Rip Currents/Heavy Surf – Reported Occurrences Since 1950**

Location	Date	Deaths	Injuries	Notes
Fort Lauderdale	11/18/1994	1	0	A 35-year-old man drowned in a rip current while saving his 8-year-old son. The incident took place at a private motel beach south of Ft. Lauderdale Beach and was caused by large swells from Tropical Storm Gordon.
Fort Lauderdale	5/29/1995	0	1	A 26-year old female resident was caught in a rip current and nearly drowned. She was transported to a hospital in critical condition but was released 5 days later.
Fort Lauderdale	7/17/1996	1	1	A 41-year-old man drowned in a rip current while trying to rescue his 11-year-old son on an unguarded section of Fort Lauderdale beach. The man was a good swimmer but swam directly against the current. His son survived. 2 other children were rescued from a nearby rip current with an 11-year-old female requiring hospitalization.
Fort Lauderdale	7/20/1996	1	0	A 20-year-old male tourist drowned in a rip current along Fort Lauderdale beach.

Location	Date	Deaths	Injuries	Notes
Fort Lauderdale	8/7/1996	1	0	A 16-year-old male drowned in a rip current off an unguarded section of Fort Lauderdale Beach.
Fort Lauderdale	3/30/1998	0	0	East winds near 20 knots resulted in rip currents and numerous rescues along southeast Florida beaches.
Fort Lauderdale	5/15/1998	0	0	A stalled low pressure system well offshore the Florida northeast coast resulted in moderate northeast swells over the coastal waters of southeast Florida. Beaches were closed with no deaths or injuries reported. Lifeguards confirmed rip current conditions.
Pompano Beach	12/20/1998	1	2	A Pompano Beach resident drowned in a rip current off Pompano Beach while rescuing 2 women tourists. The tourists, who were standing on a sand bar at an unguarded beach, were treated by paramedics and released.
Fort Lauderdale	4/1/1999	1	0	A 78-year old tourist went for a swim behind his condominium on Fort Lauderdale beach and drowned in a rip current. Winds had been from the east at 20 miles per hour with gusts to 30 miles per hour on the 2 days prior to the drowning and were from the southeast at 15 to 20 miles per hour at the time of the drowning.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	2/25/2001	0	1	A 73-year old man was hospitalized after nearly drowning in a rip current. The man was trying to rescue his 40-year daughter who was also caught in the rip current but escaped unharmed. Winds were east around 20 knots.
Fort Lauderdale	6/27/2001	1	0	A father drowned in a rip current while attempting to save his children. The children were uninjured.
Pompano Beach	4/10/2002	0	1	A 77-year old visitor was wading in waist-deep water at an unguarded section of the beach near the 100 block of Briny Avenue when he was caught in a rip current. The man suffered a heart attack but was revived by paramedics.
Fort Lauderdale	4/12/2002	1	6	A 67-year old visitor drowned in a rip current at an unguarded section of the beach across from 1151 State Road A1A. 6 other people were rescued and hospitalized at various times and locations along the surf beaches of Broward and Miami-Dade counties.
Fort Lauderdale	4/25/2002	1	0	A 51-year visitor drowned in a rip current at an unguarded section of Fort Lauderdale beach near the 4200 block of El Mar Drive.
Deerfield Beach	8/31/2003	1	1	Strong onshore winds continued during the second day of the 3-day Labor Day Weekend. 2 local residents swimming in the ocean late at night were caught in a rip current. 1 of the women drowned. On Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, more than 100 persons were rescued from rip currents along the beaches of southeast Florida.
Fort Lauderdale	9/1/2003	1	0	A man drowned in a rip current at Fort Lauderdale Beach.
Broward County	11/11/2003	3	0	Strong winds and large northeast swells impacted the southeast Florida coast. A 17' boat was found capsized in the Atlantic in Boca Raton with the bodies of 3 black males found nearby.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	5/11/2004	0	2	A pregnant woman was caught in a rip current at an unguarded beach north of Commercial Boulevard. The woman was rescued by several people passing by who pulled her to shore with a garden hose. 1 of the rescuers and the woman herself were hospitalized.

Location	Date	Deaths	Injuries	Notes
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	5/13/2004	1	2	A 64-year-old Oakland Park man drowned in a rip current at an unguarded section of beach. 2 other people were rescued and treated at the hospital.
Fort Lauderdale	5/14/2004	0	1	A swimmer caught in a rip current was rescued and treated by the Beach Patrol.
Fort Lauderdale	5/16/2004	0	1	A 20-year-old man trying to rescue his 3 children, who were caught in a rip current, nearly drowned. He was treated at a hospital. The children were unharmed.
Fort Lauderdale	1/4/2005	1	0	A resident of a nearby condominium drowned in a rip current at the beach in the 3400 Block of Galt Ocean Mile. Winds were east at 15 to 20 miles per hour and the time of low tide was 8 AM.
Hollywood	6/12/2005	1	0	A woman of unknown age drowned when likely caught in a rip current along Hollywood Beach.
Hollywood	7/7/2005	1	0	Strong east winds created by Hurricane Dennis created rip currents that drowned a man off Hollywood Beach.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	7/14/2006	1	0	A 53-year-old Fort Lauderdale man drowned when he was caught in a rip current in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. The man tried to swim to shore but exhausted himself. There were no lifeguards at the beach. Winds were east at around 15 miles per hour when the drowning occurred, and the Hazardous Weather Outlook issued that morning indicated a slight risk of rip currents along the Atlantic beaches.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	8/6/2006	1	0	A 50-year-old man drowned after getting caught in a rip current at a beach near 4050 N. Ocean Drive in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. The man was swimming at an unguarded beach.
Hollywood	8/6/2006	1	0	A 36-year-old resident of Pompano Beach drowned after getting caught in a rip current off John U. Lloyd State Park in Hollywood. The beach did not have a lifeguard present, but signs were posted at the park entrance warning of rip currents.
Broward County	8/8/2006	1	0	A 40-year-old man drowned after getting caught in a rip current while surfing near Franklin Street and Surf Road. This was the third rip current drowning in 3 days at Broward County beaches, during a period of sustained east winds of 15-20 miles per hour.
Fort Lauderdale	12/31/2006	1	8	A 62-year-old man drowned after getting caught in a rip current at an unguarded beach in the 3400 block of Galt Ocean Drive on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Southeast Florida Ocean Rescue agencies performed dozens of rescues over New Year's weekend as a result of the strong rip currents observed along the Atlantic beaches. Several of the rescued swimmers required medical attention.
Fort Lauderdale	01/03/2007	1	0	A 70 year old tourist from Pennsylvania drowned while fighting rip currents at an unguarded beach behind the Pink Palms Condominiums at the 2100 block of North Ocean Drive in Fort Lauderdale Beach. This was the second tourist to drown as a result of rip currents during the New Year's Weekend of 2007. Unseasonably warm weather along with strong east winds attracted hundreds of beach goers.
Fort Lauderdale	08/20/2007	0	2	2 people were rescued at Fort Lauderdale Beach after being pulled by rip currents. Both required treatment at area hospitals but were OK. Time is estimated.



Location	Date	Deaths	Injuries	Notes
Fort Lauderdale	08/20/2007	1	1	A 40-year-old man drowned as a result of rip currents shortly after 6 PM at a public beach near Las Olas Boulevard and A1A in Fort Lauderdale Beach. No lifeguards were on duty as the drowning occurred after hours. A woman who tried to rescue the man was taken to the hospital but recovered.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	04/01/2008	0	1	A 67 year old Canadian tourist was attempting to save a 10 year old boy who was trapped in a rip current at Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and he also became trapped in the strong current. The 2 people trapped in the rip current were then helped ashore by 2 others on boogie boards, but as the 4 people arrived on shore the tourist went into cardiac arrest, but was later revived at Holy Cross Hospital.
Hallandale Beach	4/6/2008	1	0	3 people were trapped in rip currents along Hallandale Beach near 1900 South Ocean Drive, however 2 people were rescued by lifeguards and fire rescue while a third drowned.
Hollywood	6/25/2008	1	0	Lifeguards on the beach at Hollywood warned the 65 year old female to stay out of the rough surf, but despite the warning the lady was later found unconscious by a public works official and was pulled to shore near Michigan Street and North Ocean Drive around 9 AM. Rescue workers performed resuscitation techniques on the victim until they reached Memorial Regional Hospital. The victim died later that day of heart failure.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	8/31/2008	2	0	The outer edges of Hurricane Gustav produced easterly winds of 20 knots with higher gusts along the Atlantic coasts of Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties, while Tropical Storm Hanna east of the area pushed swells toward the coast as well. This in turn created strong rip currents that drowned a North Dakota husband and wife couple at an unguarded beach in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.
Hollywood	8/31/2008	1	1	Strong rip currents drowned a 14 year old boy at John Lloyd State Park in Hollywood. The boy went missing at around 6:30 while swimming with his friend, and was recovered by the U.S. Coast Guard the next morning. The friend was rescued by Ocean Rescue officials and taken to a local hospital. The 12 year old boy was in stable condition.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	9/7/2008	1	0	A 46-year-old man drowned while out for a swim in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. A guard at the Ocean Colony Condominiums had not seen the man for several minutes, and witnesses stated that the victim attempted to hold onto a buoy as he was pulled out. The man's body was later retrieved at the Commercial Boulevard Pier which is south of where the man first entered the water.
Fort Lauderdale	9/14/2008	1	0	A 21 year old male was swimming with a group of friends on Fort Lauderdale beach during the afternoon of Sunday, September 14th when he was caught in a rip current. Attempts were made by friends to pull him out of the current, but were unsuccessful. The coast guard conducted a search and rescue through the night and into Monday afternoon, but could not find the victim. The victim washed up on the shore along highway A1A early Wednesday morning.

Location	Date	Deaths	Injuries	Notes
Hollywood	10/24/2008	1	0	A 57 year old male was swimming with a friend and his son at an unguarded beach near North Ocean Drive and Forrest Street in Hollywood Beach when a rip current caused him to drown. Medics performed CPR but were unable to save him.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	10/25/2008	0	1	Rip currents nearly drowned a 62-year-old woman visiting from Montreal. The woman was swimming behind the Ocean Colony Condominiums in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea when she was caught in a rip current. A resident of the condominium complex ran out to the beach and rescued the woman. She was attended to by rescue personnel on shore, but did not go to the hospital.
Fort Lauderdale	3/7/2009	1	0	A 41-year-old Pennsylvania man drowned off Fort Lauderdale Beach as a result of a rip current. The man was swimming near 1735 Atlantic Blvd when he was caught by a rip current.
Pompano Beach	4/25/2009	1	1	A 73-year-old Washington D.C. man visiting his condo in Pompano Beach drowned while attempting to rescue 2 boys who were caught in a rip current off 1000 South Ocean Boulevard in Pompano Beach. The man swam out to save the 2 boys, but was overwhelmed by the surf and rip currents and suffered a heart attack. A second man who attempted to rescue the victim was taken to the hospital for observation after having trouble breathing.
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	5/17/2009	0	3	High winds created strong rip currents at the coast of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and 5 tourists had to be rescued during a 20 minute span in the afternoon, including 1 couple from Holland. The volunteer fire department conducted the rescues along with some Good Samaritans.
Fort Lauderdale	5/23/2009	0	4	4 people needed to be rescued on the beach in Fort Lauderdale from rip currents.
Fort Lauderdale	5/15/2010	1	0	A local teenager and his friend were caught in rip currents while swimming on Fort Lauderdale Beach. One of the boys was rescued by emergency personnel, but an 18-year-old male was unable to be rescued. His body was spotted 2 days later near the same spot on the beach. The beach was unguarded at the time of the incident because it was after hours.
Dania Beach	6/25/2010	1	0	A 44-year-old man died trying to save a woman who was caught in a rip current about 300 yards north of the Dania Beach Pier. The victim along with 4 other people jumped in the water to save the woman, who according to police, was drunk. Winds were east at 15 to 20 mph, ideal conditions for rip currents to form. No lifeguards were on duty at the time of the incident.

Source: National Climatic Data Center

### *Probability of Future Occurrences*

The probability of future rip current occurrences affecting Broward County is high. While the majority of these events are small in terms of size, intensity, and duration, they do pose a significant threat, especially in unguarded areas.

### *Vulnerability Assessment*

Hazard vulnerability to rip currents is limited to human life and safety, but estimated potential injuries and deaths caused by rip current are difficult to quantify. During 1994 to 2010 there was an annual average of 2 deaths and 2 injuries per year. In addition to the Broward County residents, there are 7.2 million tourists who visit Deerfield Beach, south to Hallandale Beach, who are more vulnerable to rip currents, during March through August when conditions are favorable.

### *Sea Level Rise/Climate Change*

#### *Background*

Sea level rise, caused by climate change, is a phenomenon resulting from a consistent change in the earth's temperature that leads to changes in climatic patterns which ultimately alters weather patterns including with subsequent atmospheric and hydrologic impacts. The melting of ice at the polar ice caps will cause a worldwide increase on sea level. While there is still debate on the degree of the impact, the evidence is clear that a trend is occurring and sea levels have been rising for the better part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This chapter will not go into the details of what is causing climate change; it will focus on the impacts from climate change on sea level rise including storm surge and coastal flooding. The mitigation strategies section will follow up to propose potential adaptation and mitigation actions. Sea level rise and climate change also affect atmospheric and hydrologic patterns which in turn impact other hazards like inland flood (increased rainfall periods), drought (decreased rainfall periods), and wildfire (exacerbated by vegetative fuel growth in periods of higher rainfall and then burn risk in drier periods). The impact of climate change on these hazards will be discussed in the appropriate hazard subsections of Chapter 4. For this subsection, the impacts of sea level rise will be discussed.

An article from Nature Geoscience by T.R. Knutson, et al. entitled "Tropical Cyclones and Climate Change" (2010) referenced in the SFWMD report entitled "Past and Projected Trends in Climate and Sea Level Rise for South Florida – External Review Draft" (2011) reveals that the potential impacts of climate change, particularly global warming, for the Atlantic Ocean basin are the following:

- Decrease in the number of tropical storms and hurricanes from 6-34% (due to increased wind shear over the Atlantic basin)
- Increase in the wind intensity of the hurricanes from 2-11%
- Increase in the height and strength of hurricane storm surge (due to higher sea level and wind intensity)
- Rainfall increases of up to 20% within 60 miles of tropical storms and hurricanes
- At this time, there is no indication of large alterations of historical storm origin and tracks so south Florida continues to be a target of high probability

The SFWMD report states that the main concerns with sea level rise for South Florida are the following:

- Saltwater intrusion into coastal aquifers and a diminishing of fresh groundwater which negatively impacts the public water supply
- Less capacity to drain overland flooding and stormwater from inland areas to marine waters because the higher sea levels effectively block positive drainage from west to east (i.e., due to low South Florida surface elevations, most larger and local drainage systems depends on a differential between upstream and downstream water levels, headwater and tailwater respectively, where the downstream areas are generally in tidal/marine areas).
- Increased tropical storm and hurricane surge levels
- More frequent coastal flooding and some inundation of coastal real estate by marine water

#### *Location and Spatial Extent*

As a coastal county, the impact of sea level rise on Broward County has the potential to be high to severe in the long term. The Southeast Florida Climate Change Regional Compact, working closely with the Broward County Climate Change Task Force and the SFWMD, has outlined 3 potential scenarios in its April 2011 “A Unified Sea Level Rise Projection for Southeast Florida”: a 1 foot rise in sea level (estimated time occurrence between 2040-2070); a 2 foot rise (estimated between 2060-2115); and a 3 foot rise (estimated between 2078-2115; see **Maps 4.14-4.16**). The overlaps in time periods between the 3 scenarios are due to the uncertainty in making these types of projections. To discuss the impacts of the scenario in the near term, the Economic Vulnerability section also focuses on the impacts of sea level rise to coastal communities and concentrations of economic activity closest to the coast.

#### *Historical Occurrences*

The 2011 SFWMD report also states that, according to measurable changes in its coastal water control structures, sea level rise has already occurred. A majority of the coastal water control infrastructure managed by the SFWMD was constructed between 1950 and 1960. The Standard Flood design criteria for many of these structures assumes a headwater-tailwater differential of 6 inches. Due to the fact that several of these structures now have their discharge controlled by the tide (a rise in mean tailwater elevation), and what has been measured by tide gauges, then from the period 1950-2010, approximately 5.5 inches of sea level rise has occurred. Overall the report states that the sea level in Florida has risen about 9 inches over the past century.

#### *Probability of Future Occurrences*

The SFWMD report states that sea level rise projections for the year 2100, from governmental and peer-reviewed scientific literature, indicate a potential range from 1.5 to 6.5 feet. The main variable affecting this variation of these estimates is the uncertainty in knowing the rate of glacial and polar ice melting. More specifics about the scenarios developed for Broward County by the Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change is in the subsection below.

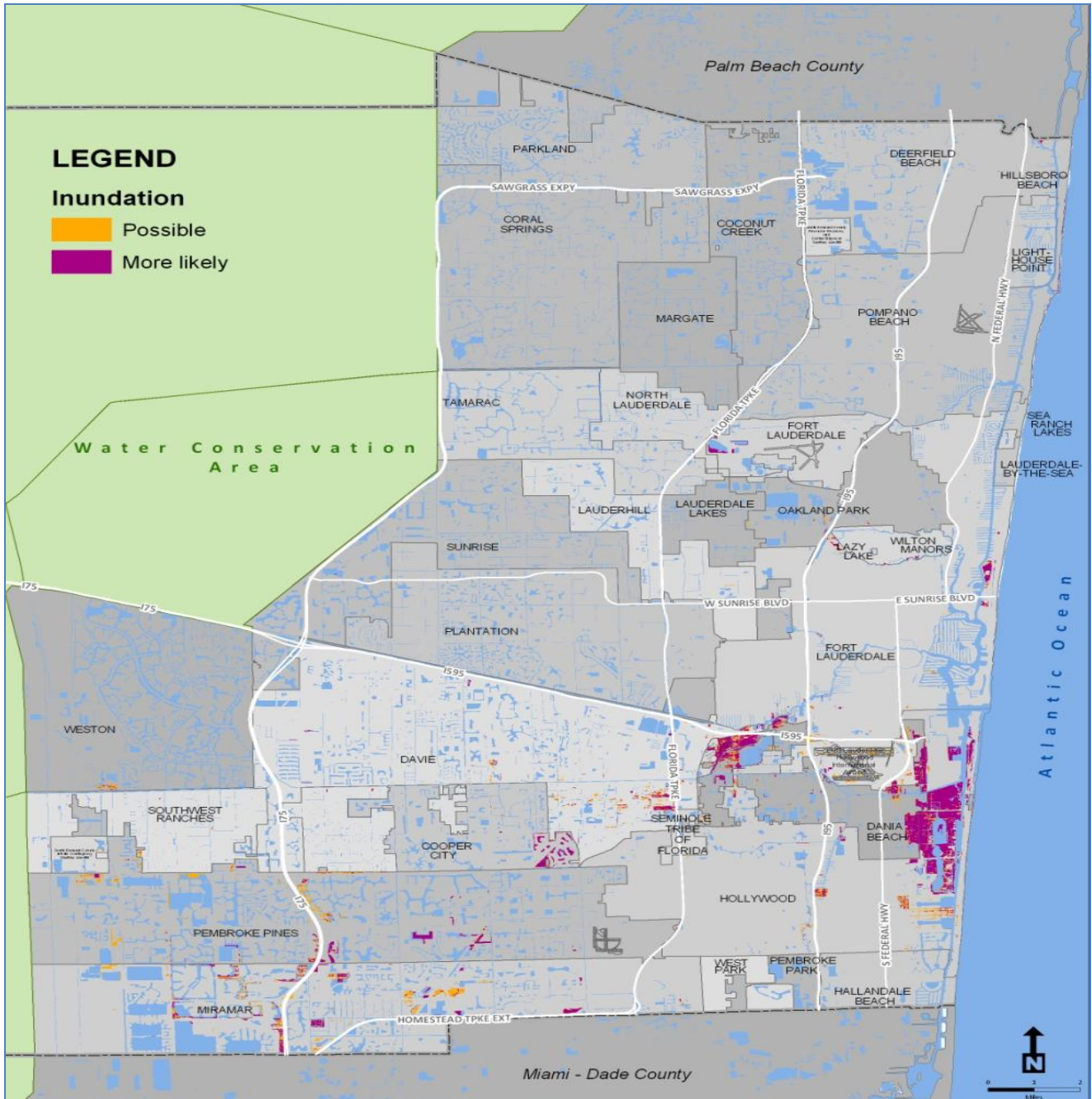
#### *Vulnerability Assessment*

While there is considerable non-scientific debate about the probability of sea level rise, and variation within the scientific community on the severity of sea level rise (but consensus on the probability), the County is likely to continue to be vulnerable to the impacts of sea level rise. The level of impact ranges from moderate to severe.

From the Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change’s “Analysis of the Vulnerability of Southeast Florida to Sea Level Rise” draft document from April 2011: “At the 1 foot scenario,

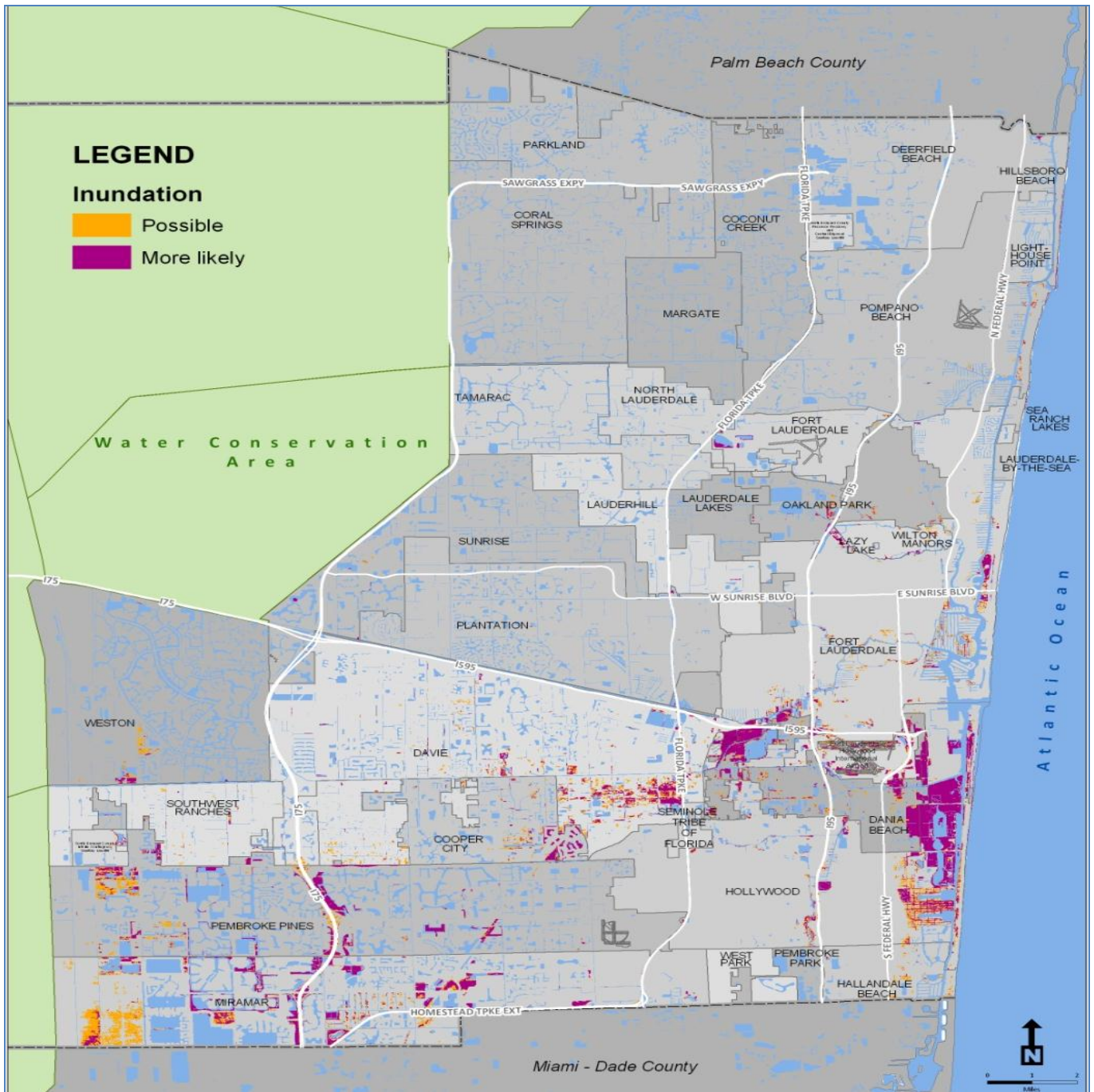
property with a current taxable value of \$403-828 million was vulnerable. At 3 feet of sea level rise, properties valued at \$6,901-12,109 million were impacted. Under a 1 foot sea level rise scenario, 1.3% of the County is impacted with conservation lands being the major land use type inundated. At the 2 foot scenario, 3% of the land is impacted with Electrical Generation Facilities among the top ranked impacted. At the 3 foot scenario, 7% of the total land mass of the County is impacted including 28% of the agricultural lands and 10% of the transit oriented development. In terms of acres inundated, wetland hardwood forest and vegetated non-forested wetlands are among the major habitats impacted.” See **Maps 4.14 - 4.16** below for a spatial depiction of the impacts from the 3 sea level rise scenarios. **Tables 4.32- 4.35**, after the maps, show the projected damage impacts and level of inundation by land use for the 3 scenarios.

Map 4.14 1 foot Sea Level Rise in Broward County



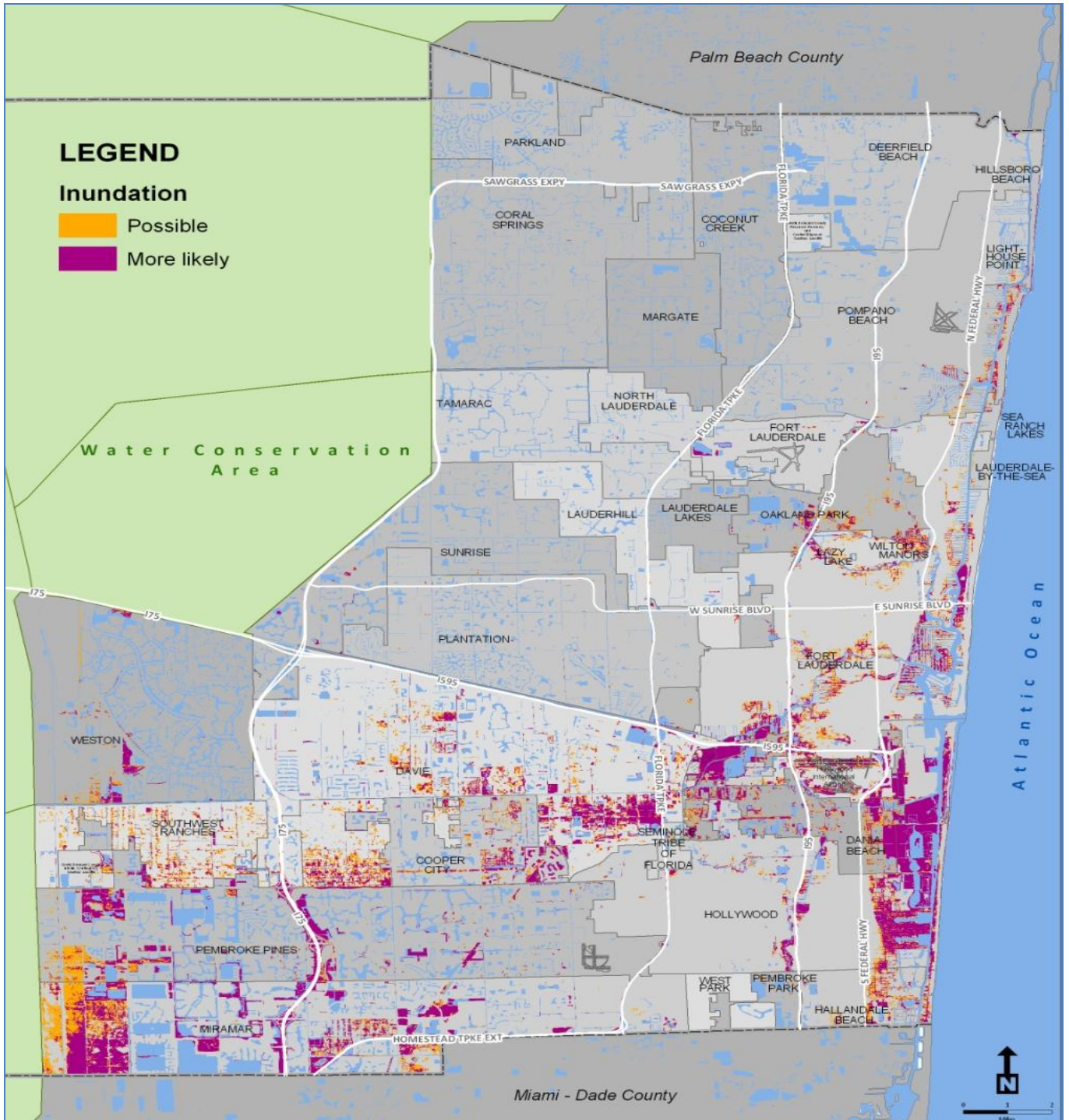
Source: Broward Chapter of Final Regional Compact Vulnerability Report April 2011

Map 4.15 2 foot Sea Level Rise in Broward County



Source: Broward Chapter of Final Regional Compact Vulnerability Report April 2011

Map 4.16 3 foot Sea Level Rise in Broward County



Source: Broward Chapter of Final Regional Compact Vulnerability Report April 2011



**Table 4.32 - Loss Estimation of Broward Commercial Properties for 3 Sea Level Rise Scenarios**

Level of Inundation	Range of Taxable Value for Vulnerable Properties	Approximate Level of Damages*
1 Foot	\$403,069,831 - \$828,221,856	\$52,865,347
2 Foot	\$1,751,104,870 - \$3,779,685,458	\$187,431,683
3 Foot	\$6,900,509,868 - \$12,109,037,156	\$595,936,634

Source: Broward Chapter of Final Regional Compact Vulnerability Report April 2011

\*-Multiply Total Commercial Exposure (\$24,029,703,000) for Broward (from Hazus 2.0) by Level of Inundation for Commercial Properties at each level of sea level rise (see Tables 4.32 -4.34). E.g., for 1 foot rise, the percentage is 1.1%. Then assume 1 foot of inundation in each commercial structure affected and multiply the value of the commercial properties by 20% (for building and content damage)

**Table 4.33 - Impact of Sea Level Rise on different types of land use at 1 foot scenario**

Land Use	More Likely (acres)	Possible (acres)	Total Inundation (acres)	Total Coverage (acres)	Percent Inundation of that Land Use
Conservation Land/ Open Space & Recreation*	1,172.78	285.86	1,458.64	20,703.96	7.0 %
Commercial/Industrial**	329.12	185.99	515.11	49,010.83	1.1 %
Residential***	689.02	461.21	1150.23	140,441.55	0.8%
Utilities / Transportation****	318.76	225.04	543.80	58,968.14	0.9%
Agricultural / Rural*****	9.07	55.57	64.64	44,382.94	0.1%

Source: Broward Chapter of Final Regional Compact Vulnerability Report April 2011

- \* - Combination of Conservation – Natural Reservations; Recreation and Open Space; and Commercial Recreation categories in SE Florida Regional Compact Report, April 2011
- \*\* - Combination of Local Activity Center; Regional Activity Center; Employment Center – High; Industrial; Office Park; Commercial; and Employment Center – Low categories.
- \*\*\* - Combination of Low-3 Residential; Residential Irregular Areas; Estate-1 Residential; Low-5 Residential; Low-Medium-10 Residential; Medium-16 Residential; Medium-High-25 Residential; and High-50 Residential
- \*\*\*\* - Combination of Electrical Generation Facility; Transportation; Utilities; Transit Oriented Corridor; Right of Way; Community Facilities; and Transit Oriented Development

- \*\*\*\*\* - Combination of Agricultural; Rural Estates; and Rural Ranches

**Table 4.34 - Impact of Sea Level Rise on different types of land use at 2 foot scenario<sup>41</sup>**

Land Use	More Likely (acres)	Possible (acres)	Total Inundation (acres)	Total Coverage (acres)	Percent Inundation of that Land Use
Conservation Land/ Open Space & Recreation	1,335.27	777.86	2,113.13	20,703.96	10.2%
Commercial/Industrial	1,179.61	709.14	1,888.75	49,010.83	3.9%
Residential	856.77	468.51	1,325.28	140,441.55	0.9%
Utilities / Transportation	1,304.53	791.65	2,096.18	58,968.14	3.6%
Agricultural / Rural	340.69	348.51	689.20	44,382.94	1.6%

Source: Broward Chapter of Final Regional Compact Vulnerability Report April 2011

**Table 4.35 - Impact of Sea Level Rise on different types of land use at 3 foot scenario**

Land Use	More Likely (acres)	Possible (acres)	Total Inundation (acres)	Total Coverage (acres)	Percent Inundation of that Land Use
Conservation Land/ Open Space & Recreation	2,783.22	1,371.80	4,155.02	20,703.96	20.1%
Commercial/Industrial	3,792.42	2,307.04	6,099.46	49,010.83	12.4%
Residential	2,681.70	1,791.22	4,472.92	140,441.55	3.2%
Utilities / Transportation	2,259.90	1,057.42	3,317.32	58,968.14	5.6%
Agricultural / Rural	1,489.43	836.72	2,326.15	44,382.94	5.2%

Source: Broward Chapter of Final Regional Compact Vulnerability Report April 2011

<sup>41</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.2

### *Geologic Hazards*

For the purposes of this risk assessment geologic hazards are events or incidents that involve seismic or non-seismic ground failures such as earthquakes, landslides, sinkholes, land subsidence, and expansive soils as well as the hazards of tsunami and volcano. The occurrence of geologic hazards is often interrelated with other natural phenomena.

### *Sinkholes / Land Subsidence*

#### *Background*

Sinkholes are a natural and common geologic feature in areas with underlying limestone and other rock types that are soluble in natural water. Most limestone is porous, allowing the acidic water of rain to percolate through their strata, dissolving some limestone and carrying it away in solution. Over time, this persistent process of erosion can create extensive underground voids and drainage systems in much of the carbonate rocks. Sinkholes are produced by the collapse of overlying sediments into the underground cavities.

The 3 general types of sinkholes are: subsidence, solution, and collapse. Subsidence sinkholes form gradually where the overburden is thin and only a veneer of sediments is overlying the limestone. Solution sinkholes form where no overburden is present and the limestone is exposed at land surface. Collapse sinkholes are most common in areas where the overburden (the sediments and water contained in the unsaturated zone, surficial aquifer system, and the confining layer above an aquifer) is thick, but the confining layer is breached or absent. Collapse sinkholes can form with little warning and leave behind a deep, steep sided hole.

Sinkholes occur in many shapes, from steep-walled holes to bowl or cone shaped depressions. Under natural conditions, sinkholes form slowly and expand gradually. However, human activities such as dredging, constructing reservoirs, diverting surface water, and pumping groundwater can accelerate the rate of sinkhole expansions, resulting in the abrupt formation of collapse sinkholes.

#### *Location and Spatial Extent*

Sinkholes are the principal cause of land subsidence damages in Florida. Only 3 minor historical sinkhole occurrences have been recorded for Broward County and all are human caused. The likelihood of naturally occurring sinkholes is rare and therefore no mitigation actions will be determined in the future.

#### *Historical Occurrences*

3 minor sinkhole occurrences have been recorded in Broward County, as shown in **Table 4.36**.

**Table 4.36: Recorded Sinkhole Occurrences in Broward County**

Date of Occurrence	City	Notes
12/8/2002	Oakland Park	Vehicle ran over fire hydrant which drained so much water a sinkhole formed.
6/21/2003	Oakland Park	Sinkhole in intersection caused broken water main.

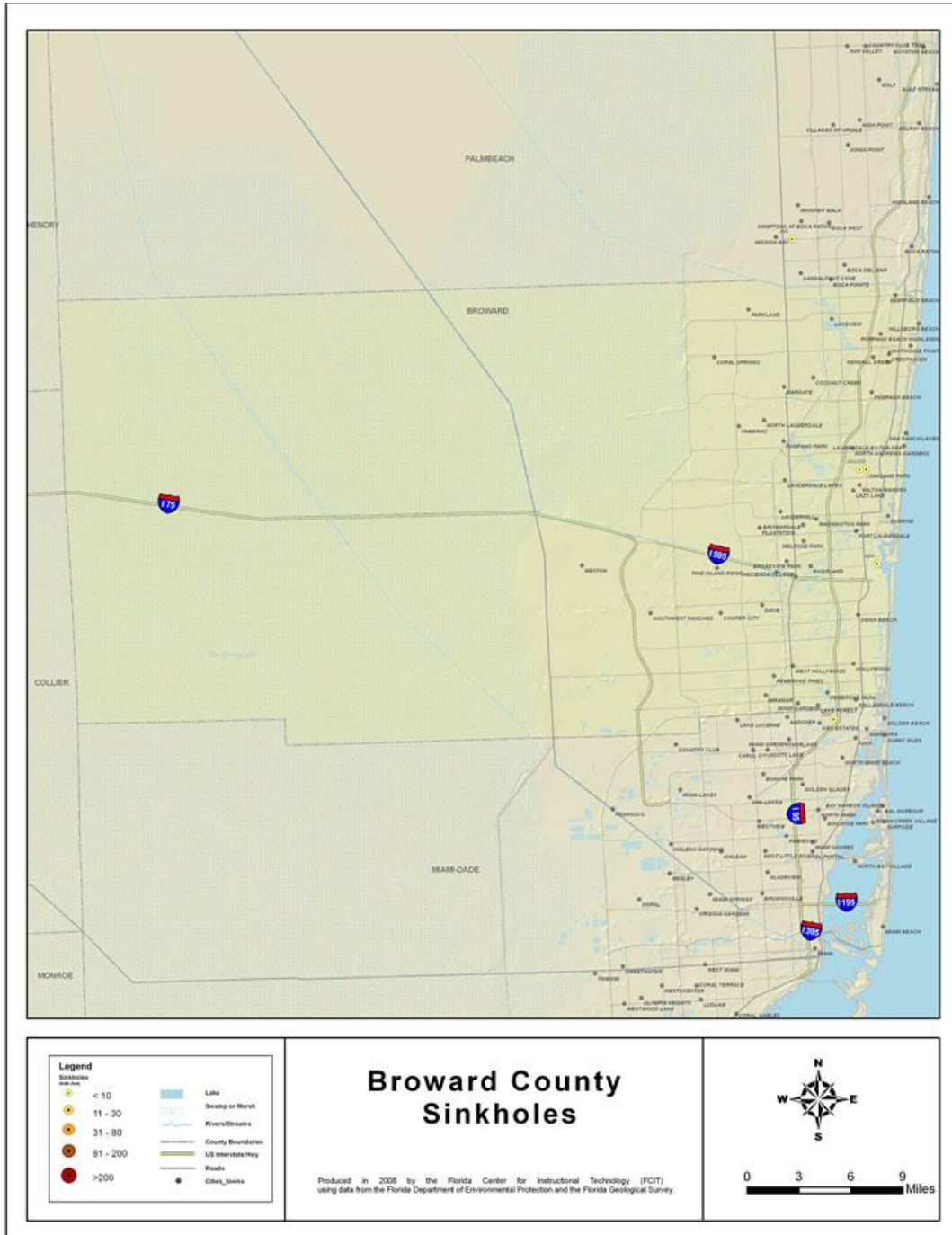
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9/9/2006	Fort Lauderdale	Port Everglades
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Source: Florida Geological Survey

**Map 4.17** on the following page illustrates the location of each occurrence.

**Map 4.17 Sinkholes of Broward County, Florida, 2008**



Source Florida Center for Instructional Technology

### *Probability of Future Occurrences*

There is a very low probability of future sinkhole occurrences for Broward County. The impact of these events is not expected to be significant.

### *Vulnerability Assessment*

Based on historic records, Broward County does not appear to be vulnerable to sinkholes. It is very rare for Broward County to have a naturally occurring sinkhole. However, there have been incidents on developed sites due to poor construction practices.

### *Other Natural Hazards*

For the purposes of this vulnerability assessment, “other” natural hazards are limited to wildfire.

### *Wildfire*

#### *Background*

A wildfire is any fire occurring in a wildland area (i.e. grassland, forest, brush land) except for fire under prescription.<sup>42</sup> Wildfires are part of the natural management of forest ecosystems, but may also be caused by human factors. Nationally, over 80% of forest fires are started by negligent human behavior such as smoking in wooded areas or improperly extinguishing campfires. The second most common cause for wildfire is lightning.

There are 3 classes of wildland fires: surface fire, ground fire, and crown fire. A surface fire is the most common of these 3 classes and burns along the floor of a forest, moving slowly and killing or damaging trees. A ground fire (muck fire) is usually started by lightning or human carelessness and burns on or below the forest floor. Crown fires spread rapidly by wind and move quickly by jumping along the tops of trees. Wildland fires are usually signaled by dense smoke that fills the area for miles around.

Wildfire probability depends on local weather conditions, outdoor activities such as camping, debris burning, and construction, and the degree of public cooperation with fire prevention measures. Drought conditions and other natural hazards (such as tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.) increase the probability of wildfires by producing fuel in both urban and rural settings. Forest damage from hurricanes and tornadoes may also block interior access roads and fire breaks, pull down overhead power lines, or damage pavement and underground utilities.

Many individual homes and cabins, subdivisions, resorts, recreational areas, organizational camps, businesses, and industries are located within high wildfire hazard areas. Further, the increasing demand for outdoor recreation places more people in wildlands during holidays, weekends, and vacation periods. Unfortunately, wildland residents and visitors are rarely educated or prepared for wildfire events that can sweep through the brush and timber and destroy property within minutes.

Wildfires can result in severe economic losses as well. Businesses that depend on timber, such as paper mills and lumber companies, experience losses that are often passed along to consumers through higher prices, and sometimes jobs are lost. The high cost of responding to

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<sup>42</sup> Prescription burning, or “controlled burn,” undertaken by land management agencies is the process of igniting fires under selected conditions, in accordance with strict parameters.

and recovering from wildfires can deplete state resources and increase insurance rates. The economic impact of wildfires can also be felt in the tourism industry if roads and tourist attractions are closed due to health and safety concerns.

State and local governments can impose fire safety regulations on home sites and developments to help curb wildfire. Land treatment measures such as fire access roads, water storage, helipads, safety zones, buffers, firebreaks, fuel breaks, and fuel management can be designed as part of an overall fire defense system to aid in fire control. Fuel management, prescribed burning, and cooperative land management planning can also be encouraged to reduce fire hazards.

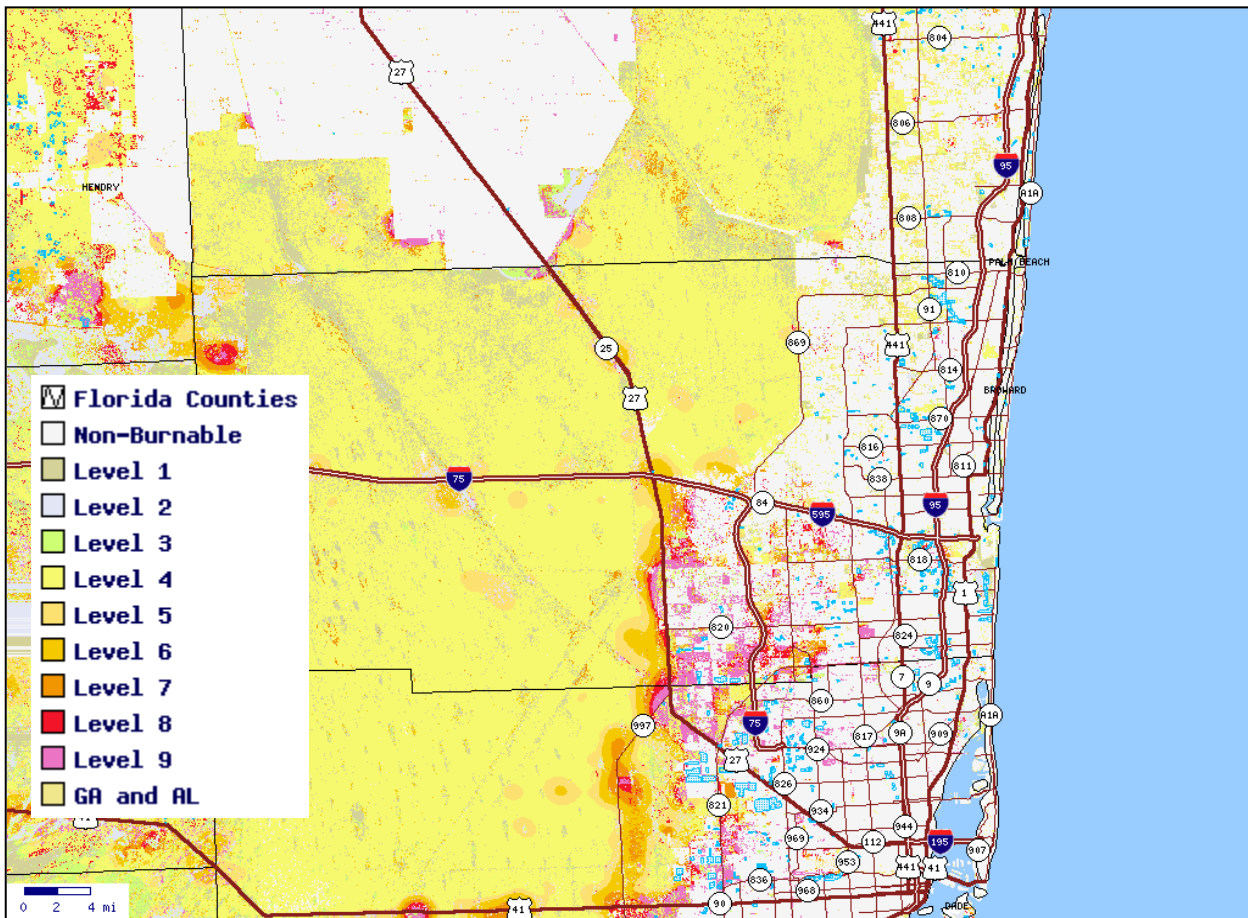
#### *Location and Spatial Extent*

Wildfires remain a major hazard of concern throughout the State of Florida. According to the Florida Division of Forestry, nearly 5 million acres have been burned across the state by wildfire since 1981. This includes nearly 125,000 distinct fires, equating to an average wildfire size of 40 acres though many of the larger uncontrolled wildfires may burn hundreds of thousands of acres before being suppressed. The leading causes have been wildfires in Florida have been identified as lightning (particularly in the summer months), incendiary (arson), and debris burning.

Broward County is comprised of 1,197 square miles of land, of which 787 square miles lie within the Everglades Conservation Area. Despite the fact that the Everglades are typically thought of as being boggy or wet, a substantial part of the everglades is comprised of sawgrass and mellaluca trees that can rapidly burn. Most fires in the Everglades are started by lightning, a very frequent phenomenon in the Everglades, due to large thunderstorms that form inland. Other fires are caused by improper burning at campfires, or arson.

The Florida Division of Forestry recently completed the development of the Florida Wildfire Risk Assessment System (FRAS). The primary purpose of FRAS is to provide an automated tool for Division staff, as well as other Florida fire specialists, to access and use a series of spatial map data that has been compiled and derived to support operational staff in the future assessment and management of wildland fire risk across the state. This data has been derived by a team of fire experts and reflects the latest and most accurate data describing the wildland fire risk situation based on burnable areas within Florida. **Figure 4.9** illustrates the default FRAS data for Broward County.

**Figure 4.9: Wildfire Risk Areas in Broward County**



Source: Florida Division of Forestry

According to FRAS, the municipalities in western Broward County are at greatest risk to wildfire. They are Coral Springs, Miramar, Parkland, Pembroke Pines, Southwest Ranches, Sunrise, Tamarac, and Weston.

While most of the Broward County municipalities are not likely to be heavily impacted directly by wildfire, the secondary effects of smoke and ash pose significant threats to air quality throughout the area. Human respiratory health is a related concern with regard to wildfires occurring not only in the county, but also elsewhere in south Florida.

*Historical Occurrences*

According to the Florida Division of Forestry, there have been 17 significant fires in Broward County since 1981 (burning 10,000 acres or more). These incidents are listed in **Table 4.37**.

Most of these large wildfire events occur in the undeveloped, western portions of Broward County, including the Everglades, and most have occurred during Broward County’s dry season which extends from January through May. Common causes of wildfires within the county are drought, lightning, arson; carelessness by smokers; debris burning; equipment operation; and children playing with matches.



**Table 4.37: Significant Broward County Wildfires Since 1981**

Fire Name	Date Started	Acres Burned
Tower	01/29/1985	30,000
Brown's Farm	06/29/1988	10,000
Palmers	05/24/1988	23,040
Palmers 2	05/24/1988	23,040
Conservation	02/26/1989	17,000
Big Cypress	03/16/1989	52,000
Mud Fire	05/25/1989	96,000
L-68 Fire	07/31/1989	11,550
Basshole	05/03/1994	80,000
County Line	03/24/1996	15,000
Oh No Fire	02/22/1997	41,000
27 Fire	08/01/1998	10,700
Macs Fish Camp	05/18/1999	10,000
Deceiving	04/16/1999	173,000
No Roads	02/25/2001	10,500
Markham Park	06/17/2001	25,000
Four Mile	06/05/2001	14,700
Heat Fire	05/06/2006	13,700
4 Track	06/02/2006	49,500
Darkness	04/07/2007	12,200
Frances Taylor	04/16/2007	39,000

Source: Florida Division of Forestry

Residential development within the past 10 years has encroached on environmentally sensitive land, including the Everglades Conservation Area. The impact of wildfires in Broward County is seen by reduced air quality, closure of roads, in particular Interstate 75 (Alligator Alley) which is a main link with the west coast of Florida, and in some cases fires can be a threat to residential and business structure. Wildfires also potentially impact the Miccosukee and Seminole tribal activities in the Everglades.

During May 2007, at least 233 fires burned roughly 100,000 acres in 52 of the 67 Florida Counties, mostly in the northern, central, and southwest. Although none of these fires occurred in Broward County, the county was blanketed with smoke. This resulted in the closure of major roads and forced many people indoors. On May 9th, the Air Quality Index reached an "unhealthy" range of 154, meaning that the air was unhealthy for sensitive people who have asthma and heart disease.

*Probability of Future Events*

There is a high probability of large wildfire events in western portions of Broward County, particularly during drought cycles and abnormally dry conditions in the Everglades. Of likely more concern to Broward County emergency management officials are the smaller, more frequent brush fires that ignite in pockets of undeveloped natural areas during periods of dry conditions that are immediately adjacent to developed properties in the urban areas of the County.

*Future Risk Conditions Influencing Wildfire*

As discussed earlier in the drought subsection, climate change will likely bring periods of extended drought and higher temperatures which would exacerbate the risk of wildfire in already vulnerable areas.

*Vulnerability Assessment*

The vulnerability assessment for wildfire was based on an analysis generated for the State of Florida using the Florida Department of Community Affairs' (now defunct) online Mapping for Emergency Management, Parallel Hazard Information System (MEMPHIS). **Table 4.38** shows the estimated number of structures in Broward County determined to be potentially at risk to wildfire as of 2005.<sup>43</sup> All medium-to-high risk zones (Level 5 through Level 9) used in the MEMPHIS analysis was included in the wildfire risk zone.

**Table 4.38: Estimated Number of Structures at Risk from Wildfire**

Structure Type	Number of At-Risk Structures
Single-Family Homes	30,840
Mobile Homes	3,980
Multi-Family Homes	21,105
Commercial	1,420
Agriculture	418
Gov./Institutional	372
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,135</b>

Source: Florida Department of Community Affairs; MEMPHIS

**Human Caused Hazards<sup>44</sup>**

Human caused hazards can affect localized or regional areas are often unpredictable, can cause loss of life and property damage, and can significantly impact infrastructure in Broward County. This section includes human caused hazards that pose the greatest risk in Broward County. Human caused hazards are categorized as biological, societal, and technological. Hazards are listed alphabetically by category.

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<sup>43</sup> MEMPHIS was designed to provide a variety of hazard related data in support of the Florida Local Mitigation Strategy DMA2K revision project. It was created by Kinetic Analysis Corporation under contract with the FDCA. For more details on a particular hazard or an explanation of the MEMPHIS methodology, consult the MEMPHIS Web site (<http://lmsmaps.methaz.org/lmsmaps/index.html>).

<sup>44</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1

## Biological Hazards

### Infectious Disease

#### Background

Infectious diseases are a constant threat to humanity. Societal, environmental, and technological factors impact the occurrence and persistence of infectious diseases worldwide, as new diseases (e.g. SARS, West Nile Virus) continue to emerge each year and old diseases reappear or evolve into new drug-resistant strains (e.g. malaria, tuberculosis, bacterial pneumonias). Infectious diseases can be carried by infected people, animals and insects, and can also be contained within commercial shipments of contaminated food.

Three terms are commonly used to classify disease impacts: endemic, epidemic, and pandemic. An endemic is present at all times at a low frequency (e.g. chicken pox in the U.S.). An epidemic is a sudden severe outbreak of disease (e.g. the bubonic plague during Medieval times), and a pandemic is an epidemic that becomes very widespread and affects a whole region, a continent, or the world (e.g. the 1957 flu pandemic caused at least 70,000 deaths in the U.S. and 1-2 million deaths worldwide.). Fears of pandemic have risen in recent years as our globalized economy and growing population fosters large scale international travel and trade. Also, growing populations increases the vulnerability of all areas to disease as it can travel more quickly and creates difficulty in preventing the spread of infection.

#### Location and Spatial Extent

Disease impacts all areas of the world, and all areas are vulnerable. Third world countries have fewer resources to fight disease and may be more vulnerable than more industrialized nations. In the United States, the public health system works at the federal, state, and local levels to monitor diseases, plan and prepare for outbreaks, and prevent epidemics where possible. But, in the age of air travel and worldwide shipping, it is becoming increasingly difficult to contain localized outbreaks as infected or exposed people travel and work, sending the disease across the globe in a matter of hours.

#### Historical Occurrences

The Florida Department of Health and the Broward County Health Department maintain disease surveillance for the county, reporting all known medical diagnoses of certain diseases. Since 2000, Broward County has reported over 31,000 cases of such diseases, as listed in **Table 4.39** below.

**Table 4.39: Broward County Communicable Disease Cases, January 2000 – September 2011**

Reportable Communicable Disease	Total Reported Cases	Percent of total county population impacted*
Amebiasis	3	0.0%
Animal Rabies	49	0.0%
Brucellosis	3	0.0%
Campylobacteriosis	1,134	0.06%
Ciguatera	28	0.0%
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)	5	0.0%

Cryptosporidiosis	397	0.02%
Cyclosporiasis	62	0.0%
Dengue Fever	68	0.0%
E. Coli Shiga Toxin + (Not Serogrouped)	25	0.0%
E. Coli Shiga Toxin + (Serogroup Non-O157)	6	0.0%
E. Coli Shiga Toxin Producing	33	
Encephalitis, Other	4	0.0%
Enterohemorrhagic E. Coli (EHEC) O157:H7	38	0.0%
Giardiasis	1,062	0.06%
H. Influenzae Epiglottitis	1	0.0%
H. Influenzae Meningitis	2	0.0%
H. Influenzae Pneumonia	5	0.0%
H. Influenzae (Invasive Disease)	224	0.01%
H. Influenzae Septic Arthritis	1	0.0%
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome	1	0.0%
Hepatitis A	611	0.03%
Hepatitis B (+Hbsag in pregnant women)	634	0.04%
Hepatitis B Perinatal	2	0.0%
Hepatitis B, Acute	515	0.03%
Hepatitis B, Chronic	1,940	0.11%
Hepatitis C, Acute	18	0.0%
Hepatitis C, Chronic	14,928	0.85%
Hepatitis E	1	0.0%
Influenza A, Novel or Pandemic Strains	380	0.02%
Human Rabies	1	0.0%
Lead Poisoning	553	0.03%
Legionellosis	134	0.01%
Leprosy (Hansen's Disease)	10	0.0%
Listeriosis	54	0.0%
Lyme Disease	14	0.0%
Malaria	140	0.01%
Measles	1	0.0%
Melioidosis	1	0.0%
Meningitis, Group B Strep	15	0.0%
Meningitis, Listeria Monocytogenes	8	0.0%
Meningitis, Meningococcal	12	0.0%
Meningitis, Other	263	0.02%
Meningitis, Strep Pneumoniae	40	0.0%
Meningococcal Disease	53	0.0%
Meningococemia, Disseminated	28	0.0%
Mercury Poisoning	35	0.0%
Mumps	8	0.0%
Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning	2	0.0%
Pertussis	55	0.0%
Psittacosis	1	0.0%
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1	0.0%
Salmonellosis	3,978	0.23%

Shigellosis	1,697	0.1%
Strep Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease, Drug-R	827	0.05%
Strep Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease, Suscept	443	0.03%
Streptococcal Disease Invasive Group A	299	0.02%
Tetanus	3	0.0%
Toxoplasmosis	3	0.0%
Typhoid Fever	30	0.0%
Varicella	200	0.01%
Vibrio Alginolyticus	19	0.0%
Vibrio Cholerae Non-O1	7	0.0%
Vibrio Cholerae Type-O1	4	0.0%
Vibrio Fluvialis	3	0.0%
Vibrio Hollisae	1	0.0%
Vibrio Parahaemolyticus	8	0.0%
Vibrio Vulnificus	18	0.0%
Vibrio, Other	6	0.0%
West Nile Virus, Neuroinvasive	6	0.0%
West Nile Virus, Non-Neuroinvasive		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31,162</b>	<b>1.78%</b>

Source: Data Source: Communicable Disease Frequency Report, Florida Department of Health

\*Based on 2010 Census population

#### *Probability of Future Occurrences*

Historical evidence shows that the population of Broward County is vulnerable to disease outbreak, and it is probable that epidemics of infectious disease will impact Broward County in the future. State and local public health officials maintain surveillance in hopes of identifying disease prominence and containing potential threats before they become epidemics.

#### *Vulnerability Assessment*

Estimated potential losses are difficult to calculate because infectious disease causes little damage to the built environment and damages generally are experienced through public health response and medical costs as well as lost wages by patients. Therefore, it is assumed that all buildings and facilities are exposed to disease but would experience negligible damage in the occurrence of an outbreak, but the costs to the public health sector for responding to an outbreak as well as impact to humans may be great.

Hand washing is an effective means of preventing the spread of many diseases, including colds, influenza, norovirus, and shigellosis. Increasing participation in immunization programs will help decrease the vulnerability of some portions of the population to vaccine-preventable diseases. Additional prevention measures continue to be taken in Broward County to limit exposure to insect borne disease (Encephalitis, West Nile Virus, etc.), which primarily means limiting exposure to mosquitoes. Additional spraying of ponds, standing water, and neighborhoods is occurring throughout Broward County to limit mosquito reproduction.

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## *Societal Hazards<sup>45</sup>*

### *Mass Migration*

#### *Background*

Mass migration is defined as large numbers of foreign refugees illegally entering into the United States whether by air, land, or sea. The control of migration into the United States is entirely the responsibility of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As necessary, DHS will deploy resources and direct multi-agency operations to address a potential and full-scale mass migration event in coordination with state and local agencies. Refugees will be processed by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, and anyone who is denied entry but remains in the United States will be classified as an illegal alien. Persons entering the United States illegally, or entering through legal manner, such as under Visas etc., but overstay the expiration of the Visa are also considered illegal aliens.

A large uncontrolled influx of immigrants has the potential of significantly disrupting the social and economic stability of local communities by overwhelming the delivery of essential services such as medical response and public safety. While the federal government has the primary responsibility for assuming control of mass migration emergencies, Broward County may have to provide basic care including: shelter, food, water, medical, and other social services.

Mass migration events can have widespread and lasting social and economic impacts, including:

- Adverse impacts on the capacity of public schools, public hospitals, and other public facilities to serve the resident population.
- Negative impacts on the wages and working conditions for the resident population
- Medical costs for illegal immigrants unduly burden hospitals by having to deal with the costs of unpaid medical bills.
- Increased numbers of children without health insurance.
- Contagious diseases that are generally considered to have been controlled in the United States are readily evident along the border and entry points for migration.

Another concern with mass migration events is that many countries today are not willing to take back deported citizens that have tried unsuccessfully to relocate to the United States.

#### *Location and Spatial Extent*

Generally it is assumed that all of Broward County is uniformly exposed to mass migration, and that the spatial extent of impact is large. The areas with the highest vulnerability to immediate and direct mass migration impacts are the coastal municipalities; as such an event would likely be executed by sea.

#### *Historical Occurrences*

South Florida does have some history with mass migrations from the Caribbean basin, particularly Cuba and Haiti.

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<sup>45</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1

**April 15 – October 31 1980 (Mariel boatlift)**

The Mariel boatlift was a mass movement of Cubans who departed from Cuba's Mariel Harbor for South Florida between April 15 and October 31, 1980. The boatlift was precipitated by a sharp downturn in the Cuban economy, leading to simmering internal tensions on the island and a bid by up to 10,000 Cubans to gain asylum in the Peruvian embassy. The Cuban government subsequently announced that anyone who wanted to leave could do so, and an impromptu exodus organized by Cuban-Americans with the agreement of Cuban President Fidel Castro was underway. Soon after it was discovered that a number of the exiles had been released from Cuban jails and mental health facilities, and the exodus was ended by mutual agreement between the two governments in October 1980. By that time up to 125,000 Cubans had made the journey to Florida in an estimated 1,700 boats that overwhelmed the U.S. Coast Guard. Upon arrival, many Cubans were placed in refugee camps, while others were held in federal prisons to undergo deportation hearings.

**August – September 1994 (Cuban Raft Crisis)**

On August 13, 1994 President Fidel Castro, in view of the increase in illegal Cuban sea exits announced in a speech that from then on he would retire the Cuban Frontier Guard from the Cuban coasts and would allow anyone who wanted to leave the country to do so. He thereby provoked the biggest raft crisis in the history of the continent, as tens of thousands of Cubans headed by sea toward South Florida. When Florida's Governor announced that the state could not cope with the surge of arriving Cuban immigrants, President Clinton declared an immigration emergency and ordered the interception of Cuban refugees and their transfer to "safe havens" such as the U.S. Naval Base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. During this period a total of more than 32,000 Cuban citizens were intercepted on the high seas and transferred to Guantánamo.

*Probability of Future Occurrences*

As political unrest in South America and the Caribbean continues, there will always be people wanting to immigrate to South Florida where there is an existing extensive network of people from these countries in place. However, as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues to increase border patrols and tightens the security requirements for inbound vessels, the likelihood of a mass migration seems less likely.

*Vulnerability Assessment*

South Florida is susceptible to mass migration events due to natural catastrophes and political unrest in foreign countries, particularly Haiti and Cuba. Mass migration events involving tens of thousands of immigrants have occurred several times within the last several decades. However, due to more stringent border patrol by DHS the vulnerability of Broward County to such events is limited to moderate.

*Terrorism**Background*

Information in this subsection borrows heavily from the FEMA, State, and Local Mitigation Planning How-to Guide: *Integrating Manmade Hazards into Mitigation Planning* (FEMA Publication 386-7). For the sake of brevity and consistency with other subsections of this risk assessment, each individual element of terrorism is introduced in relatively abbreviated format.

International and domestic terrorism remains a significant hazard of concern for most communities across the United States, and is even more so following the attacks of September

11, 2001 in the City of New York and Washington, DC. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), "Terrorism is the unlawful use of force or violence, or threatened use of force or violence, against persons and places for the purpose of intimidation and/or coercing a government, its citizens, or any segment thereof for political or social goals." The FBI further characterizes terrorism as either domestic or international, depending on the origin, base, and objectives of the terrorist organization; however, the origin of the terrorist or person causing the hazard is far less relevant to mitigation planning than the hazard itself and its consequences.

Terrorism can include computer-based (cyber) attacks and the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) to include chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive (CBRNE) agents. However, within these general categories, there are many variations. Particularly in the area of biological and chemical weapons, there are a wide variety of agents and ways for them to be disseminated.

The following types of terrorist attacks have been identified by FEMA as part of their guidance on integrating manmade hazards into mitigation planning:

**Armed Attack**

This element of terrorism refers primarily to tactical assault or sniping from a remote location.

**Arson/Incendiary Attack**

Arson/incendiary attack refers to the initiation of fire or explosion on or near a target either by direct contact or remotely via projectile.

**Agriterrorism**

Agriterrorism is the direct, typically covert contamination of food supplies or the introduction of pests and/or disease agents to crops and livestock.

**Biological Agent**

Liquid or solid contaminants can be dispersed using sprayers/aerosol generators or by point or line sources such as munitions, covert deposits, and moving sprayers.

**Chemical Agent**

Liquid/aerosol contaminants can be dispersed using sprayers or other aerosol generators; liquids vaporizing from puddles or containers; or munitions.

**Conventional Bomb/Improvised Explosive Device**

This refers to the intentional detonation of an explosive device on or near a target with the mode of delivery being via person, vehicle or projectile.

**Cyber-terrorism**

Cyber-terrorism refers to electronic attack using one computer system against another.

**Intentional Hazardous Material Release**

Solid, liquid, and/or gaseous contaminants may be intentionally released from either fixed or mobile containers.

**Nuclear Bomb**

A nuclear device may be detonated underground, at the surface, in the air or at high altitude.



## **Radiological Agent**

Radioactive contaminants can be dispersed using sprayers/aerosol generators, or by point or line sources such as munitions, covert deposits, and moving sprayers.

### *Location and Spatial Extent*

The location of terrorist attacks is unpredictable, though certain critical facilities and venues for large public gatherings are usually considered to have more inherent vulnerability. With miles of strip malls, about 7.5 million tourists visiting every year and a growing degree of diversity, many say Broward County, and all of South Florida, is an ideal place to keep a low profile. Some observers say the county's growth and diversity have added a layer of anonymity for potential wrongdoers. Others point to the proximity of Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale and the Port of Miami, 2 of the state's busiest ports, and the region's airports and flight schools.

Broward County, like most major metropolitan communities, has the potential to be a target of the terrorist. The county has a number of sites that would be attractive to a terrorist based on location, potential for publicity, and other targeting factors too numerous to mention here. The world is shrinking and geographical boundaries and proximity are no longer major factors. Terrorism and drug-related crime have been linked in the past and the area has the potential to be a spawning ground for these illegal and criminal activities, factors that increase risk. Broward County has a population that is ethnically, racially, and economically diverse. While these factors, in and of themselves are of no immediate concern, they can provide individuals and groups commonly associated with terrorism, some degree of freedom to stage and conduct activities. Terrorists have and will take advantage of these conditions to blend in when conducting their illegal activities.

In the hours and days immediately following the terrorist events of September 11, 2001, attention was focused on South Florida, in particular, Broward County, where it was suspected at least one of the suicide hijackers, Mohammed Atta, had made his residence in the months prior to that fateful day. Subsequent investigations revealed that at least 7 of the 19 men who crashed hijacked planes on September 11 had spent time in the county.

The location and extent of the various types of terrorist attacks is briefly and generally described below in terms of their effect on the physical environment.

## **Armed Attack**

This will vary based upon the perpetrators' intent and capabilities.

## **Arson/Incendiary Attack**

The extent of damage is determined by the type and quantity of the device or accelerant used and the materials present at or near the target. Cascading consequences may also occur, such as incremental structural failure, etc.

## **Agriterrorism**

Generally there are no direct effects on the built environment. Food contamination may be limited to discrete distribution sites. Pests and diseases may be spread widely.

## **Biological Agent**

Depending on the agent used and the effectiveness with which it is deployed, contamination can be spread via wind and water. In the case of infection, infection can be spread via both human and animal vectors.

**Chemical Agent**

Chemicals may be corrosive or otherwise damaging over time if not remediated. Contamination can be carried outside of the initial target area by persons, vehicles, water, and wind.

**Conventional Bomb/Improvised Explosive Device**

The extent of damage is determined by the type and quantity of explosive. Effects are generally static with other cascading consequences, such as incremental structural failure, etc.

**Cyber-terrorism**

Generally there are no direct effects on the built environment.

**Intentional Hazardous Material Release**

Chemicals may be corrosive or otherwise damaging over time. Explosion and/or fire may be subsequent. Contamination can be carried outside of the initial target area by persons, vehicles, water, and wind.

**Nuclear Bomb**

Initial light, heat, and blast effects of a subsurface, ground or air burst are static and are determined by the device's characteristics and employment. Fallout or radioactive contaminants may be dynamic, depending upon meteorological conditions.

**Radiological Agent**

Initial effects will be localized to the site of attack. Depending on meteorological conditions, subsequent behavior of radioactive contaminants may be dynamic.

*Historical Occurrences*

To date, there have been no acts of terrorism in Broward County. However, Broward County did experience effects from a 2001 Anthrax incident in Palm Beach County. A 300% increase in hazardous materials calls severely strained county resources.

*Probability of Future Events*

The probability of a future terrorist attack is moderate due to the number of potential targets and the current law enforcement efforts underway. The probability of future terrorist attacks is partially monitored by the Department of Homeland Security through the Homeland Security Advisory System. For more information on this system, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/homeland/>.

*Vulnerability Assessment*

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have identified Broward County as a highly volatile area for terrorism activity. There are areas in Broward that are more likely to be targets for terrorism such as critical facilities, communication systems, water and utilities, monuments, and areas where large groups congregate (e.g., stadiums, conventions, worship areas).

## Technological Hazards<sup>46</sup>

### *Hazardous Material Incident*

#### *Background*

Hazardous material (HAZMAT) incidents can apply to fixed facilities as well as mobile, transportation-related accidents in the air, by rail, on the Nation's highways, and on the water. Approximately 6,774 HAZMAT events occur each year, 5,517 of which are highway incidents, 991 are railroad incidents, and 266 are due to other causes (FEMA, 1997). In essence, HAZMAT incidents consist of solid, liquid, and/or gaseous contaminants that are released from fixed or mobile containers, whether by accident or by design as with an intentional terrorist attack. A HAZMAT incident can last hours to days, while some chemicals can be corrosive or otherwise damaging over longer periods of time. In addition to the primary release, explosions and/or fires can result from a release, and contaminants can be extended beyond the initial area by persons, vehicles, water, wind, and possibly wildlife as well.

Hazardous material incidents can include the spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment of a hazardous material, but exclude: (1) any release which results in exposure to poisons solely within the workplace with respect to claims which such persons may assert against the employer of such persons; (2) emissions from the engine exhaust of a motor vehicle, rolling stock, aircraft, vessel, or pipeline pumping station engine; (3) release of source, byproduct, or special nuclear material from a nuclear incident; and (4) the normal application of fertilizer.

#### *Location and Spatial Extent*

A hazardous material incident can occur in a variety of locations and spatial extents. Some incidents (such as a fuel spill) can occur in a small location and impact a small spatial extent. Others, such as the release of toxic chemicals may occur from a small location or source but can spread over large areas.

The Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) requires facilities storing hazardous materials to report those substances annually to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and local fire departments. There are hundreds of such facilities located throughout Broward County, though many do not store substances or quantities of such that are considered extremely hazardous. Of greater concern to the emergency management community are those facilities that use or produce toxic chemicals above specific thresholds that pose major threats to human life and safety. These include Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) facilities as discussed further under *Vulnerability Assessment*. In Broward County there are a total of 35 TRI facilities, most of which are shown on **Map 4.18**.

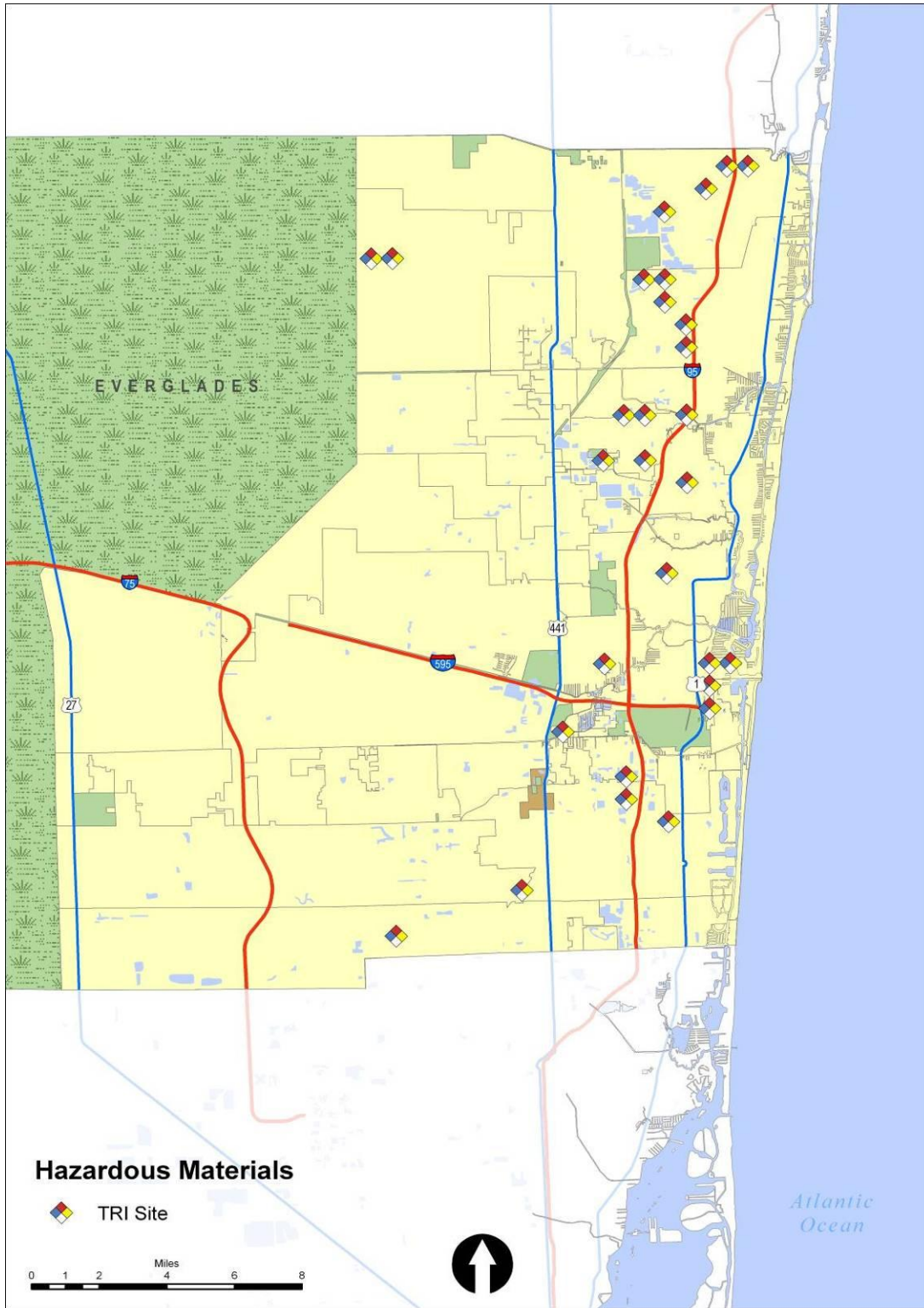
Broward County is not only vulnerable to hazardous materials at fixed hazardous material sites but also along key transportation corridors such as Interstate 95, the Florida Turnpike, and the 2 major rail lines that transverse the County. According to the CSX Transportation's report, *Hazardous Materials Density Study for Broward County*, 2006, the top most transported

<sup>46</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.1

products via rail system are Sodium Hydroxide Solution, Chlorine, Liquefied Petroleum Gases, and Petroleum Distillates. There are also 3 underground petroleum pipelines that service Miami International, Homestead, and Ft. Lauderdale International Airports.

One of the most vulnerable locations for hazardous materials incidents is Port Everglades. The port is the largest import, storage, and distribution center for petroleum in the state, and second largest in the U.S. Port Everglades had an annual operating revenue of more than \$124.6 million in Fiscal Year 2010 and total waterborne commerce exceeded 23 million tons in liquid, break bulk and containerized cargoes. Cargo and products are arriving and leaving the port by sea, air, rail, and along the Interstate highways. There are 264 storage tanks on site with a storage capacity of 10 million barrels. Some 18 counties in Florida are directly reliant on this source of petroleum.

Map 4.18 – Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Sites



Source: Broward County 2009 LMS Plan

### *Historical Occurrences*

Broward County averages about 1 reported hazardous material incident every 3 weeks. These incidents may be a tanker rollover or other accidental releases of substances during transport.

In the previous Local Mitigation Strategy, it was reported that between 1986 and July 31, 2007, 1,171 hazardous materials releases were reported to the Florida State Warning Point which resulted in 150 injuries, 12 deaths, and 21,300 evacuees. Most of the deaths were attributed to traffic accidents, and were not directly caused by hazardous materials release. Slightly more than 70% of the hazardous material releases involved petroleum. The most frequently released non-petroleum based chemicals were ammonia and chlorine. The incident type breakdown was approximately 44% fixed, 48%, mobile, 5% other, and 2% unknown. According to the National Response Center, the number of hazardous material releases during this time period was actually 2,442. The discrepancy could be due to the fact that many of the reports are not being sent through the State Warning Point if it is Port Everglades related. As of September 30, 2011, the number of hazardous material releases according to the National Response Center is 3,165. The majority of these is still petroleum related.

### *Probability of Future Events*

Due to the continuous presence of hazardous materials being transported or stored in and around Broward County, hazardous materials incidents of varying magnitudes are considered highly likely future events.

### *Vulnerability Analysis*

The Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) is a publicly available database from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that contains information on toxic chemical releases and other waste management activities reported annually by certain covered industry groups as well as federal facilities. This inventory was established under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and expanded by the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990. Each year, facilities that meet certain activity thresholds must report their releases and other waste management activities for listed toxic chemicals to EPA and to their state or tribal entity. A facility must report if it meets the following three criteria:

- The facility falls within one of the following industrial categories: manufacturing; metal mining; coal mining; electric generating facilities that combust coal and/or oil; chemical wholesale distributors; petroleum terminals and bulk storage facilities; RCRA Subtitle C treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) facilities; and solvent recovery services
- Has 10 or more full-time employee equivalents
- Manufactures or processes more than 25,000 pounds or otherwise uses more than 10,000 pounds of any listed chemical during the calendar year. Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) chemicals are subject to different thresholds of 10 pounds, 100 pounds, or 0.1 grams depending on the chemical

For fixed site analysis, only toxic sites that have georeferenced data available were analyzed and the circle buffers are drawn around each hazardous material site. 2 sizes of buffers, 500 and 2,500 meters are assumed in respect to the different levels of effect-- immediate (primary) and secondary. For mobile analysis, the major roads (Interstate highway, US highway, State highway) and railroads are chosen to be the routes where hazardous material is allowed. The

buffer along the roads is drawn with the same size as fixed site analysis. Census block data was used to estimate exposure.

**Table 4.40** shows estimated toxic release exposure of people and buildings by jurisdiction for fixed sites using census block data, while **Table 4.41** shows the result for mobile site toxic release. Primary and secondary impact sites were selected based on guidance from FEMA Publication #426 (*Reference Manual to Mitigate Potential Terrorist Attacks Against Buildings*) and professional engineering judgment. Because many sites containing hazardous materials are located in densely populated areas, there are population and structures that could be susceptible to a release from more than 1 site. In some jurisdictions, the number of people and property has been counted more than once to account for their susceptibility to multiple potential toxic releases. Therefore, the number of people and structures that could potentially be impacted may appear to exceed the total number or value of structural units and total population by jurisdiction.

**Table 4.40: Estimated Exposure of People and Buildings by Jurisdiction (Fixed Site Toxic Release)<sup>47</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Immediate (Primary) Impact			Secondary Impact		
	Number People at Risk	Number of Buildings at Risk	Value of Buildings at Risk	Number People at Risk	Number of Buildings at Risk	Value of Buildings at Risk
Coconut Creek	0	0	\$0	15,287	3,952	\$1,093,314,447
Cooper City	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Coral Springs	4,222	1,018	\$301,346,504	35,606	11,649	\$2,742,053,616
Dania Beach	1,113	668	\$204,351,779	21,178	9,393	\$2,134,792,947
Davie	0	0	\$0	4,573	2,440	\$701,481,325
Deerfield Beach	9,353	1,961	\$1,120,009,400	51,911	15,824	\$4,448,959,176
Fort Lauderdale	11,212	4,759	\$2,652,504,621	123,450	45,566	\$18,762,613,213
Hallandale Beach	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Hillsboro Beach	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Hollywood	4,615	2,177	\$542,352,933	72,447	27,436	\$6,384,248,787
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Lauderdale Lakes	154	63	\$23,765,544	3,945	1,311	\$213,447,602
Lauderhill	0	0	\$0	382	214	\$19,833,531
Lazy Lake	0	0	\$0	75	31	\$2,867,225
Lighthouse Point	0	0	\$0	2,212	821	\$270,046,908
Margate	0	0	\$0	56	20	\$2,695,446
Miramar	2,455	826	\$450,554,441	38,698	13,289	\$3,924,123,469
North Lauderdale	99	54	\$23,126,107	511	176	\$49,384,601
Oakland Park	3,719	1,252	\$283,831,547	37,782	13,164	\$2,474,434,020
Parkland	0	0	\$0	422	332	\$174,843,394
Pembroke Park	0	0	\$0	318	140	\$31,266,729
Pembroke Pines	1,797	670	\$127,936,540	16,978	4,931	\$1,231,619,120
Plantation	0	0	\$0	247	110	\$29,185,980
Pompano Beach	5,075	1,450	\$1,371,996,575	52,807	13,734	\$5,819,120,030
Sea Ranch Lakes	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Southwest Ranches	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Sunrise	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Tamarac	710	290	\$121,555,644	2,102	731	\$307,341,280
Unincorporated	807	330	\$43,529,894	10,052	3,789	\$296,934,041
West Park	0	0	\$0	1,316	643	\$82,046,605
Weston	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$398,199
Wilton Manors	0	0	\$0	10,437	3,832	\$890,702,030
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,330</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>\$7,266,861,530</b>	<b>502,790</b>	<b>173,527</b>	<b>\$52,087,753,720</b>

Source: Broward County property Appraiser and Hazus-MH MR3

<sup>47</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.2



**Table 4.41. Estimated Exposure of People and Buildings by Jurisdiction (Mobile Site Toxic Release)<sup>48</sup>**

County	Immediate (Primary) Impact			Secondary Impact		
	Number People at Risk	Number of Buildings at Risk	Value of Buildings at Risk	Number People at Risk	Number of Buildings at Risk	Value of Buildings at Risk
Coconut Creek	33,417	10,859	\$2,681,134,650	45,753	11,701	\$3,061,603,270
Cooper City	11,944	4,759	\$827,267,090	30,324	11,860	\$1,943,657,150
Coral Springs	53,193	18,016	\$4,829,695,700	118,703	31,655	\$8,134,798,700
Dania Beach	21,041	9,157	\$2,146,967,360	22,493	7,704	\$1,878,435,580
Davie	43,128	17,434	\$4,911,733,240	72,125	25,955	\$6,711,031,880
Deerfield Beach	65,918	21,755	\$5,746,695,970	71,708	18,500	\$5,161,599,440
Fort Lauderdale	145,839	52,081	\$24,307,175,720	174,407	46,963	\$22,130,694,710
Hallandale Beach	27,471	6,629	\$3,809,116,360	32,437	5,574	\$3,836,691,130
Hillsboro Beach	1,947	337	\$874,503,810	1,947	283	\$810,574,300
Hollywood	106,966	38,547	\$9,785,340,920	137,407	39,957	\$10,029,588,340
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	6,427	2,192	\$2,102,941,510	6,427	1,575	\$1,739,928,950
Lauderdale Lakes	22,813	3,868	\$1,158,439,200	27,809	4,232	\$1,152,461,750
Lauderhill	49,604	10,116	\$2,197,719,300	66,051	11,554	\$2,492,601,430
Lazy Lake	102	47	\$4,145,050	118	38	\$4,107,550
Lighthouse Point	9,733	4,647	\$1,362,148,460	11,028	4,489	\$1,261,700,120
Margate	22,943	7,520	\$1,277,732,100	50,439	13,866	\$2,296,212,030
Miramar	47,227	17,475	\$5,235,872,030	76,220	26,478	\$7,475,638,380
North Lauderdale	8,644	2,797	\$403,375,520	36,656	9,432	\$1,260,435,790
Oakland Park	34,108	12,609	\$2,494,719,440	42,547	11,631	\$2,473,754,560
Parkland	6,961	3,167	\$1,695,072,100	13,254	5,261	\$2,682,321,260
Pembroke Park	2,055	566	\$118,884,600	6,527	2,906	\$404,154,300
Pembroke Pines	80,205	27,794	\$7,451,109,490	130,899	40,848	\$10,247,846,250
Plantation	43,468	15,451	\$4,271,908,620	83,575	26,821	\$6,803,128,100
Pompano Beach	86,547	26,114	\$9,808,804,590	96,834	22,747	\$8,981,181,420
Sea Ranch Lakes	805	360	\$142,788,670	805	258	\$110,763,020
Southwest Ranches	934	325	\$747,880,580	1,266	358	\$890,133,450
Sunrise	25,072	7,805	\$1,899,288,370	86,466	22,356	\$5,308,400,300
Tamarac	25,873	8,432	\$1,981,329,900	52,060	15,087	\$3,283,696,510
Unincorporated	35,913	14,135	\$759,483,820	57,590	20,754	\$1,106,396,610
West Park	11,074	3,992	\$351,459,380	14,328	4,196	\$331,537,990
Weston	15,794	6,191	\$3,059,188,670	39,508	14,589	\$6,490,572,820
Wilton Manors	11,370	4,410	\$1,017,041,510	12,617	3,475	\$941,493,080
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,058,644</b>	<b>359,603</b>	<b>\$109,460,963,730</b>	<b>1,620,434</b>	<b>463,119</b>	<b>\$131,437,140,170</b>

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser and Hazus-MH MR3

<sup>48</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3.2

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## Conclusions on Hazard Risk

The findings presented in this section were developed using best available data, and the methods applied have resulted in an *approximation* of hazard risk. These approximations should be used to understand relative hazard risk and the potential losses that may be incurred. However, uncertainties are inherent in risk assessment methodology, arising in part from incomplete scientific knowledge concerning specific hazards and their effects on the built environment and also from assumptions or generalities that are necessary in order to provide a comprehensive analysis and overview of hazard risk for large planning areas.

The hazard risk assessment completed for Broward County is principally a qualitative assessment as recommended by FEMA in its “How-to” guidance document entitled *Understanding Your Risks: Identifying Hazards and Estimating Losses* (FEMA Publication 386-2). It relies heavily on historical and anecdotal data, stakeholder input, and professional and experienced judgment regarding expected hazard impacts. It also carefully considers the findings in other relevant plans, studies, and technical reports.

However, when possible, conclusions on hazard risk for Broward County are also driven by quantitative loss estimation using best available data and technology, including the use of Hazus-MH and the statistical risk assessment methodology (further described in the “risk assessment methods” section of this chapter). These quantitative risk assessment approaches are useful for estimating the potential future impact of hazard occurrences in Broward County and each of its municipalities. The results of the quantitative assessment are made even more meaningful when combined with other qualitative information made available through the qualitative assessment, as has been done throughout this chapter and in Chapter 5.

In order to draw some meaningful planning conclusions on hazard risk for Broward County, the results of the combined risk assessment process were used to generate hazard profiles according to a “Priority Risk Index” (PRI). The purpose of the PRI, described further below, is to categorize and prioritize all potential hazards for Broward County as high, moderate, or low risk.

### *Priority Risk Index*

The prioritization and categorization of identified hazards for Broward County is based principally on the Priority Risk Index (PRI), a tool used to measure the degree of risk for identified hazards in a particular planning area. The PRI is used to assist the Broward County Mitigation Task Force in gaining consensus on the determination of those hazards that pose the most significant threat to Broward County based on a variety of factors. The PRI is by no means scientific, but is rather meant to be utilized as an objective planning tool for classifying and prioritizing hazard risks in Broward County based on standardized criteria. Combined with the inventory of local assets and critical facilities, the hazard profiles generated through the use of the PRI allows for the prioritization of those high hazard risks for mitigation planning purposes, and more specifically, the identification of hazard mitigation opportunities for the Broward County Mitigation Task Force to consider as part of its proposed mitigation strategy.

The application of the PRI results in numerical values that allow identified hazards to be ranked against one another (the higher the PRI value, the greater the hazard risk). PRI values are obtained by assigning varying degrees of risk to 5 categories for each hazard (probability, impact, spatial extent, warning time, and duration). Each degree of risk has been assigned a

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value (1 to 4) and an agreed upon weighting factor<sup>49</sup>, as summarized in **Table 4.42**. To calculate the PRI value for a given hazard, the assigned risk value for each category is multiplied by the weighting factor. The sum of all 5 categories equals the final PRI value, as demonstrated in the example equation below:

**PRI VALUE** = [(PROBABILITY x .30) + (IMPACT x .30) + (SPATIAL EXTENT x .20) + (WARNING TIME x .10) + (DURATION x .10)]

According to the weighting scheme applied for Broward County, the highest possible PRI value is 4.0. Prior to being finalized, PRI values for each identified hazard were reviewed and accepted by the Broward County LMS Working Group.

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<sup>49</sup> The Broward County Mitigation Task Force, based upon any unique concerns of factors for the planning area, may also adjust the PRI weighting scheme.

Table 4.42 PRI Category	Degree of Risk <sup>50</sup>			Assigned Weighting Factor
	Level	Criteria	Index Value	
Probability	Unlikely	Less than 1% annual probability	1	30%
	Possible	Between 1 and 10% annual probability	2	
	Likely	Between 10 and 100% annual probability	3	
	Highly Likely	100% annual probability	4	
Impact	Minor	Very few injuries, if any. Only minor property damage and minimal disruption on quality of life. Temporary shutdown of critical facilities.	1	30%
	Limited	Minor injuries only. More than 10% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than one day.	2	
	Critical	Multiple deaths/injuries possible. More than 25% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than 1 week.	3	
	Catastrophic	High number of deaths/injuries possible. More than 50% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for 30 days or more.	4	
Spatial Extent	Negligible	Less than 1% of area affected	1	20%
	Small	Between 1 and 10% of area affected	2	
	Moderate	Between 10 and 50% of area affected	3	
	Large	Between 50 and 100% of area affected	4	
Warning Time	More than 24 hours	Self explanatory	1	10%
	12 to 24 hours	Self explanatory	2	
	6 to 12 hours	Self explanatory	3	
	Less than 6 hours	Self explanatory	4	
Duration	Less than 6 hours	Self explanatory	1	10%
	Less than 24 hours	Self explanatory	2	
	Less than 1 week	Self explanatory	3	

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	More than 1 week	Self explanatory	4	
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*PRI Results*

**Table 4.43** summarizes the degree of risk assigned to each category for all initially identified hazards based on the application of the PRI. Assigned risk levels were based on the detailed hazard profiles developed for this section, as well as input from the Broward County Mitigation Task Force. The results were then used in calculating PRI values and making final determinations for the risk assessment.

Table 4.43 Hazards	Category/Degree of Risk <sup>51</sup>					
	Probability	Impact	Spatial Extent	Warning Time	Duration	PRI Score
<b>Atmospheric Hazards</b>						
Extreme Heat	Likely	Minor	Small	More than 24 hours	Less than 1 week	2.0
Lightning	Highly Likely	Limited	Negligible	Less than 6 hours	Less than 6 hours	2.5
Severe Thunderstorm	Highly Likely	Limited	Moderate	Less than 6 hours	Less than 6 hours	2.9
Tornado	Highly Likely	Critical	Small	Less than 6 hours	Less than 6 hours	3.0
Tropical Cyclone	Likely	Catastrophic	Large	More than 24 hours	Less than 1 week	3.3
<b>Hydrologic Hazards</b>						
Coastal Erosion	Likely	Minor	Small	More than 24 hours	More than 1 week	2.1
Drought	Possible	Minor	Large	More than 24 hours	More than 1 week	2.2
Flood	Highly Likely	Critical	Moderate	More than 24 hours	Less than 1 week	3.1
Rip Current	Highly Likely	Minor	Negligible	Less than 6 hours	Less than 6 hours	2.2
Sea Level Rise/Climate Change	Likely	Critical	Large	More than 24 hours	More than 1 week	3.1
<b>Geologic Hazards</b>						
Sinkhole/Land Subsidence	Unlikely	Minor	Negligible	Less than 6 hours	Less than 6 hours	1.3
<b>Other Natural Hazards</b>						
Wildfire	Likely	Limited	Moderate	6 to 12 hours	Less than 1 week	2.7
<b>Biological Hazards</b>						
Infectious Disease	Possible	Critical	Moderate	More than 24 hours	More than 1 week	2.6
<b>Societal Hazards</b>						
Mass Migration	Possible	Minor	Small	More than 24 hours	More than 1 week	1.8
Terrorism	Possible	Critical	Small	Less than 6 hours	Less than 24 hours	2.5
<b>Technological Hazards</b>						
Hazardous Material Incident	Highly Likely	Limited	Small	Less than 6 hours	Less than 24 hours	2.8

<sup>51</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3

**Final Determinations**

The conclusions drawn from the risk assessment process for Broward County, including the PRI results and input from the Broward County LMS, resulted in the classification of risk for each identified hazard according to three categories: *High Risk*, *Moderate Risk*, and *Low Risk* (**Table 4.44**). It should be noted that although some hazards are classified as posing low risk, their occurrence of varying or unprecedented magnitudes is still possible in some cases and will continue to be reevaluated during future plan updates. This table was reviewed during the 2011-2012 ELMS revision and the previous results were confirmed. The table includes the addition of sea level rise/climate change in 2011-2012.

**Table 4.44: Conclusions on Hazard Risk for Broward County<sup>52</sup>**

<b>HIGH RISK</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tropical Cyclone            Flood            Tornado            Severe Thunderstorm            Hazardous Material Incident            Lightning*            Sea Level Rise / Climate Change</p>
<b>MODERATE RISK</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wildfire            Infectious Disease            Terrorism            Drought            Rip Current            Coastal Erosion</p>
<b>LOW RISK</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Extreme Heat            Mass Migration            Sinkhole / Land Subsidence</p>

*\*Lightning was initially classified as a moderate risk, but based on subsequent discussions of the Mitigation Task Force it was determined that it should be classified as high risk.*

<sup>52</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.3

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# Chapter 5 – Economic Vulnerability

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## *Background*

Understanding an area's economic exposure to natural hazards is an advanced risk and vulnerability analysis that probes deeper into the County's key economic assets and how a disaster event may alter the County's pre-disaster economic condition, for better or worse. The sophisticated analysis in this Chapter, which goes beyond both the LMS and FEMA DMA 2000 planning requirements, demonstrates a commitment from the County to identify the key economic drivers in the county and working in a collaborative fashion to determine how to better protect them. This in turn will help protect the smaller support businesses that service them and residents employed by both types of businesses. The methodology used in this chapter to measure economic vulnerability is a combination of using established FEMA tools like Hazards US (Hazus) GIS-based loss projection software to project potential losses, other publicly available non-computer based analytical methodologies including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center's Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Tool, as well as County-driven innovations and modifications to these methodologies.

One purpose of this chapter is to better understand the economic implications of a major hurricane strike to Broward County which can provide the necessary background information to help the County, its municipalities and its constituent private sector chart a course for a more orderly recovery. This type of information also sets the stage for identifying opportunities to drive down risk to minimize damages, shorten business interruption, and retain businesses in the aftermath of a disaster event. These combined efforts would have the positive effect of keeping more of the County residents continuously employed resulting in a healthy flow of healthy tax revenues. Maintaining sufficient tax revenue is needed to maintain the County and municipal services necessary for basic functionality and a high quality of life.

In the past, where vulnerable areas across the nation have suffered major damage from a hurricane strike, many businesses closed leaving reduced overall tax revenues which led to an inability or dependency on the federal government to provide basic services like trash collection. In addition, these damaged areas created the perception, accurately or inaccurately, that they were not open for business which is particularly devastating for tourism-dependent economies.

Another purpose of this chapter is to provide a platform to engage the private sector in a collaborative effort to reduce the risk to hurricanes and use their collective knowledge, expertise, and resources in managing a recovery. Not only will this public-private partnership benefit existing businesses and the residents that depend on them for employment and services, but it will demonstrate the County's sound governance in addressing its risk which can help the County's effort to attract future businesses. The information from the enhanced LMS and this Economic Vulnerability chapter will be used in workshops and meetings with the private sector Broward Private Sector Committee. It will also be used in County's revision of the Countywide Recovery Process and Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan.

This chapter is organized in the following format:

- Existing Economic Climate



- Major Employers and Economic Areas
- Future Economic Development
- Economic Vulnerability Methodology
- Data Sources, Assumptions, and Limiting Factors
- Preliminary Results – Countywide Hazards Analysis and Commercial Businesses
- Preliminary Results Analysis and Economic Hot Spot Profiles
- Summary of Potential Impacts and Potential Areas for Redevelopment
- Major Government Facilities/Infrastructure Qualitative Analysis
- Conclusions/Recommendations

### *Existing Economic Climate*

Broward County has a diverse economy that is influenced by its year-round warm weather, access to major transportation networks including the Atlantic Ocean, and its proximity to Latin America and the Caribbean. The County is a major tourism draw, both nationally and internationally, and is also a major transportation/distribution hub, especially for the heavily populated South Florida area. The County has major transportation infrastructure for the mass delivery of goods including a major seaport (Port Everglades), major airport (Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International), 3 major highways (I-95, I-75, and the Florida Turnpike), and a major north-south rail line (the Florida East Coast Railway). These transportation networks move many types of goods needed for everyday living in the South Florida area as well as high-grade limestone and intermodal shipping containers from Port Everglades. Broward County is also close to major international airports in neighboring counties (Miami International (MIA) and West Palm Beach International (WPB)) which strengthens its ties to the Caribbean, Central, and South America.

The County attracts businesses operating in multiple states and internationally that primarily choose their location based on a higher quality of life for its employees including warm climate, presence of urban amenities, access to recreational assets like beaches and perception of an enjoyable lifestyle. The 2004 Vision Broward document, a multi-year endeavor to 'chart the future course of Broward County' states: "The population growth of South Florida has been fueled by favorable weather, high quality of life, and great concern to maintain a pristine environment, low-tax climate for business and citizens, and openness to multi-cultural and ethnic diversity." A continuing challenge for the County is to prevent its very success in attracting business and new population from becoming a detractor (e.g. clogged roads, lack of undeveloped land).

Vision Broward goes on to state that "the high quality of life and image of South Florida as a healthy and safe place to live, work, and raise families must be promoted and fostered". Having a sound mitigation and recovery plan involving the community is one factor that may influence a larger business's decision to locate to Broward and if the plan is executed well, influence existing businesses that suffered damages and loss to stay in Broward after an event.

Despite its advantages, Broward County is facing many current economic challenges including the recession that started in 2008 with the major national financial crisis and the conditions described in the second paragraph of this subsection. While the County is attractive to high-tech companies looking for an appealing quality of life for its employees, the County needs to continually increase its number of highly educated workers to provide the necessary resource base for these types of companies. Competition with other similar sized and/or fast-growing

Florida metropolitan areas with similar assets is also an on-going rivalry factor. Broward must continually update its major transportation infrastructure to keep pace including acquiring the funds to deepen its port to handle the larger-scale ships that will soon be able to transit the Panama Canal once it is enlarged in 2014. The County is not standing still and is looking to improve its major economic assets to maintain its competitiveness.

### *Major Employers and Economic Areas*

Broward County is home to a diverse economy composed of the following economic sectors:

**Table 5.1: Overall Largest Employment Sectors in Broward County**

Rank	Sector	Employment*
1	Services	323,664
2	Retail Trade	185,797
3	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	77,256
4	Manufacturing	44,363
5	Public Administration	43,561
6	Transportation and Communications	41,816
7	Wholesale Trade	41,079
8	Construction	37,275
9	Unclassified	8,940
10	Agricultural, Forestry, and Fishing	7,680

Source: 2011 Florida Prospector ([www.floridaprosector.com](http://www.floridaprosector.com)) \* - information not available for Southwest Ranches, West Park, and unincorporated Broward County

**Table 5.2: Largest Broward County Companies Ranked by Revenue**

Company Name	Municipality	Revenue	# of Employees	Type of Business
<b>AutoNation</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$14,131,900,000	22,000	Car sales and rentals
<b>JM Family Enterprises, Inc.</b>	Deerfield Beach	\$10,100,000,000	4,160	Diversified automotive corporation
<b>Spherion, Inc.</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$2,189,200,000	300,000	Employment services
<b>Seacor Holdings</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$1,656,000,000	5,268	Marine services company
<b>Citrix Systems</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$1,583,400,000	4,620	Computer network software
<b>Elizabeth Arden</b>	Miramar	\$1,101,000,000	2,125	Perfumes, colognes, and skin care products
<b>Mednax</b>	Sunrise	\$1,068,300,000	2,445	Neonatal, maternal-fetal, other pediatric services

<b>Interbond Corp of America (Brands Mart USA)</b>	Hollywood	\$940,000,000	2,300	Retail applicant, TV, and electronic sales
<b>Spirit Airlines</b>	Miramar	\$784,100,000	2,300	Airline
<b>Aero Toy Store LLC</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$752,900,000	80	Corporate aircraft/helicopter sales, yachts, exotic automobiles, interiors
<b>Associated Grocers of FL</b>	Pompano Beach	\$650,000,000	450	Wholesale food distributor for FL, Caribbean, and Latin America
<b>Ed Morse Automotive</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$621,800,000	881	Automotive sales and services
<b>Heico Corp.</b>	Hollywood	\$582,300,000	2,328	Jet engines and parts
<b>National Beverage Corp.</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$568,000,000	1,300	Non-alcoholic beverages
<b>Gold Coast Beverage Dist.</b>	Pompano Beach	\$518,400,000	935	Beer wholesaler
<b>BFC Financial Corp.</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$487,500,000	1,879	Holding company of BankAtlantic Bancorp and Woodbridge Holdings Corp.
<b>Rick Case Enterprises</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$456,400,000	765	Automotive sales and service
<b>Moss &amp; Associates LLC</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$416,200,000	256	Construction management
<b>Perfumania</b>	Sunrise	\$361,700,000	1,794	Miscellaneous retailer
<b>ABB Concise Optical Group</b>	Coral Springs	\$313,600,000	431	Distributor of optical ware
<b>BankAtlantic Bancorp.</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$311,400,000	2,569	Banking
<b>Liberty Power</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$302,900,000	96	Retail electricity supplier
<b>The Continental Group</b>	Hollywood	\$293,000,000	5400	Full service property management/maintenance
<b>SMF Energy Corp.</b>	Fort Lauderdale	\$270,600,000	280	Fuel delivery
<b>Pirtle Construction Co.</b>	Davie	\$268,700,000	133	Construction of public facilities
<b>PetMed Express</b>	Pompano Beach	\$211,800,000	589	Sales of pet medication

Source: South Florida Business Journal

**Table 5.3: Largest Broward County Companies Ranked by Number of South Florida Employees**

Company Name	Municipality	South Florida Employees	Type of Business
<b>American Express</b>	Plantation	4,846	Commercial/consumer financial services
<b>Nova Southeastern Univ.</b>	Davie	3,967	University – Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral degrees
<b>PRC</b>	Plantation	3,000	Business services provider – customer mgmt.

			and sales/marketing solutions
<b>Kaplan Higher Ed</b>	Fort Lauderdale	2,800	Online educational provider
<b>The Answer Group</b>	North Lauderdale	2,800	Custom computer programming and business consulting services
<b>Motorola</b>	Plantation	1,700	Mobile devices and networks
<b>JM Family Enterprises</b>	Deerfield Beach	1,500	Diversified automotive corporation
<b>Sun-Sentinel Co/ WSFL-TV</b>	Fort Lauderdale	1,469	Newspapers, commercial lithographic printing, and television station
<b>Spirit Airlines</b>	Miramar	1,466	Airline
<b>Citrix Systems</b>	Fort Lauderdale	1,428	Computer network software
<b>Spherion Corp.</b>	Fort Lauderdale	1,248	Employment services
<b>DHL</b>	Plantation	1,075	Air courier services
<b>Aviall</b>	Fort Lauderdale	842	New aviation parts/aftermarket ops
<b>City Furniture</b>	Tamarac	810	Retail furniture sales
<b>American Changer Corp.</b>	Fort Lauderdale	590	Manufacturer of innovative bill changers and token dispensers
<b>Ed Morse Automotive Group</b>	Fort Lauderdale	558	Automotive sales and services
<b>Rick Case Enterprises</b>	Fort Lauderdale	539	Automotive sales and services
<b>Coca-Cola Bottling Company</b>	Pembroke Park	500	Manufactures soft drinks
<b>First Data Corporation</b>	Coral Springs	500	Payment processing and funds transfer
<b>Templeton Worldwide (Franklin Templeton)</b>	Fort Lauderdale	500	Securities dealers

Source: South Florida Business Journal

Overall, these tables illustrate the importance of a diverse economy but one that can generally point to the following ‘anchor industries’:

**Table 5.4: Broward County’s Diverse Economy**

General Anchor Industries	Amenities/Attractors	Challenges
<b>Major Transportation Infrastructure / Commercial Distribution Hub</b>	Major seaport, rail line, airport; Major roadway network including 2 interstates and turnpike	Central location in South Florida, the largest state population concentration
<b>Business Headquarters</b>	Climate, Beaches, Water; Quality of Life; No state tax; Access to Latin America	Influenced by
<b>High Tech Industry</b>		Sufficient educated workforce
<b>Tourism</b>	Beaches, Ocean, Tourist districts like Las Olas, unique attractions like Tradewinds Butterfly World,	Influenced by market forces (recession) and after a hurricane, perception if it has

	Everglades, Museum of Art	recovered (condition of beaches, transportation network, service workers)
<b>Seasonal Living/Retirement Area</b>	Beaches, Climate, No state income tax, congregation of other similar people	Cost of insurance, perception of how well prepared area is

Additional metrics to evaluate Broward County's economy:

Key economic and employment data from The Florida Scorecard ([www.thefloridascorecard.com](http://www.thefloridascorecard.com)):

- College Attainment is 32.2 % (highest tier for Florida)
- Business Starts is 8,400 (highest tier for Florida)
- Business Closings is 7,200 (highest tier for Florida)
- Average Annual Wage is \$44,800 (highest tier for Florida)
- Per Capital Income is \$41,200 (second highest tier for Florida)

Additional key economic and employment data from the New Broward County Target Industries Study of February 17, 2010 prepared for the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development by DCG Corplan Consulting LLC:

- 71.2% of Broward County residents live in owner-occupied housing units
- Using Business Climate Index as a comparison with other regions of the USA that are competing for high-wage/high-skill jobs, Broward County ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 12. Broward County's score of 131 trailed other southeastern metropolitan areas including Houston (2<sup>nd</sup> with 206), Atlanta (3<sup>rd</sup> with 193), Austin (4<sup>th</sup> with 180), and Raleigh-Durham (5<sup>th</sup> with 177). The BCI is calculated using three groups of indices including Key Geo-demographics, Economic Conditions, and Operational Costs.
  - From this study, Broward County has the following competitive advantages over the other metropolitan areas studied: a) moderate ethnic diversity; b) high degree of well-trained working-age persons; c) strong retail sales performance; d) modest median income levels; e) attractive wage levels; f) affordable commercial rents and construction costs
  - From the study, these are the areas where Broward County is being outpaced by the other metropolitan areas: a) percentage of adults with bachelor's degree or higher; b) larger population base; c) 5 have lower cost of living.

### *Future Economic Development*

Broward County and Florida in general, experienced tremendous growth in the past 4 decades. The housing market crash and large-scale recession of the late 2000s slowed this growth both in the county and the state. The Florida Chamber Foundation produced a report that can be found on its website, [www.flfoundation.org/pillars.asp](http://www.flfoundation.org/pillars.asp) that details the 6 key pillars of Florida's future economy (through 2035):

- Talent Supply and Education
- Innovation and Economic Development
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership
- Business Climate and Competitiveness
- Civic and Governance Systems
- Quality of Life and Quality Places

Broward County faces an additional challenge because it is primarily built-out and now focuses on attracting businesses that require less acreage/square footage. The VisionBROWARD Final Report of 2004, a broad-based communities' strategic planning exercise prepared for the County by Nova Southeastern University, paints the following picture of a future Broward County:

The task forces envisioned Broward County as a place known for its planned public squares, places where people gather to walk, talk, and socialize among local business establishments--emphasizing the wide, lushly landscaped walkways winding past shops, offices, residences, schools, parks, and the waterfront—all reminiscent of town squares from an earlier era. It would be a vibrant community with a hotbed of small and mid-size company growth, high tech entrepreneurs and many successful minority-owned enterprises, with controlled growth and economic diversity. Yet the Broward County of the future would still value a green environment as well as pristine beaches with a thriving marine life. Broward County 2020 was visualized as a community with mixed use town centers that were linked by a mass transportation network, higher education standards that attracted key biotechnology and business, and a center of excellence in health care and marine biology. This vision also included a community with an increase in quality of life through the elimination of homelessness and a balance of environment, Everglades, and beaches as a result of innovative land-use plans.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners assessed different types of industries for ones that were new, emerging, and high growth industries to create high-skill and high-wage jobs. The following are the ten targeted industries of the County and the list was modified based on results of the New Broward County Target Industries Study of February 17, 2010:

- *Advanced Materials and High-Tech Manufacturing*
  - Includes plastics material and resin manufacturing, secondary aluminum alloying (for aerospace, biomedical, and information technology), nanotechnology, cement/concrete, chemicals, rubber
- *Alternative Energy and Renewable Resources*
  - Includes biomass electric power generation, miscellaneous electrical equipment manufacturing including photovoltaic fuel cells, turbine/turbine generator units manufacturing equipment, water utility systems, environmental services, and architectural/engineering services
- *Aviation / Aerospace*
  - Includes aerospace products/parts, avionics, and air transportation support
- *Global Business Services*
  - Includes banking, computer systems design, insurance carriers, and commercial credit
- *Global Media and Production*
  - Includes radio and television broadcasting, video industries, advertising and related services , internet, and cable

- *Headquarters and Management Operations*
  - Includes corporate headquarters, business/professional/labor/political organizations, management/consulting services, and commercial equipment leasing primarily focused on Caribbean, and Central and South America financial services companies
- *Human Resources and Higher Education*
  - Includes colleges/universities/professional schools, business schools, management training, and computer training
- *International Trade and Logistics*
  - Includes wholesalers of professional/commercial equipment, durable goods, electrical goods, grocery and related products, metal and minerals; also includes logistics consulting services
- *Life Sciences*
  - Includes biotechnology research/development, and pharmaceutical preparation manufacturing
- *Marine Industries*
  - Includes ship/boat building, nautical instruments manufacturing, and electronics repair and maintenance

To continually draw and support these industries, a higher educated workforce is needed. Grooming and attracting this type of workforce is a challenge in South Florida due to the lack of a critical mass of powerful and nationally recognized universities.

### *Economic Vulnerability Methodology*

To analyze the economic vulnerability of an area, it is first necessary to understand the basic geographic distribution of business and which sectors are the primary economic bases for the area. Once this is established, how the selected natural hazards directly impact the facilities of the businesses must be understood. The subsection entitled “Preliminary Results – Countywide Hazards Analysis and Commercial Businesses” will provide detailed maps and the subsection entitled “Preliminary Results Analysis and Economic Hot Spot Profiles will include loss projection scenarios. The Economic Vulnerability chapter will help prepare a road map to better understand areas where mitigation efforts should be targeted.

The central focus of this study is to look at the businesses projected to be damaged in a direct Category 3 hurricane strike that includes high winds, storm surge (using SLOSH) and inland flooding. A Category 3 storm was selected because the impacts from wind and flooding are likely to be significant and it is a higher probability storm than the Category 4 and 5 storms. The study also examines the future risk of storm surge by incorporating the projected impacts of sea level rise as determined by the Southeast Florida Climate Change Regional Compact’s *Analysis of the Vulnerability of Southeast Florida to Sea Level Rise* and the *Broward County Climate Change Action Plan* (actual data provided courtesy of the South Florida Water Management District).

The maps of hazards will be superimposed on the distribution of the businesses to determine the areas where the hazards may affect the businesses. This intersection of the businesses and the wind and flood hazard is mapped and analyzed in the “Preliminary Results” section. Based on these preliminary results, areas of major business concentration at higher risk (called ‘hot spots’ in this plan) will be analyzed in more detail in the “Economic Hot Spot Profiles” section. This chapter will also look at potential damage to major infrastructure on which the businesses are dependent and any major government facilities in the “Major Government Facilities/Infrastructure Qualitative Analysis” section.

To determine quantitative data on direct losses, business interruption costs, and lost income, the study will use FEMA’s Hazus MR-5 (wind) and Hazus 2.0 (flood) software to estimate losses in the hot spots. Hazus provides information down to the census block level for direct damages which will be captured for each hot spot. To estimate business interruption costs, which are only calculated at the county level, a ‘damage percentage multiplier’, which is based on each individual hot spots proportion of the county direct damage to businesses, will be applied to the county level business interruption figures. This same methodology will be used to calculate estimated property tax losses: the annual commercial property tax level for each hot spot will be multiplied by a coefficient that is derived by dividing the direct damages in the hotspot by the commercial exposure of the hotspot (both numbers from Hazus). This damage coefficient would provide a basic estimate of the level of damage in the hotspot which is used to estimate the level of loss of commercial property taxes. It is beyond the scope of Hazus to provide direct damages to each business and this level of detail would not be permitted in a public plan by the Federal Privacy Act.

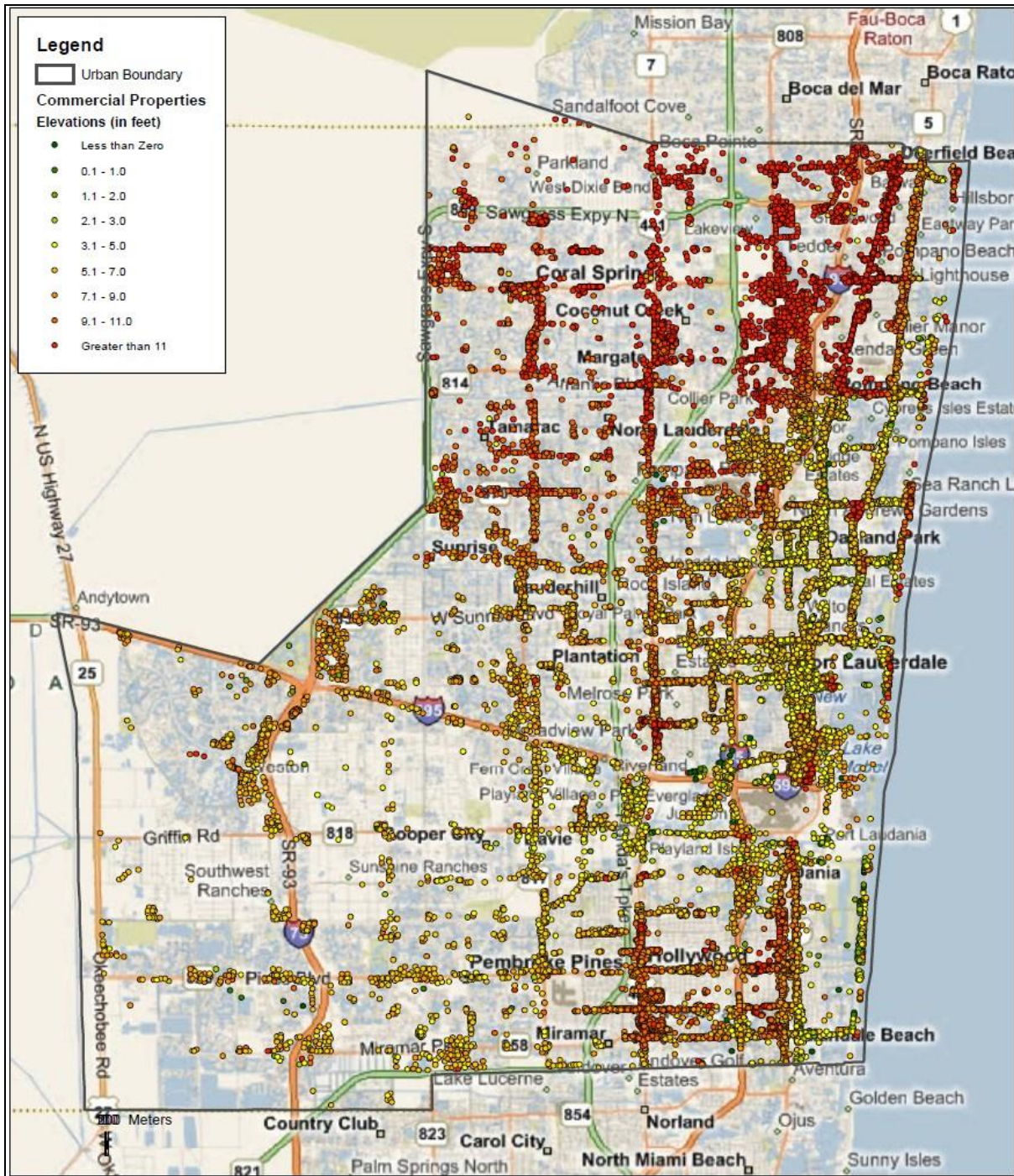
Once the overall impact to the County and the impact to the hot spots are described, the next step of the analysis is to describe how the damages, may ripple through the general economy in “Summary of Potential Impacts and Potential Areas for Redevelopment”. The ripple effects will result in some degree of economic harm to smaller, dependent, and supporting businesses. The effects will also impact residents who rely on the business for employment, a service or a product.

It is hoped that these analyses will provide the level of information that will allow the private sector to scrutinize their individual and collective vulnerability, conduct a detailed analysis of their own facilities, participate in the County level public-private risk reduction partnership called the Broward Private Sector Committee, and follow through on implementing appropriate risk reduction measures.

The maps on the following two pages display some of the basic analysis information including the location of commercial businesses in the County (**Map 5.1** - with their elevations of the ground at the base of the building) and the concentration of businesses by census block group (**Map 5.2** – darker areas indicate higher concentration).

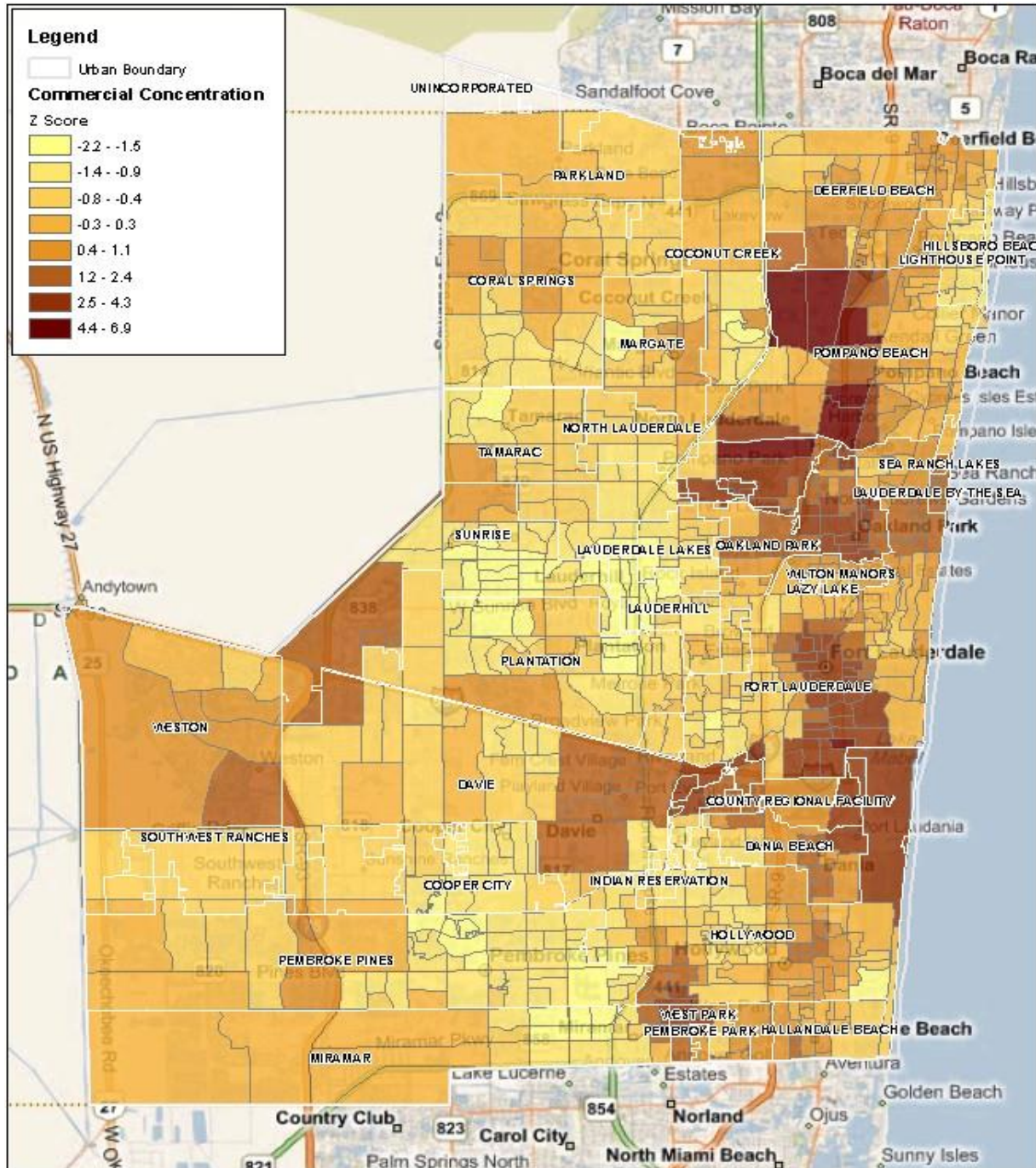


Map 5.1 – Broward County Commercial Buildings Elevation



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS

Map 5.2 – Broward County Concentration of Businesses by Census Block Group



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and [www.gfalliance.org](http://www.gfalliance.org)

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### *Data Sources, Assumptions, and Limiting Factors*

- **Commercial Property Location information** - Broward County Property Appraiser GIS parcel data
- **Property Tax Revenue** – 2010 Millage Rates and Last Year Taxable Value from Parcel data
- **Population Data** – 2010 US Census data
- **SLOSH storm surge** - FL Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) & NOAA
- **Wind Speed zones** - FDEM Hazard grid
- **Terrain Data** - South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) GIS Data Catalog
- **Infrastructure (major roads, etc.)** - Broward County GIS website
- **Flood zone information** - FEMA 1996 Q3 data
- **Sea level rise data** - SFWMD
- **Hazus Wind Loss Estimation (Hurricane Wilma scenario)** - Hazus-MH MR-5
- **Hazus Flood Loss Estimation** - Hazus 2.0
- **Commercial Exposure Info by County level and by Census Block Group** - Hazus 2.0 Flood module

One limiting factor is that some Hazus information is only available at county level. The work around for this is a 'damage multiplier' for each census block. In addition, many of the researched economic statistics are only available at municipal level and not a Census Block Group level which is the basis for the Hot Spots.

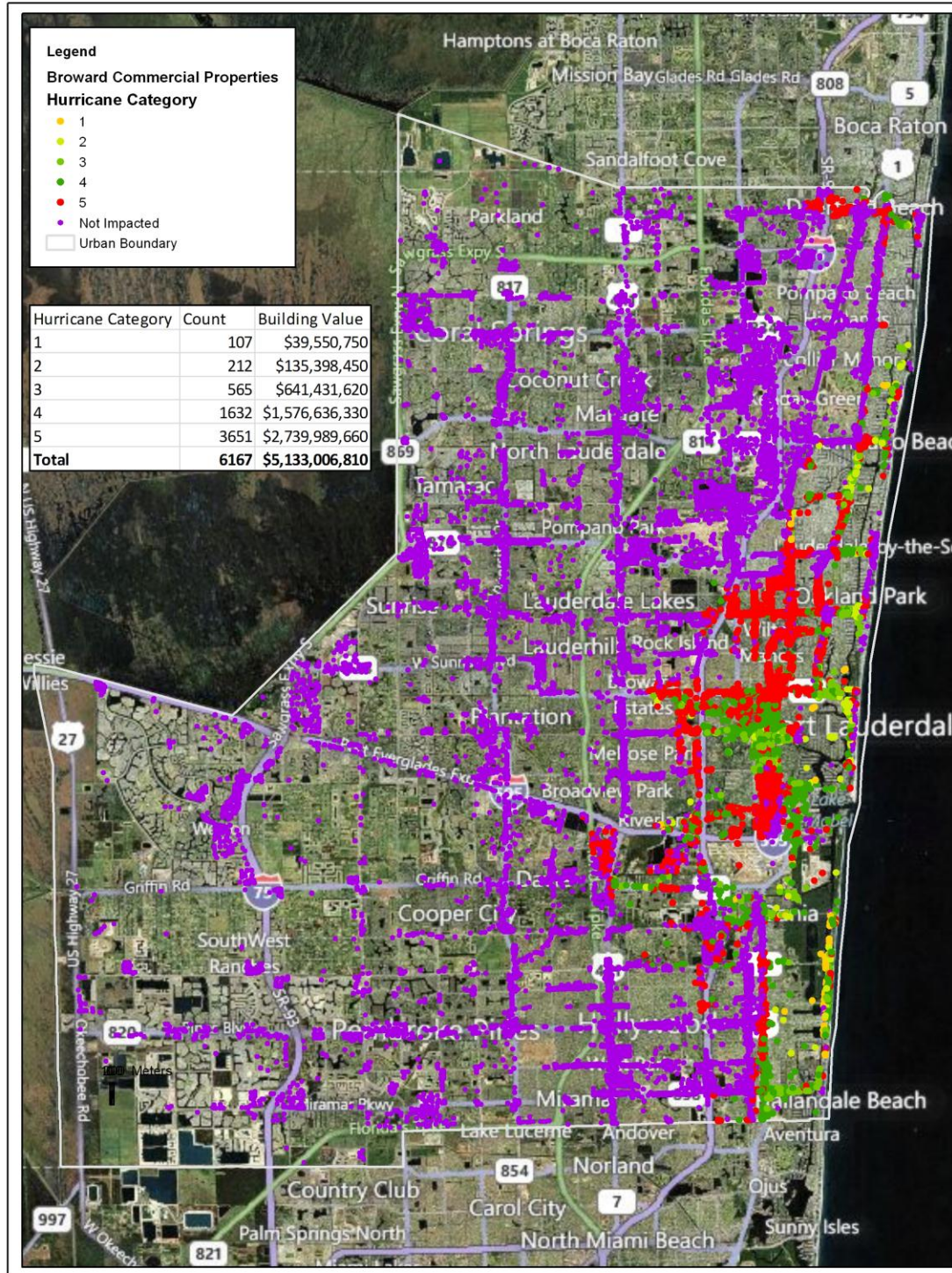
### *Preliminary Results – Countywide Hazards Analysis and Commercial Businesses*

As discussed earlier, the Category 3 hurricane event is the designated scenario in this study because it is much more probable than a Category 4 and 5 event and mitigation efforts to the impacts of this level storm would probably be more cost-effective.

Storm Surge Risk

**Map 5.3** on the following page examines the overall risk of commercial buildings to storm surge flooding. The different color dots show commercial buildings and vulnerability to the different categories of hurricane storm surge event and lower based on geographic vulnerability and building elevation. Purple dots show buildings unaffected by any level storm. **Table 5.5** is a table which summarizes the number and value of businesses in the various storm surge zones.

Map 5.3 – Broward County Commercial Buildings Risk to Storm Surge



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS

**Table 5.5: Value of Commercial Businesses in Storm Surge Zones**

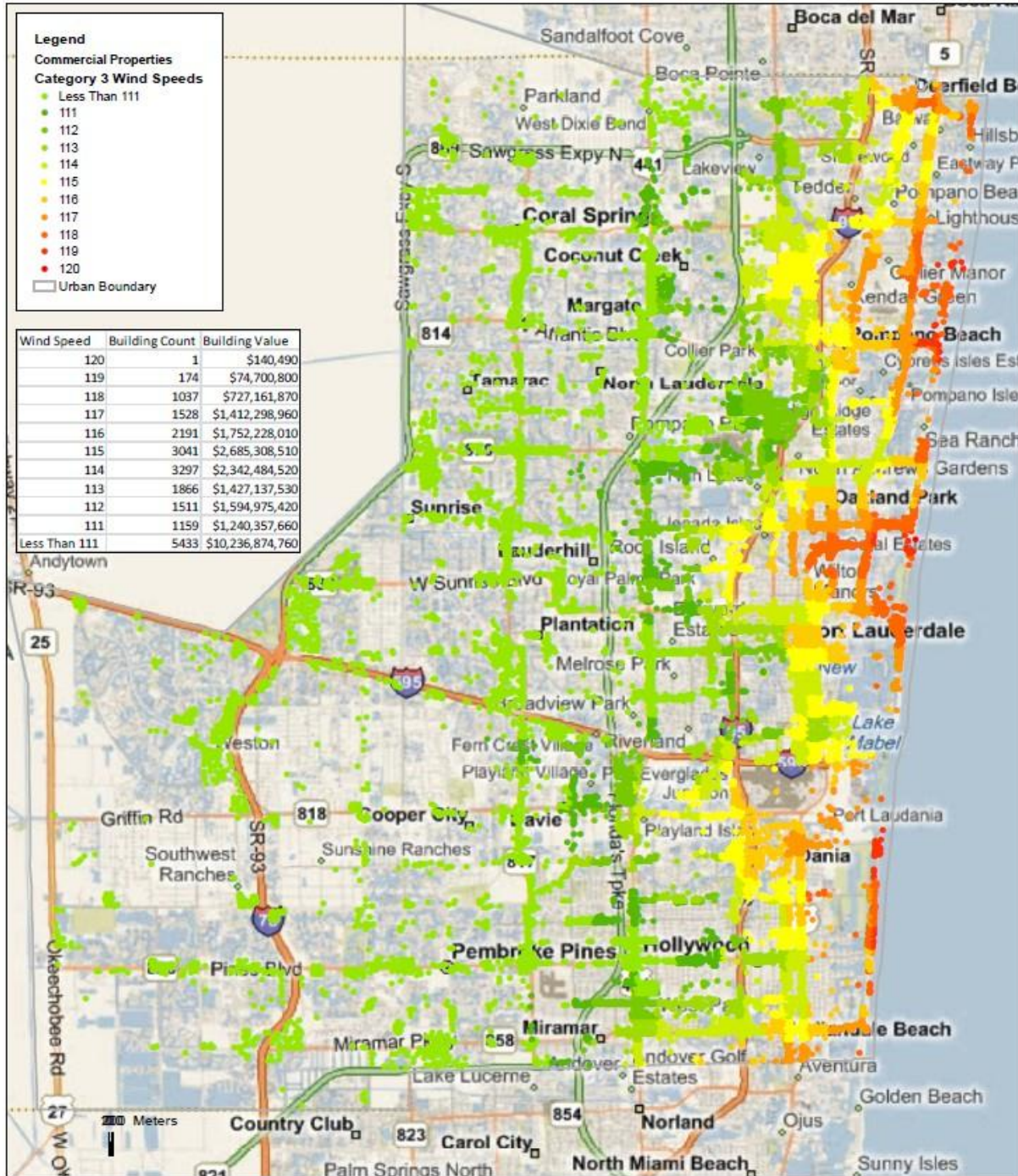
Hurricane Category	Building Count	Building Value	Cumulative Value	Cumulative Count
1	107	\$39,550,750	\$39,550,750	107
2	212	\$135,398,450	\$174,949,200	319
3	565	\$641,431,620	\$816,380,820	884
4	1632	\$1,576,636,330	\$2,393,017,150	2516
5	3651	\$2,739,989,660	\$5,133,006,810	6167
Total	6167	\$5,133,006,810		

Source: Broward County GIS Department

Wind Risk

**Map 5.4** on the following page shows the overall risk of commercial buildings to Category 3 High Winds. The different color dots show commercial buildings and vulnerability to the different wind speed of this level event. **Table 5.6** is a table which summarizes the number and value of businesses to the various wind speeds of a Category 3 Hurricane.

Map 5.4 – Broward County Commercial Buildings Risk to Category 3 High Winds



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS

**Table 5.6: Value of Commercial Businesses in Category 3 Hurricane Wind Speed Zones**

Wind Speed	Building Count	Building Value
120	1	\$140,490
119	174	\$74,400,800
118	1037	\$727,161,870
117	1528	\$1,412,298,960
116	2191	\$1,752,228,010
115	3041	\$2,685,308,510
114	3297	\$2,342,484,520
113	1866	\$1,427,137,530
112	1511	\$1,594,975,420
111	1159	\$1,240,357,660
Less than 111	5433	\$10,236,874,760

Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS



*Future Storm Surge Risk Conditions Considering Sea Level Rise*

See Chapter 4 for a comprehensive discussion of the impact of sea level rise and climate change on Broward County. The Economic Vulnerability section will focus on the impacts of a 1 foot sea level rise, the most probable and most immediate impact, on the hot spots. Some of the hot spots may not be impacted at all by the 1 foot rise. No map of sea level rise will be included in the hot spot section if there is no impact.

*Preliminary Results Analysis and Economic Hot Spot Profiles*

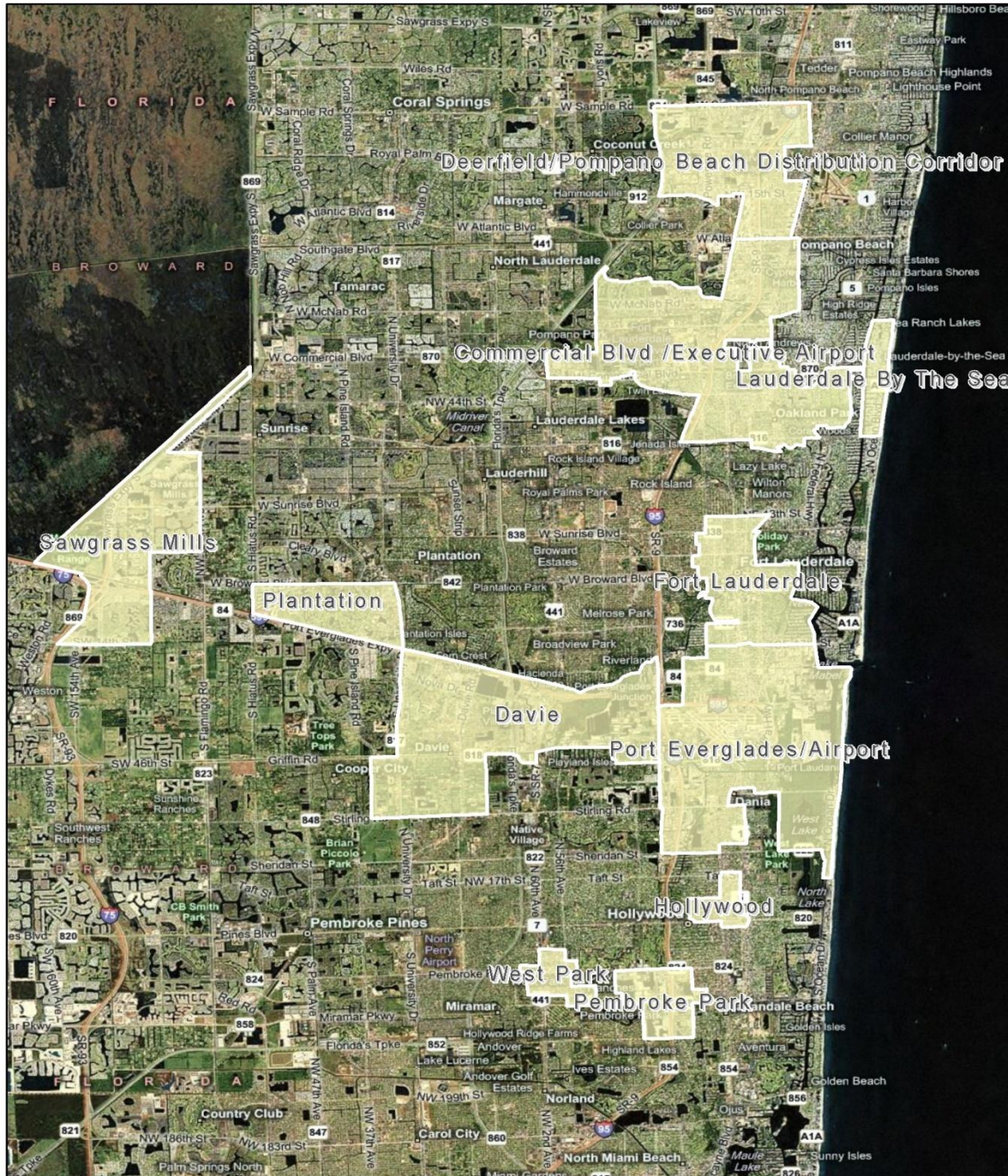
The preliminary results depicted areas where the concentrations of commercial buildings were shown in relation to the impacts of hurricane high winds and hurricane storm surge. Where the highest concentrations of commercial developed intersected with the higher levels of wind and flood risk, ‘hot spots’, were identified. Major impacts to any of these hot spots are expected to have a negative economic ripple effect to other businesses in that geographic area, other county geographic areas, and other business sectors in the County and beyond.

The hot spots identified by the County include the following:

- Davie College/University Area
- Deerfield Beach/Pompano Beach Rail/Interstate 95 Corridor
- Downtown Fort Lauderdale
- Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport/Commercial Boulevard
- Downtown Hollywood
- Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
- Pembroke Park/West Park
- Plantation Midtown Area
- Port Everglades/International Airport
- Sawgrass Mills/Sunrise
- South Florida Educational Center in Davie

The hot spots subsection includes important economic information for each hot spot, including a list of key infrastructure and/or key facilities, large businesses, any agglomeration of certain business sector types, and other significant economic information. It also includes maps of the businesses in relation to the storm surge (if impacted), high wind, and inland flood hazards. At the end of each hot spot subsection, there is a table that lists the Hazus loss estimation for direct impacts, Hazus business interruption costs, and approximate property tax losses from flooding and wind. **Map 5.5** on the following page shows the boundaries of the hot spots (based on the census block groups). **Table 5.7** below provides FEMA’s estimated Average Annualized Losses from flooding for each hot spot. The overall annual commercial property tax for Broward County is \$837,409,658 (Source – Broward County Property Appraisers’ Office).

Map 5.5 – Grouped Hot Spots



Source: Broward County GIS and US Census 2010

**Table 5.7: FEMA Average Annualized Loss for Flood Hazard in Hot Spots (2010)**

Hot Spot	Total Loss	Building Loss	Contents Loss
Fort Lauderdale	\$82,820,000	\$28,271,000	\$50,474,000
South Florida Education Center/ Davie	\$63,624,000	\$22,911,000	\$36,908,000
Commercial Blvd /Executive Airport	\$45,658,000	\$16,061,000	\$27,873,000
Port Everglades/Airport	\$44,211,000	\$15,722,000	\$26,180,000
Sawgrass Mills /Sunrise	\$12,663,000	\$4,570,000	\$7,577,000
Deerfield/Pompano Beach Distribution Corridor	\$11,129,000	\$2,931,000	\$7,083,000
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	\$11,041,000	\$5,449,000	\$5,386,000
Plantation	\$7,930,000	\$3,176,000	\$4,611,000
Pembroke Park	\$2,003,000	\$881,000	\$1,050,000
Hollywood	\$1,151,000	\$549,000	\$593,000
West Park	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL (entire county)</b>	<b>\$282,234,000</b>	<b>\$100,522,000</b>	<b>\$167,738,000</b>

Source: FEMA Headquarters Risk MAP Program which used Hazus MR4

## Deerfield Beach/Pompano Beach Rail/Interstate-95 Corridor:

### General Information

The Deerfield / Pompano Beach Rail/Interstate-95 Corridor is a major transportation, distribution, and commercial hub for the entire South Florida area. Many larger distribution hubs, like Publix and Gold Coast Beverage, take advantage of its proximity to rail (Florida East Coast Railway) and 2 major interstates (I-95 and the Florida Turnpike). The approximate boundaries of this hot spot are in Maps 5.6 to 5.8. This analysis will focus on the East to West area of I-95 to Powerline Road.

Pompano Beach (<http://www.mypompanobeach.org/economic/index.html>)

- The city provides access to both the Florida Turnpike and Interstate 95 and also provides access to both the CSX and FEC railroads

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

2010 *Passenger Vehicle Information* (from <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/FloridaTrafficOnline/viewer.html>)

- I-95: Main interstate Highway on East Coast of US; serves Atlantic Coast of FL
  - Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): two-ways, between Route 810 – Route 869= **214,000** (2010)
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 - NB ON RAMP FROM EB SR 810/HILLSBORO BLVD. = **6,200**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 - SB ON RAMP FROM EB SR-810 HILLSBORO BLVD = **8,800**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 NB ON RAMP FROM WB SR 810/HILLSBORO BLVD. = **7,100**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 SB ON RAMP FROM WB SR-810/HILLSBORO BLVD = **6,800**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 NB ON RAMP FROM 10TH ST/SR-869 = **13,000**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 SB ON RAMP FROM 10TH ST/SR-869 = **17,000**
- Florida State Road 810
  - Main exit to Deerfield Beach
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 - NB OFF RAMP TO EB SR 810/HILLSBORO BLVD. = **7,300**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 NB OFF RAMP TO WB SR 810/HILLSBORO BLVD. = **8,000**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 - SB OFF RAMP TO SR-810/HILLSBORO BLVD = **12,500**
  - AADT: SR 810 / HILLSBORO BLVD - E OF SR 9/I-95: E 24500 W 23000, two-way **47,500**
- Florida State Road 869:
  - Bypass of Ft Lauderdale; terminates in Deerfield Beach; connects to I-75 and becomes a toll road (Sawgrass Expressway)
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 NB. OFF RAMP TO 10TH ST/SR-869 = **15,000**
  - AADT: two-ways, I-95 SB OFF RAMP TO 10TH ST/SR-869 = **13,500**
  - AADT: SR 869 / SW 10 ST - W OF SR 9/I-95 E 26000 W 23500 two-ways **49,500**

- AADT: SR 869 / SW 10 ST - E OF SR 845/POWERLINE RD E 20500 W 20000, two-ways **40,500**

#### *Rail Information*

- South Florida Regional Transit Authority
- Pompano Beach Station
  - Tri-Rail commuter station
- Deerfield Beach station (Old Seaboard Air Line Railway Station):
  - Amtrak (Silver Meteor and Silver Star – both NY to Miami)
    - 29,955 Boardings and Alightings (FY2010)
  - Tri-Rail commuter station
  - US National Register of Historic Places
  - HQ of South Florida Railway Museum

#### *Pompano Beach Air Park*

- Good Year leases approximately 32.5 acres (largest tenant)  
(<http://www.mypompanobeach.org/directory/airpark/index.html>)

#### *Key Businesses*

- Home to over 30 million square feet of industrial/warehouse/distribution space; which includes regional headquarters for companies such as (<http://www.mypompanobeach.org/economic/index.html>):
  - Aetna
  - Aquathin
  - Associated Grocers
  - FedEx Ground
  - Stimpson Co
- JM Family Enterprises
  - \$8.4 billion Revenue (2009); 3,800 Employees (2009)
- Publix Supermarket District Center (distribution to South Florida)
- Airline Spares America
- Deerfield Country Club
- Medics Ambulance Service
- BrandsMart USA
- Gold Coast Beverage Distribution Center (I-95/Sample)
  - Largest Distribution Center in FL; one of largest in country
  - <http://goldcoastbeverage.com/>
- Associated Grocers
- Pompano Park and Poker (Racetrack and Casino)
  - 1,250 Employees (2009)
  - <http://pompano-park.isleofcapricasinos.com/index.aspx>

#### *Key Facilities*

- North Broward Medical Center (201 E Sample Rd, Pompano Beach)
- Large County Landfill/Wastewater Facility (Turnpike/Sample Road)

**Key Economic Sectors**

**Table 5.8: Selected Economic Statistics for Deerfield Beach - 2007 – Ranked by Annual Payroll  
[larger than hot spot area]**

Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Health care and social assistance	203	\$448,140,000	\$159,847,000	4,757
Information	54	N/A	\$148,200,000	2,394
Retail trade	327	\$1,145,855,000	\$110,300,000	4,122
Manufacturing	119	\$496,904,000	\$104,635,000	2,642
Professional, scientific, and technical services	384	\$312,736,000	\$101,487,000	2,273
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Svcs	185	\$193,885,000	\$74,334,000	2,637
Accommodation and food services	162	\$184,327,000	\$48,347,000	3,235
Real estate and rental and leasing	147	\$142,763,000	\$35,158,000	905
Other services (except public administration)	191	\$78,803,000	\$24,207,000	1,001
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	28	\$50,476,000	\$6,643,000	299

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

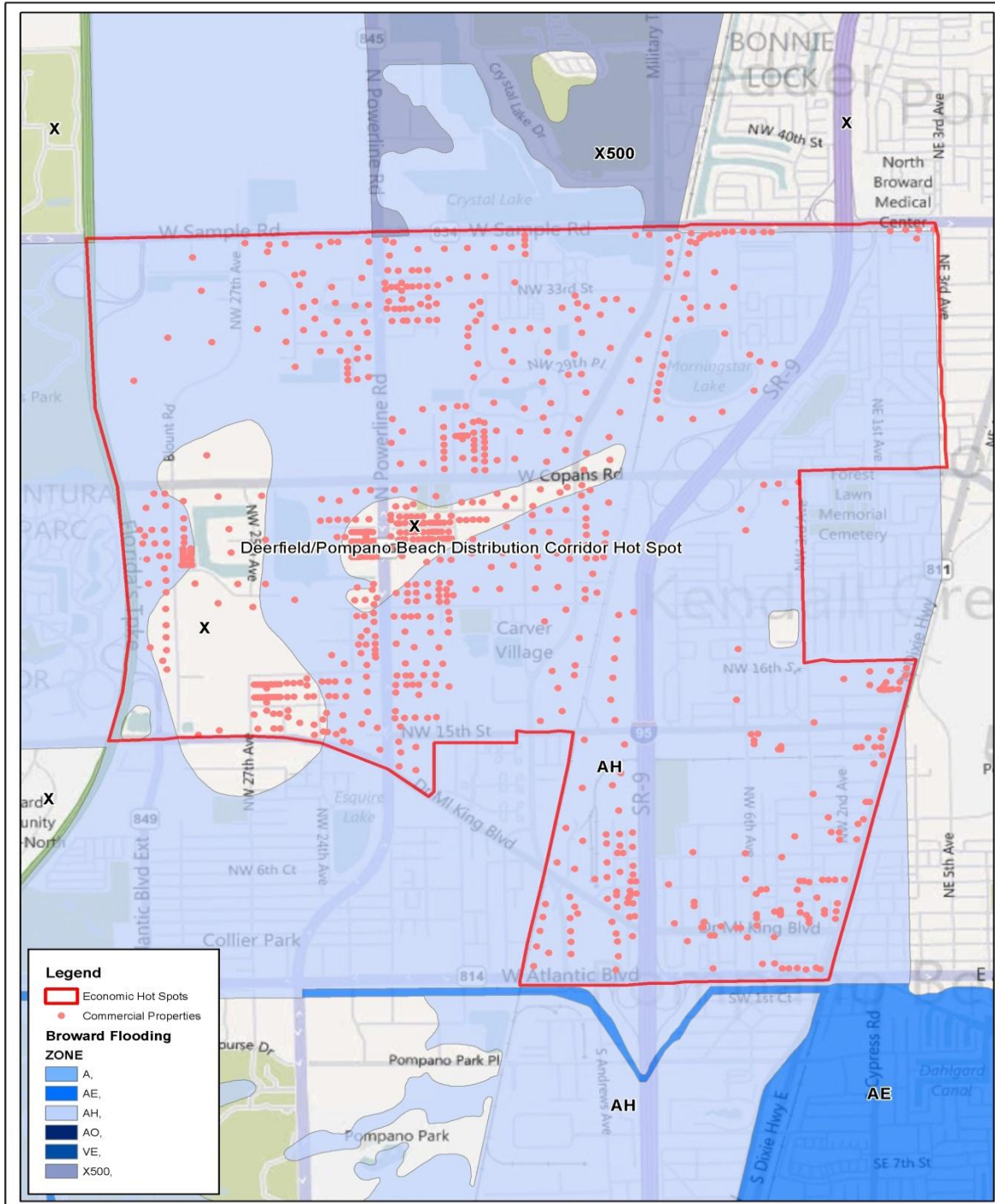
**Table 5.9: Selected Economic Statistics for Pompano Beach - 2007 – Ranked by Annual Payroll  
[larger than hot spot area]**

Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Retail trade	654	\$3,787,965,00	\$274,406,000	9,001
Manufacturing	307	\$1,562,822,000	\$273,501,000	7,410
Health care and social assistance	300	\$374,852,000	\$128,692,000	3,982
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Svcs	276	\$467,287,000	\$115,980,000	4,219
Professional, scientific, and technical services	505	\$354,240,000	\$93,187,000	2,028
Real estate and rental and leasing	260	\$285,909,000	\$57,718,000	1,585
Accommodation and food services	266	\$197,746,000	\$50,243,000	3,739
Other services (except public administration)	379	\$272,320,000	\$49,508,000	2,023
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	64	\$97,505,000	\$44,457,000	1,136
Information	67	N/A	\$44,132,000	823

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

**Maps**

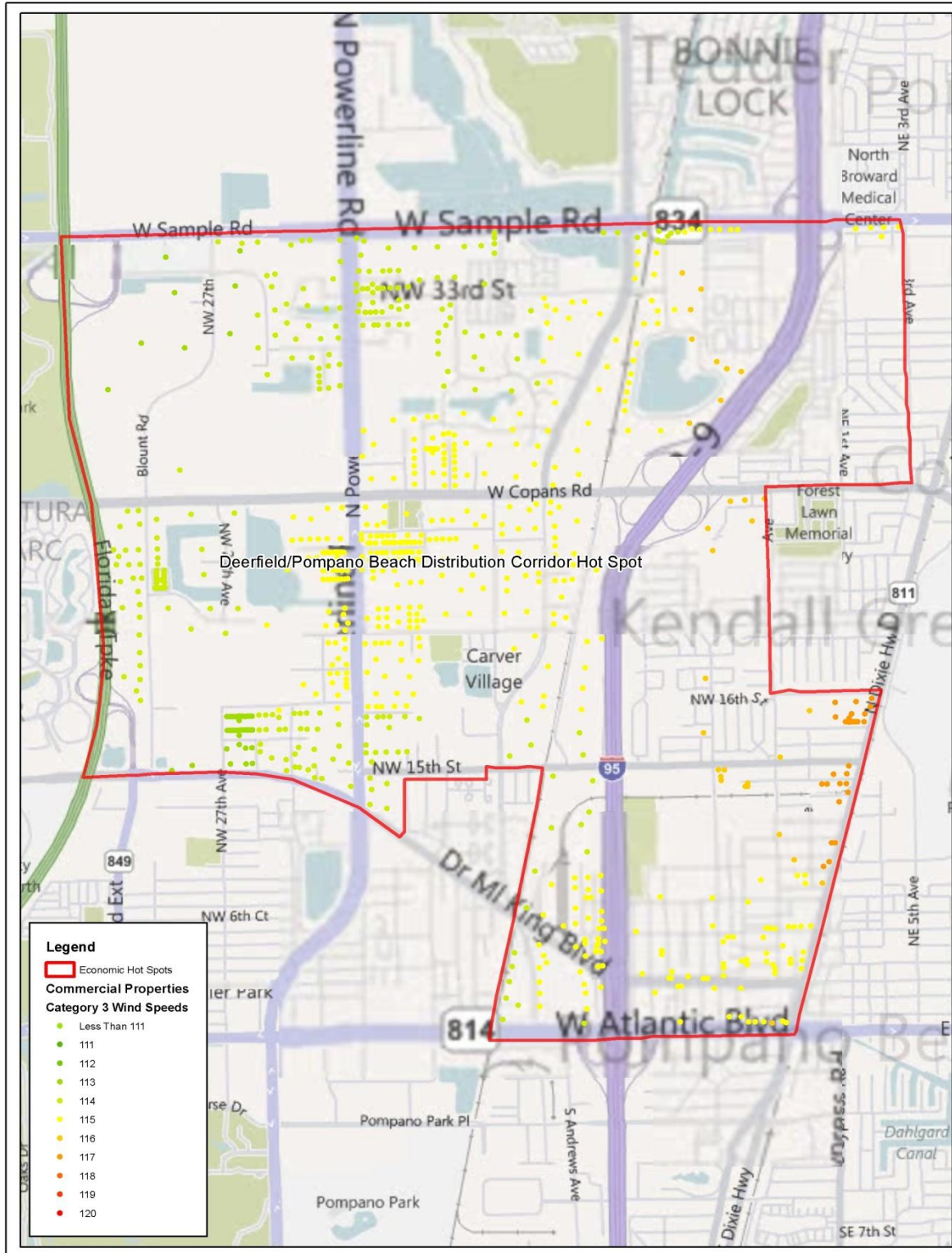
**Map 5.6 – Deerfield/Pompano Beach Corridor Risk to Inland Flooding**



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data



Map 5.7 – Deerfield/Pompano Beach Corridor Risk to High Winds



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.10: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Deerfield/Pompano Beach Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b>\$737,120,000</b>	<b>\$58,155,000</b>	<b>\$757,080</b>	<b>\$2,143,518</b>	<b>\$30,530,000</b>	<b>\$8,095,942</b>	<b>\$1,113,869</b>

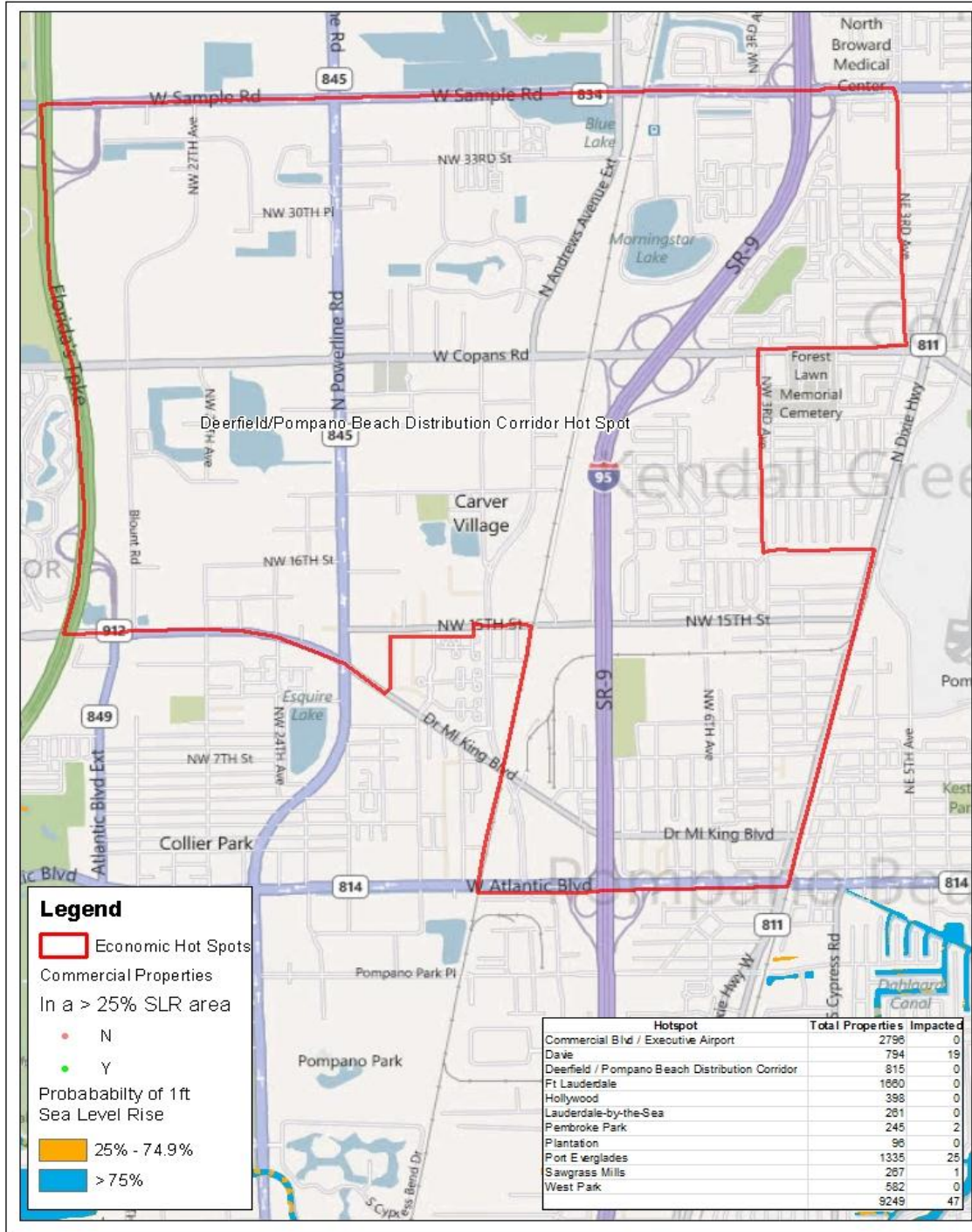
Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

\* - includes Building, Content, and Inventory

\*\* - Includes Income, Relocation, Rental Income, and Wage

**Sea Level Rise 1 foot scenario map**

**Map 5.8 – Deerfield/Pompano Beach Corridor Risk to 1 foot Sea Level Rise**



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

## Downtown Fort Lauderdale

### General Information

Fort Lauderdale is the largest municipality in Broward County, the primary seat of government, and has the densest business cluster in the county. The downtown Fort Lauderdale hotspot is a cluster of census block groups that is approximately bounded by NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street to the north and SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the south. Of special interest are the areas along both branches of the New River.

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

*Fort Lauderdale Business and Economy:*

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/EconomicDevelopment/economy.htm>

- Downtown Development Authority of Fort Lauderdale: <http://www.ddaftl.org/>
- Las Olas Boulevard and Las Olas Riverfront (Center) and Shops (b/w SW 2<sup>nd</sup> and River)
- Himmarshee Entertainment Districts
- Broward County Governmental Center (NW corner S Andrews/SW 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- ANC Plaza (SE corner S Andrews/SW 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Broward College-Downtown Center (and FAU campus)
- Museum of Ft Lauderdale (S Andrews/ Las Olas)

*Largest companies located in Fort Lauderdale*

- AutoNation: Revenue: \$10.7 billion; 18,000 Employees
- Seacor Holdings: Revenue: \$1.7 billion; 5,648 Employees
- SFN Group: Revenue: \$1.7 billion; 161,000 Employees
- Citrix Systems: Revenue: \$1.6 billion; 4,816 Employees

*Public Facilities located in Downtown Fort Lauderdale:*

- Riverwalk art & entertainment district of Fort Lauderdale (<http://www.riverwalkae.com/press-room/>)
- Broward County Library
- Broward College Downtown Center and downtown Florida Atlantic University campus
- Main Broward County Jail along River near SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Andrews Avenue
- Fort Lauderdale Historical Society
- Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale
  - “The Museum of Art has become one of South Florida’s leading cultural attractions; since 2003, it has broken all South Florida museum records by hosting more than 1 million visitors...”
  - “And generated more than \$200 million in economic impact to our region.” (<http://moaflnsu.org>)
- Museum of Discovery and Science ([www.mods.org](http://www.mods.org))
  - Over 450,000 visitors annually
  - IMAX Theatre (Biggest screen in South Florida)
- Broward Center for the Performing Arts
  - 3 Theatres; Combined total capacity = 3,790
  - One of nation’s most visited theatres
  - Ranked #4 in World by Venues Today

**Key Economic Sectors**

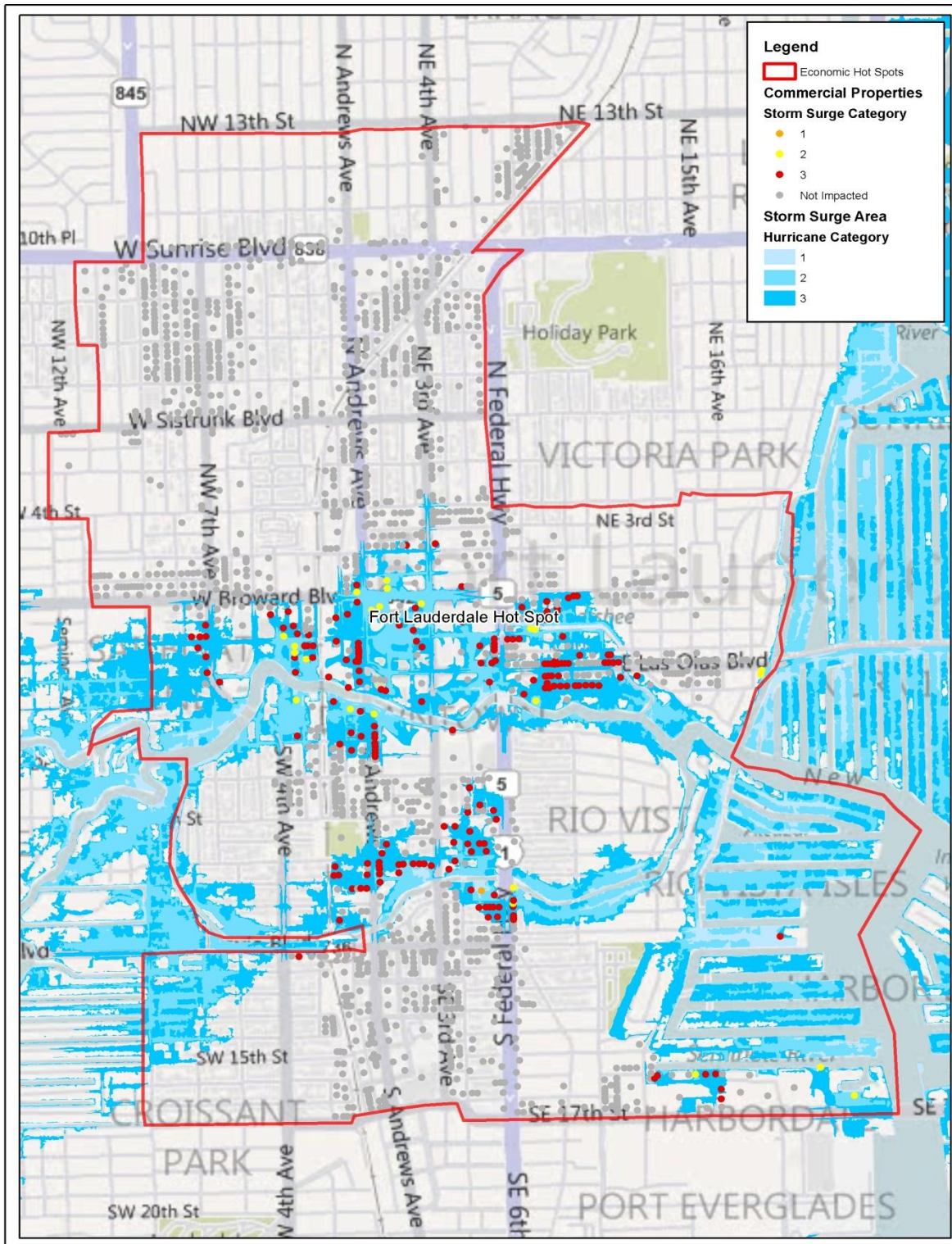
**Table 5.11: Selected Economic Statistics for Fort Lauderdale - 2007 (larger than hot spot area) – Ranked by Annual Payroll**

Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Srvs	731	\$2,061,017,000	\$1,108,853,000	33,087
Professional, scientific, and technical services	2,324	\$2,564,717,000	\$1,023,238,000	14,404
Health care and social assistance	860	\$2,426,291,000	\$876,364,000	20,177
Information	253	N	\$575,688,000	7,683
Retail trade	1,216	\$4,715,661,000	\$406,526,000	13,480
Accommodation and food services	679	\$1,356,246,000	\$362,996,000	18,389
Real estate and rental and leasing	729	\$742,489,000	\$147,577,000	3,653
Other services (except public administration)	746	\$529,194,000	\$139,778,000	4,734
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	169	\$154,529,000	\$38,096,000	1,322

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

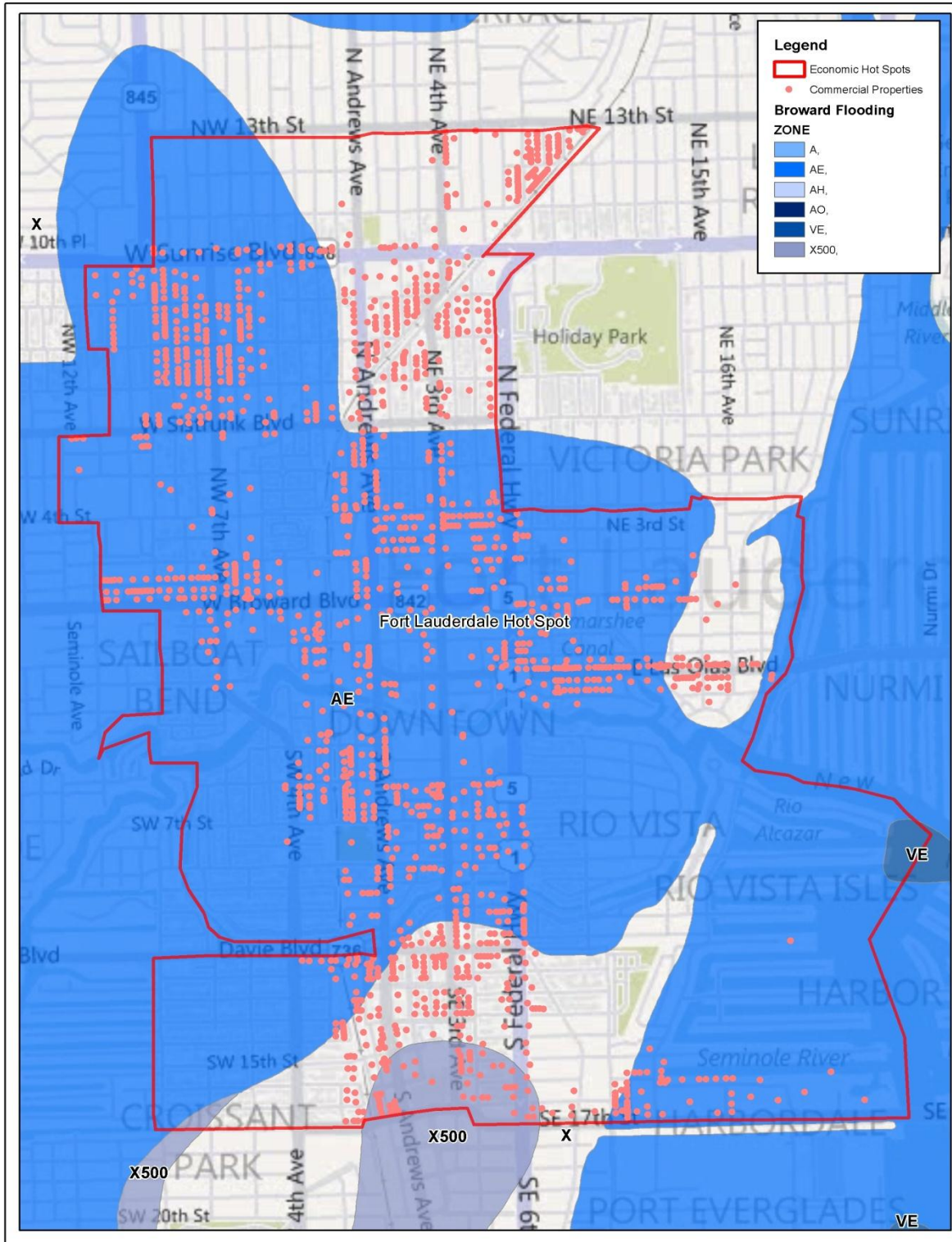
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Map 5.9 – Downtown Fort Lauderdale Risk to Storm Surge



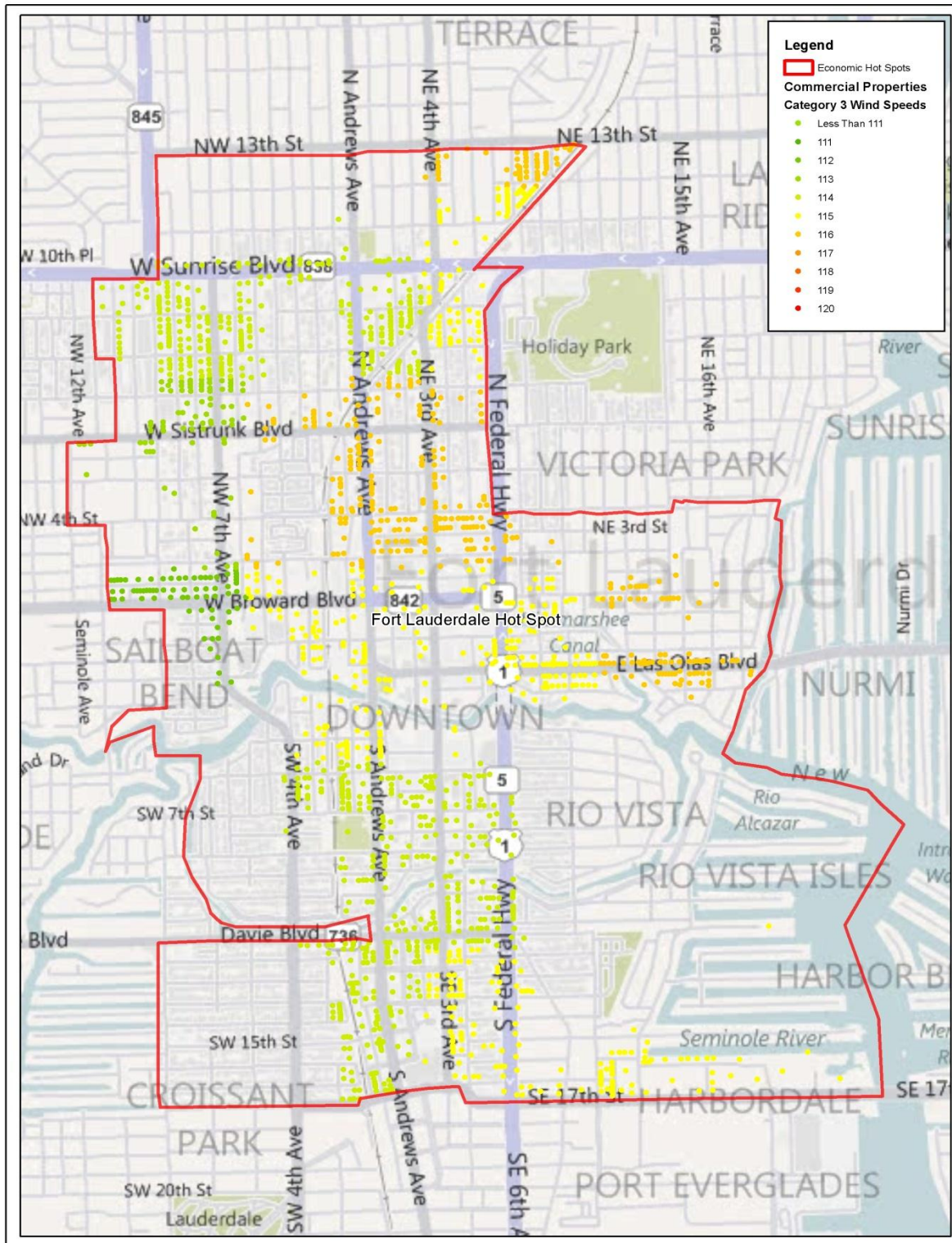
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.10 – Downtown Fort Lauderdale Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.11 – Downtown Fort Lauderdale Risk to High Winds



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid



**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.12: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Downtown Fort Lauderdale Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
\$1,401,028,000	\$791,535,000	\$10,294,185	\$30,888,183	\$4,161,000	\$1,116,682	\$1,640,080

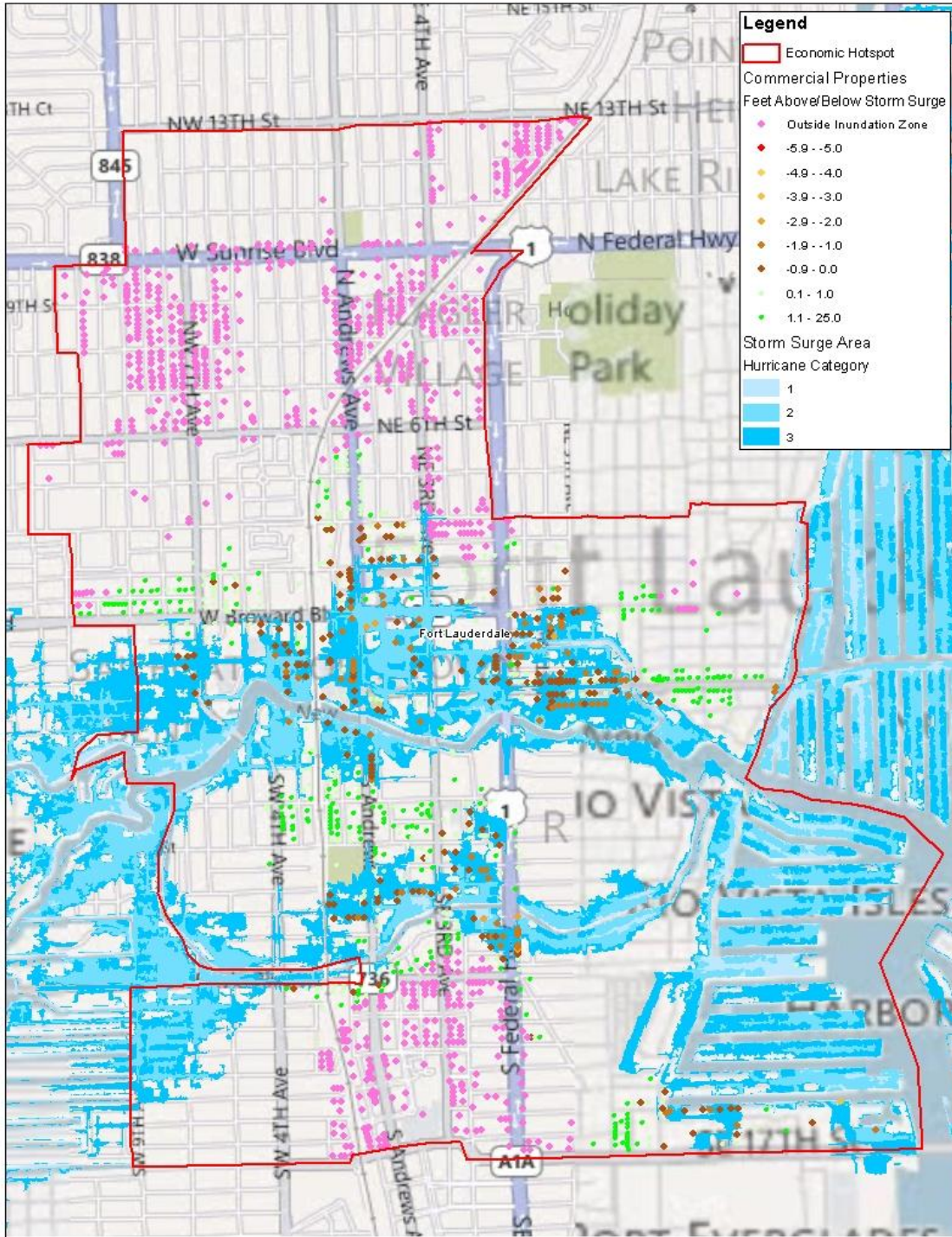
Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

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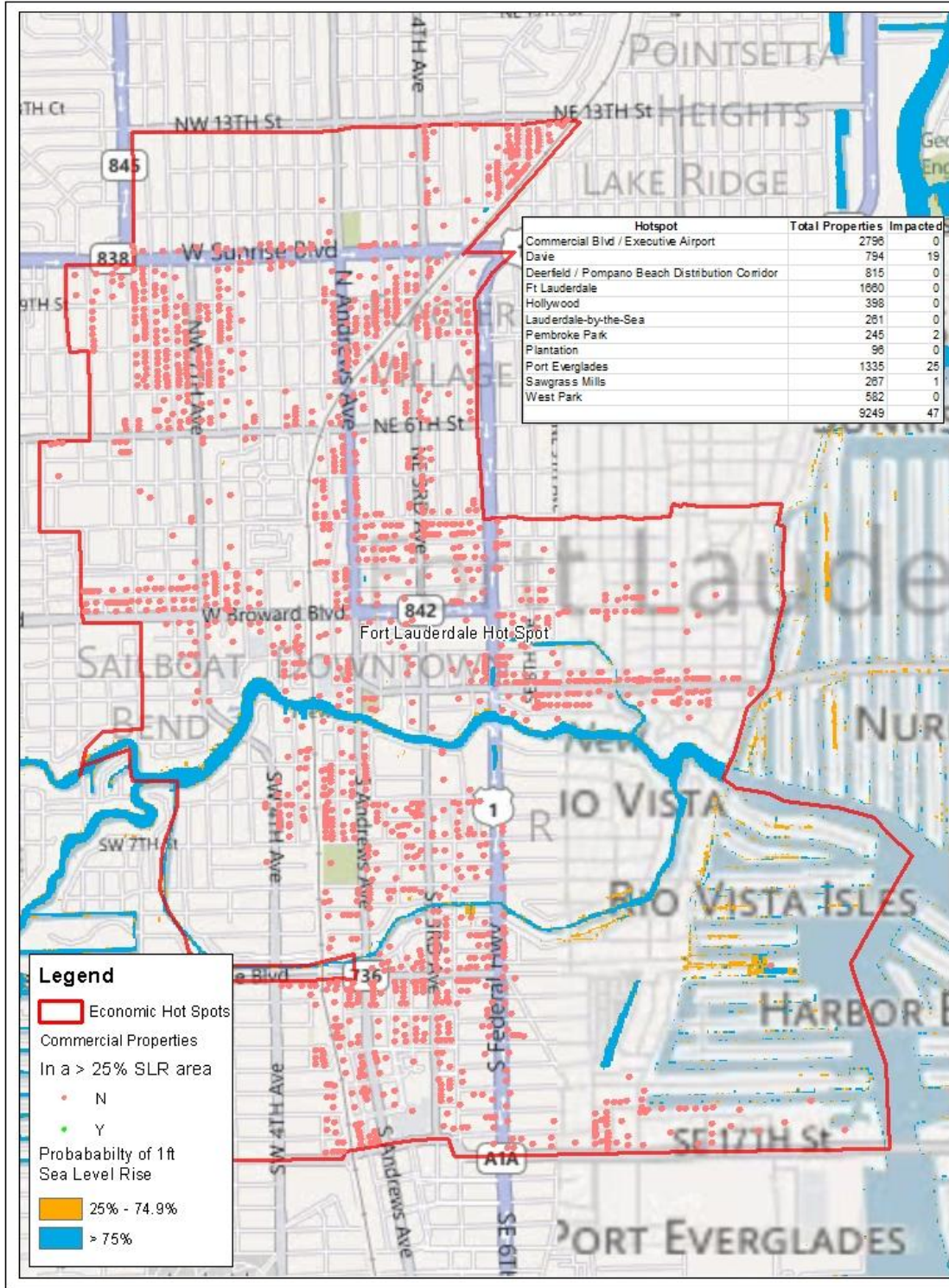
**Storm Surge Depth Grid Maps and Sea Level Rise 1-foot scenario**

Map 5.12 – Downtown Fort Lauderdale Storm Surge Depth Grids



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.13 – Downtown Fort Lauderdale Risk to 1 foot Sea Level Rise



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

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## Fort Lauderdale Uptown Business/Executive Airport

### General Information

This hot spot is an area of diverse set of businesses centered around the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. The approximate boundaries are Oakland Park Boulevard to the south and Atlantic Boulevard to the north (see maps 5.11 – 5.13)

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

*Fort Lauderdale Uptown Business/Executive Airport* (all info from <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/FXE/>)

- Nearly 200,000 visitors arrive into the area through Executive Airport each year.
- Serves over 160,000 aircraft operations per year
- Aviation businesses employ more than 2,100 local residents
- Generate approximately \$149 million in economic impact in the community each year.
- Office and manufacturing businesses in the Airport's Industrial Airpark generate \$155 million a year in economic activity and employ an additional 2,200 people.
- Approximately 1,200 acres
- Centrally located in Uptown Business District; close to Downtown, I-95, Florida Turnpike
- 61st busiest airport overall
- Over 700 aircraft make Executive Airport their year-round home
- Port of entry airport, with Customs services

*Cypress Creek Tri-Rail Station*

*Fort Lauderdale Stadium*

*Lockhart Stadium*

### *Key Businesses and Government Facilities*

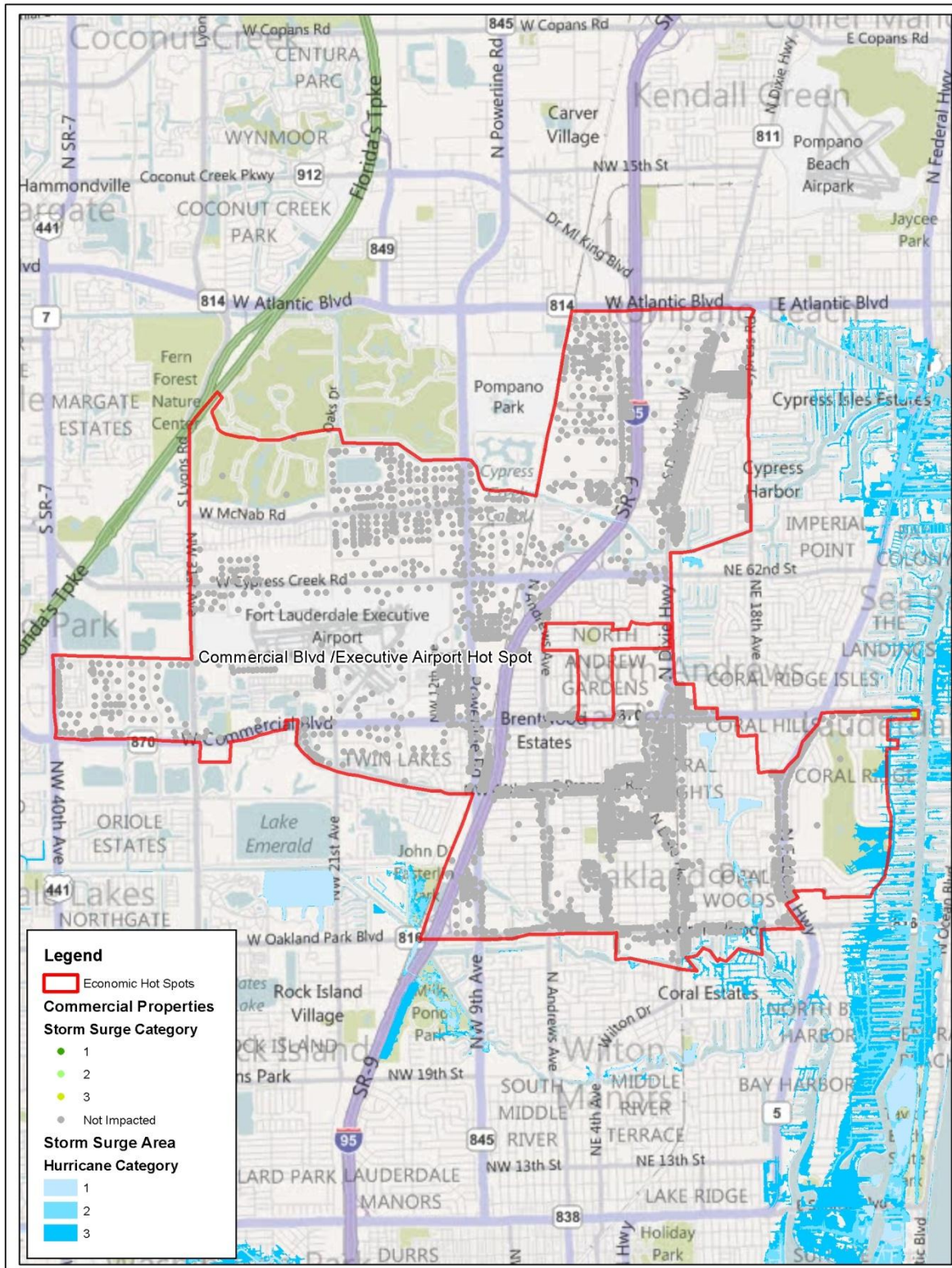
- Citrix (I-95 and Commercial Boulevard)
- Spectrum
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- City College of Fort Lauderdale
- N. Broward Government Center
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

### Key Economic Sectors

See Downtown Fort Lauderdale Hot Spot table for information on Fort Lauderdale.

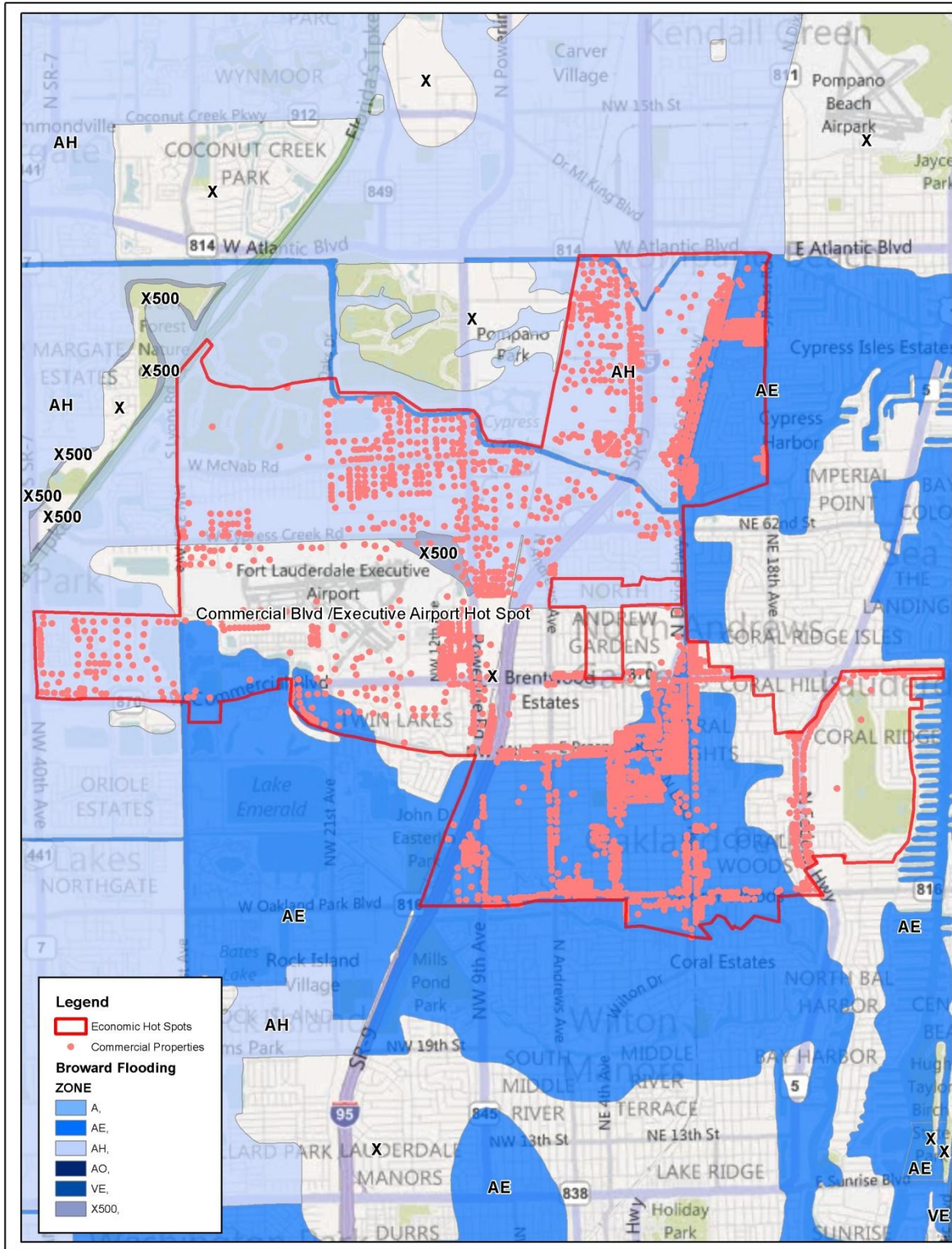
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Map 5.14 –Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Risk to Storm Surge



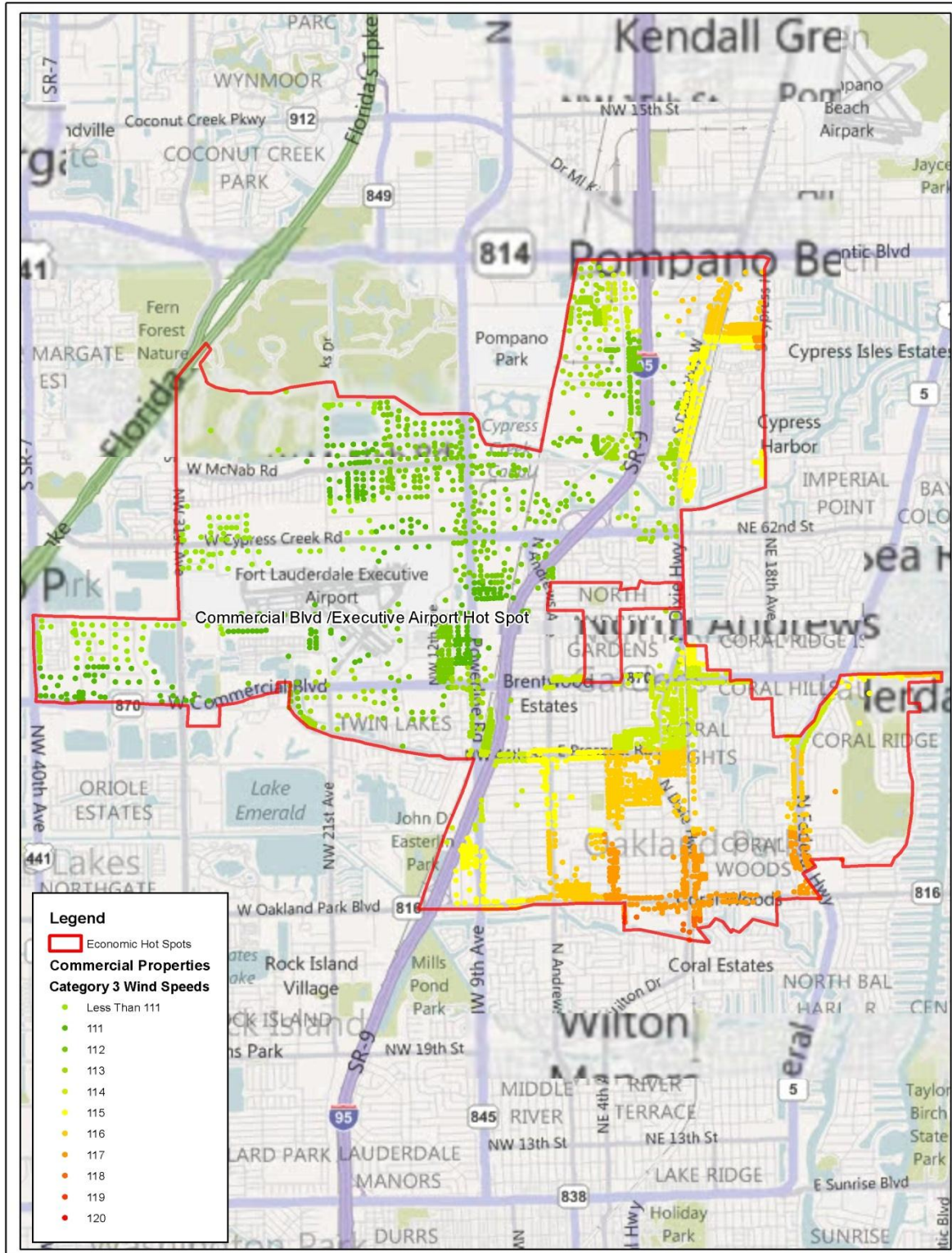
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.15 –Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.16 –Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Risk to High Winds



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.13: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
\$2,318,500,000	\$617,809,000	\$8,033,460	\$20,038,205	\$95,624,000	\$25,334,716	\$3,082,801

Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

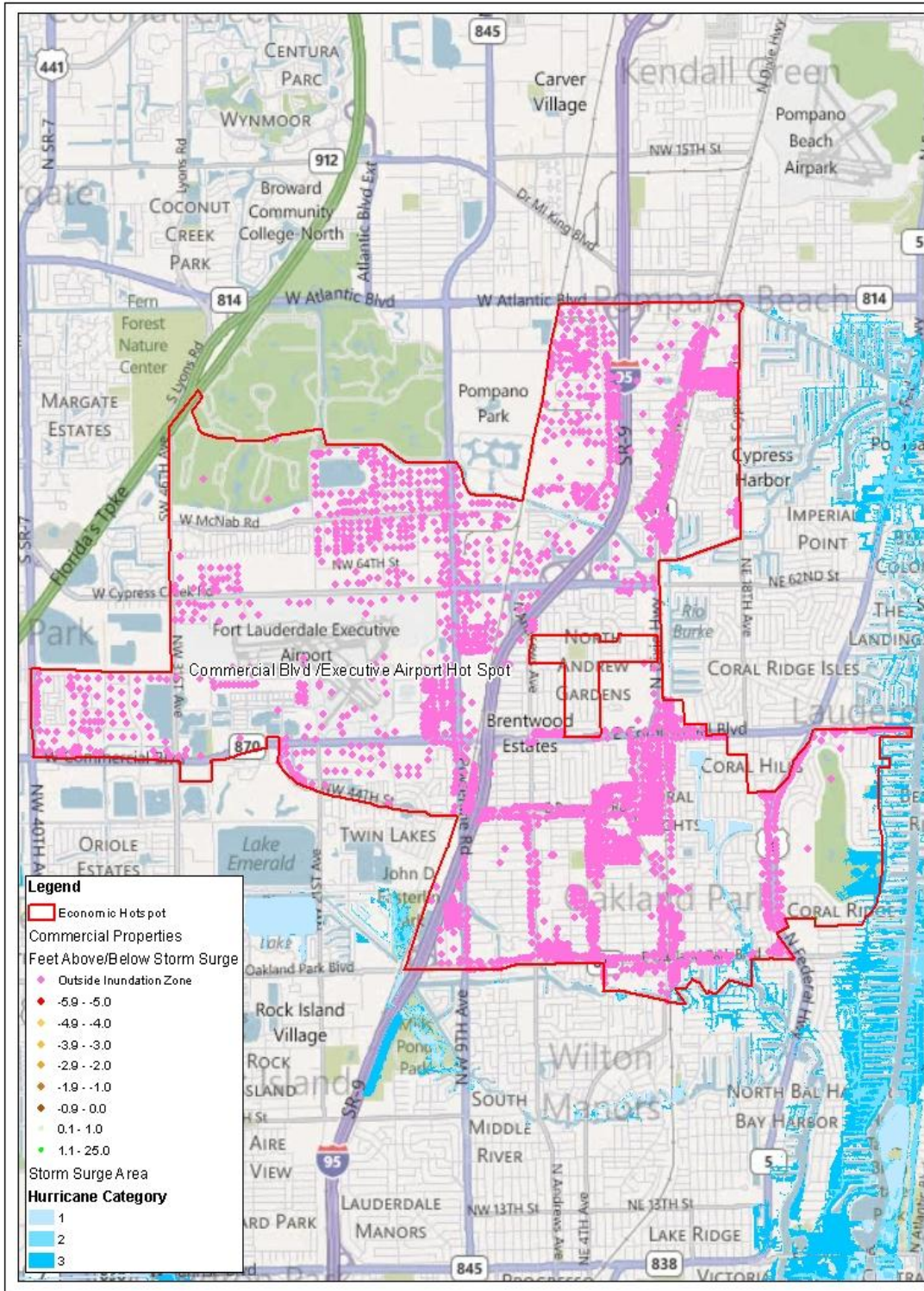
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**Storm Surge Depth Grid Maps and Sea Level Rise 1-foot scenario**

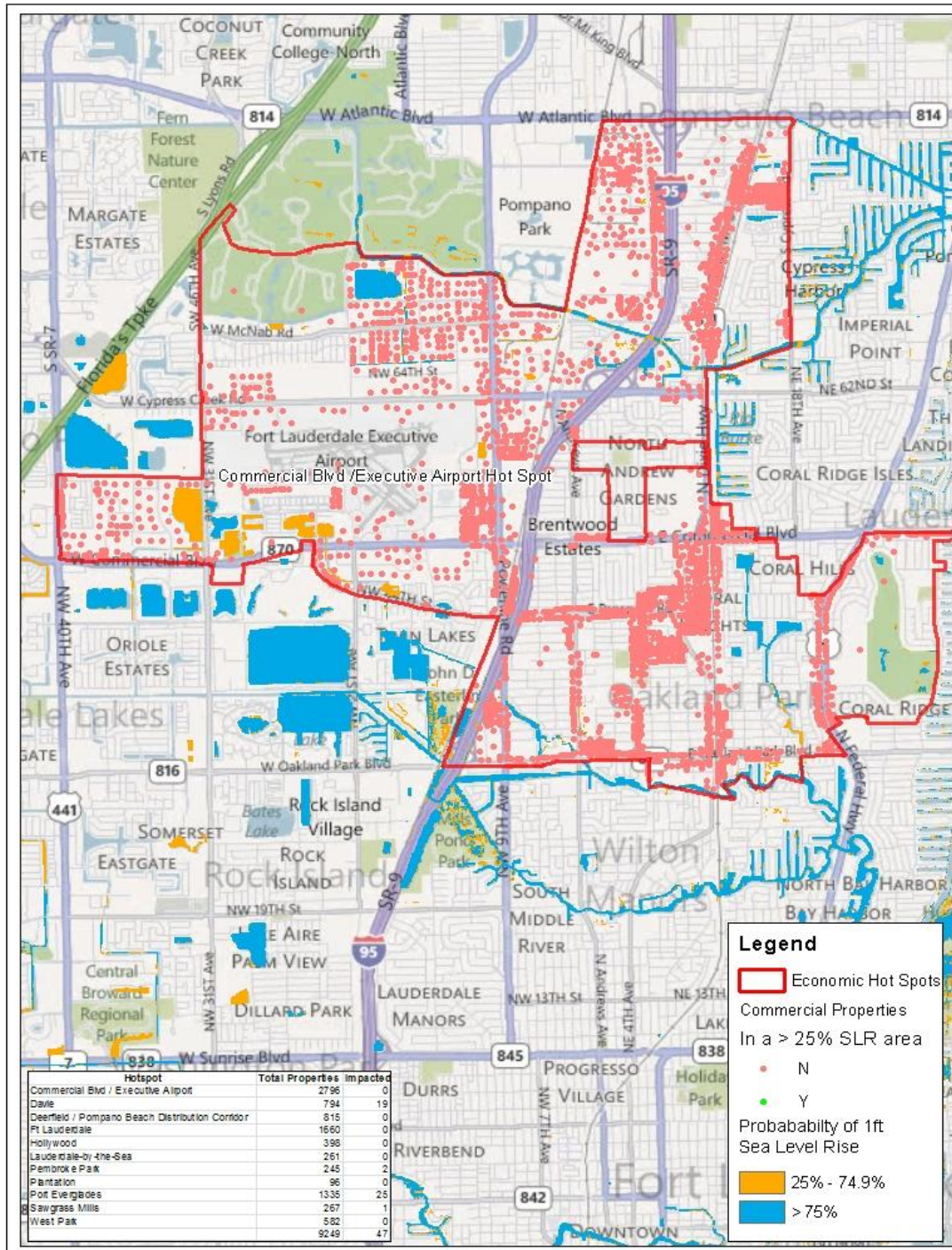


Map 5.17 –Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Storm Surge Depth Grids



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.18 –Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Risk to 1 foot Sea Level Rise



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS and US Census 2010

## Downtown Hollywood

### General Information

While one of Hollywood’s largest attractions is its beach area which includes Florida’s only oceanfront boardwalk, this hot spot analysis will focus on the downtown area which has the largest concentration of businesses. It is partially dependent on the beach area for business but also serves the local population.

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses:

- Kindred Hospital of Hollywood
  - 124 licensed beds, a 9-bed intensive care unit, a 16-bed telemetry unit, and 99 medical-surgical beds
  - <http://www.khsfhollywood.com/about-us/>
- Jimmy Buffet’s Margaritaville resort complex (to be constructed, Hollywood Beach which is outside hot spot but will likely bring more people to downtown)
- Memorial Health Care Systems’ Joe DiMaggio’s Children’s Hospital is now open for business.
  - Memorial Health Care Systems is Hollywood’s largest employer

### Key Economic Sectors

**Table 5.14: Selected Economic Statistics for Hollywood - 2007 – Ranked by Annual Payroll [larger than hot spot area]**

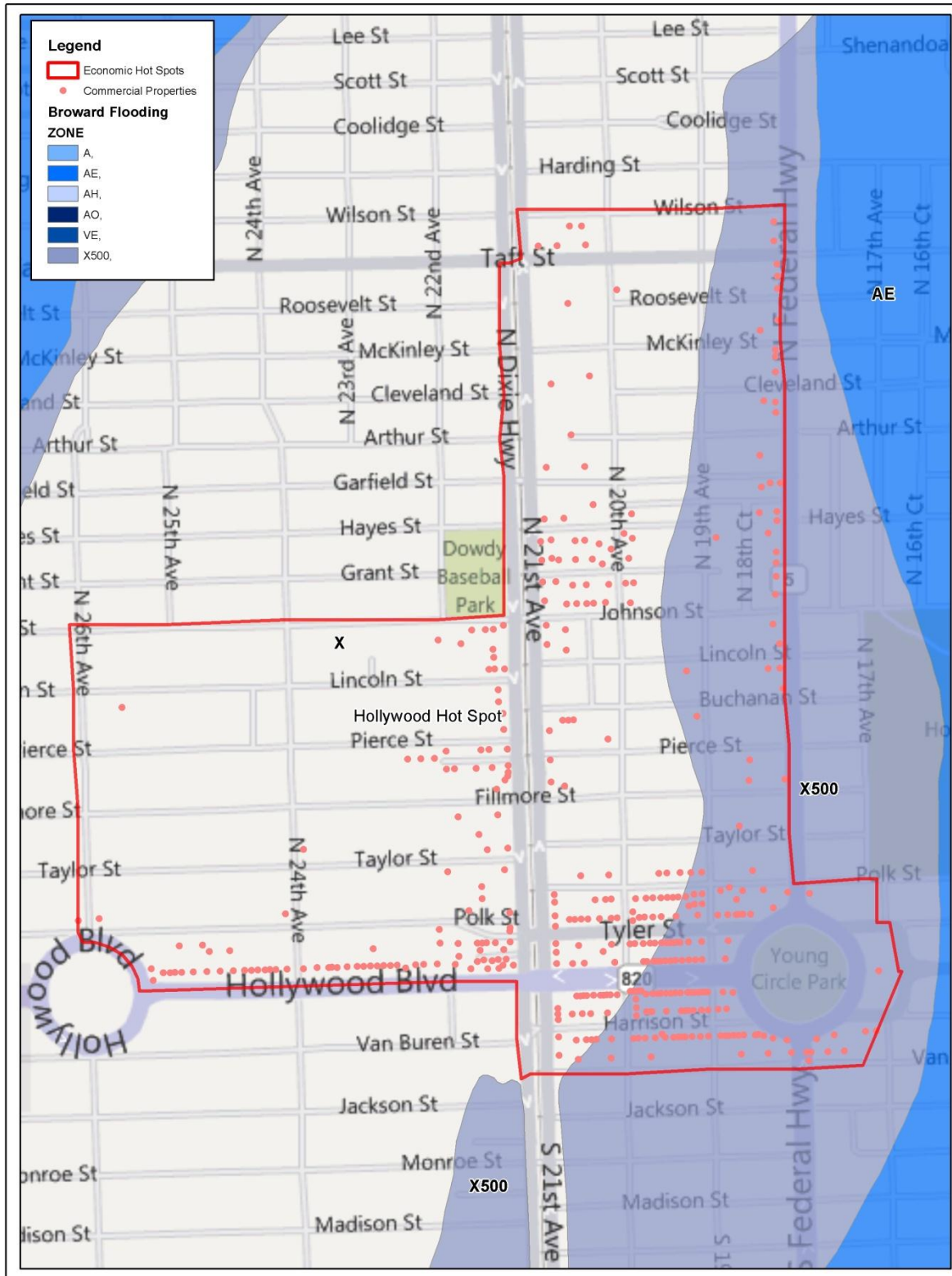
Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Health care and social assistance	531	1,292,358	533,930	11,880
Professional, scientific, and technical services	887	532,603	251,182	3,789
Retail trade	594	1,781,695	162,836	6,753
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Srvs	315	354,651	146,593	5,534

Accommodation and food services	332	395,055	119,772	5,433
Manufacturing	121	401,250	76,833	2,181
Other services (except public administration)	341	238,308	66,638	2,578
Information	94	N/A	52,520	1,002

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

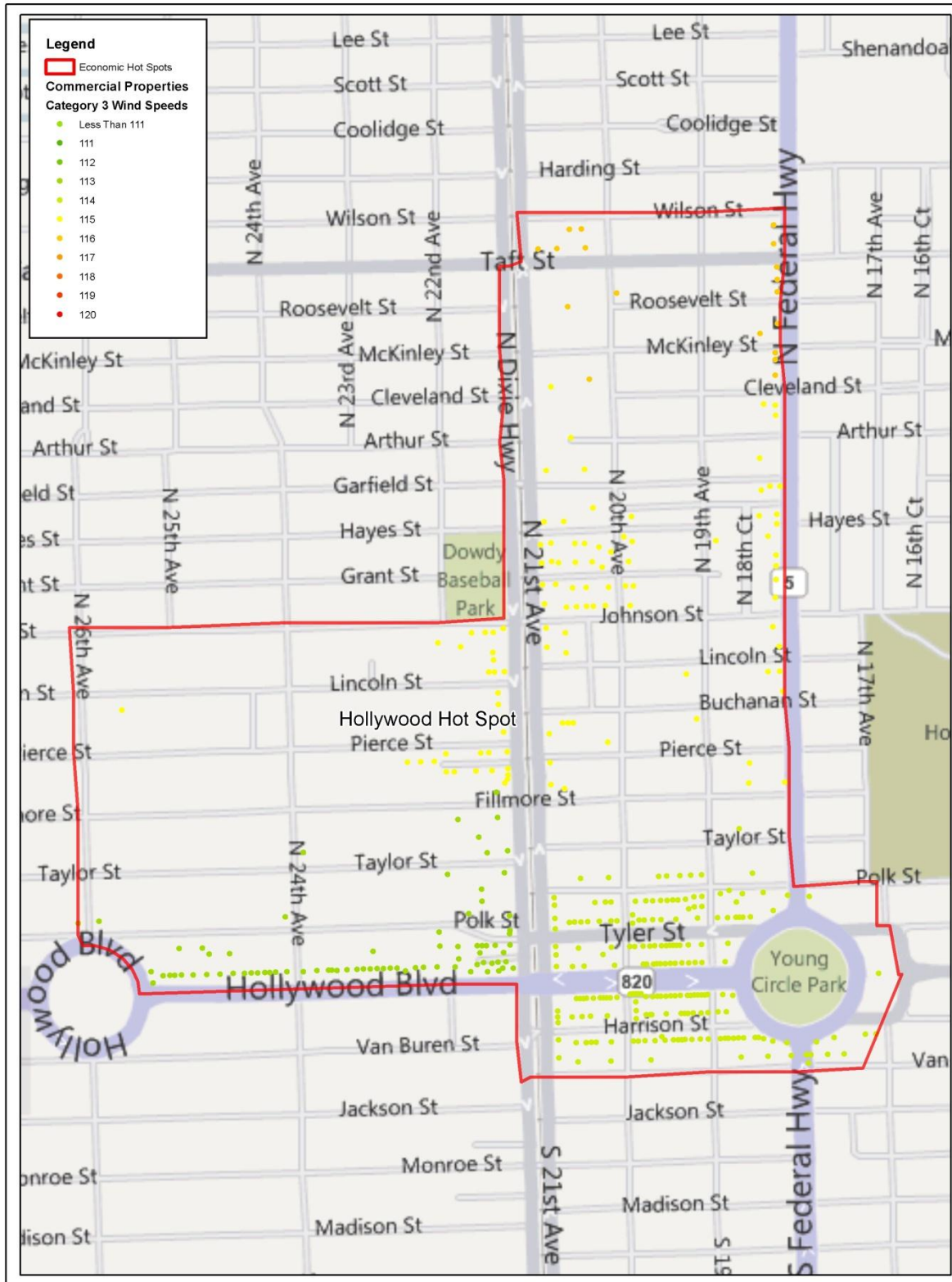
**Maps**

Map 5.19 –Downtown Hollywood Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.20 –Downtown Hollywood Risk to High Winds



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.15: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Downtown Hollywood Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b>\$236,006,000</b>	<b>\$12,117,000</b>	<b>\$157,725</b>	<b>\$372,394</b>	<b>\$2,998,000</b>	<b>\$802,615</b>	<b>\$94,369</b>

Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

\* - includes Building, Content, and Inventory

\*\* - Includes Income, Relocation, Rental Income, and Wage

## Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

### General Information

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is a small municipality (1.5 square miles) situated between Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway. It is located on a barrier island (7 feet above sea level) and 59 % of the town is water. It was declared by Broward County Commission in 1997 as the “Shore Diving Capital of Florida”. Its main economic generators are retail and tourism.

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

- Large wooden pier extends (876 feet) into ocean (off of Commercial Blvd)
- Beach front resorts

### Key Economic Sectors

**Table 5.16: Selected Economic Statistics for Lauderdale-By-The-Sea - 2007 – Ranked by Annual Payroll [larger than hot spot area]**

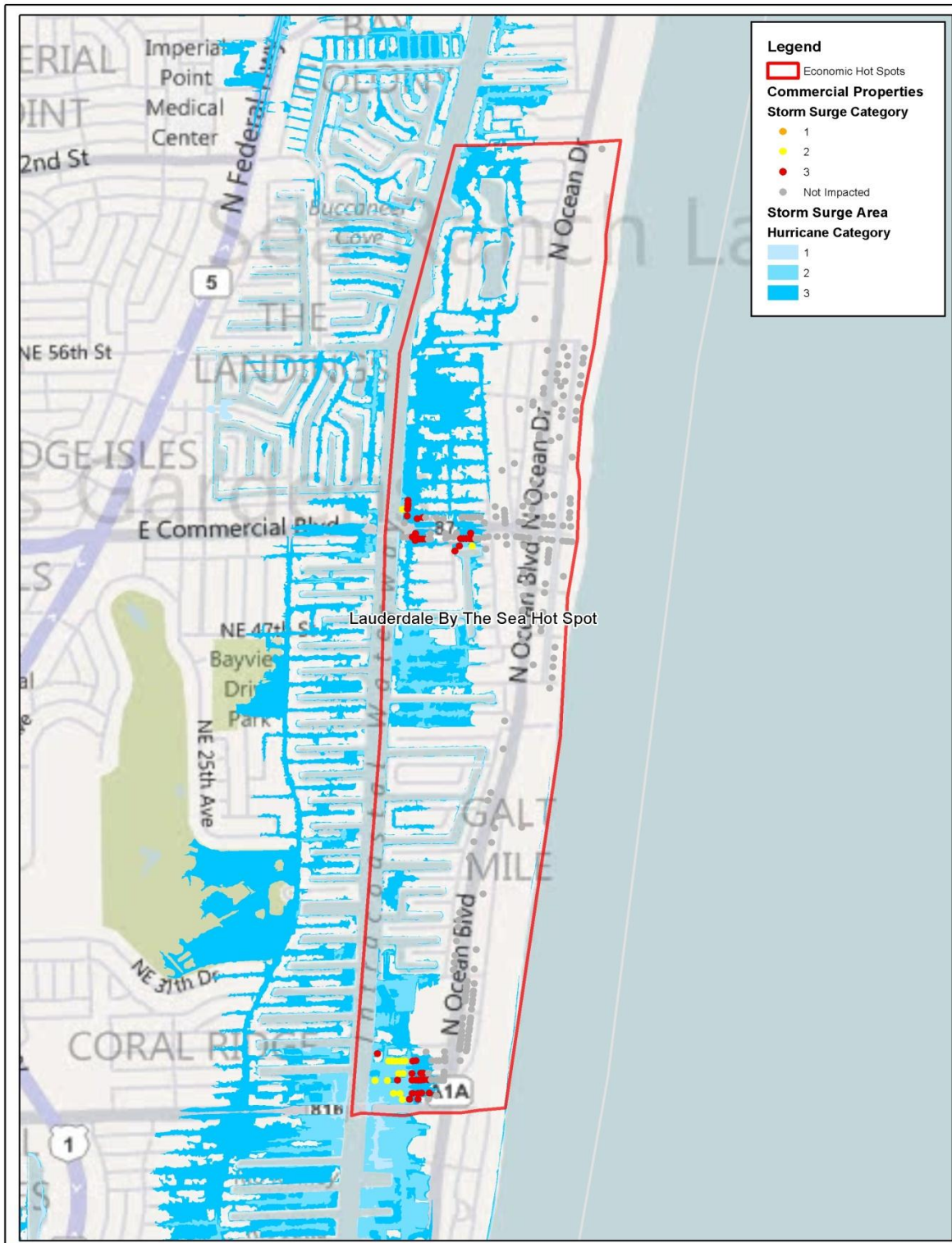
Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Accommodation and food services	48	58,464	16,189	1,048
Other services (except public administration)	39	29,298	5,787	274
Professional, scientific, and technical services	40	8,998	3,676	60
Retail trade	28	19,218	2,391	121
Real estate and rental and leasing	32	8,574	1,607	57
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Srvs	11	3,713	1,512	61

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)



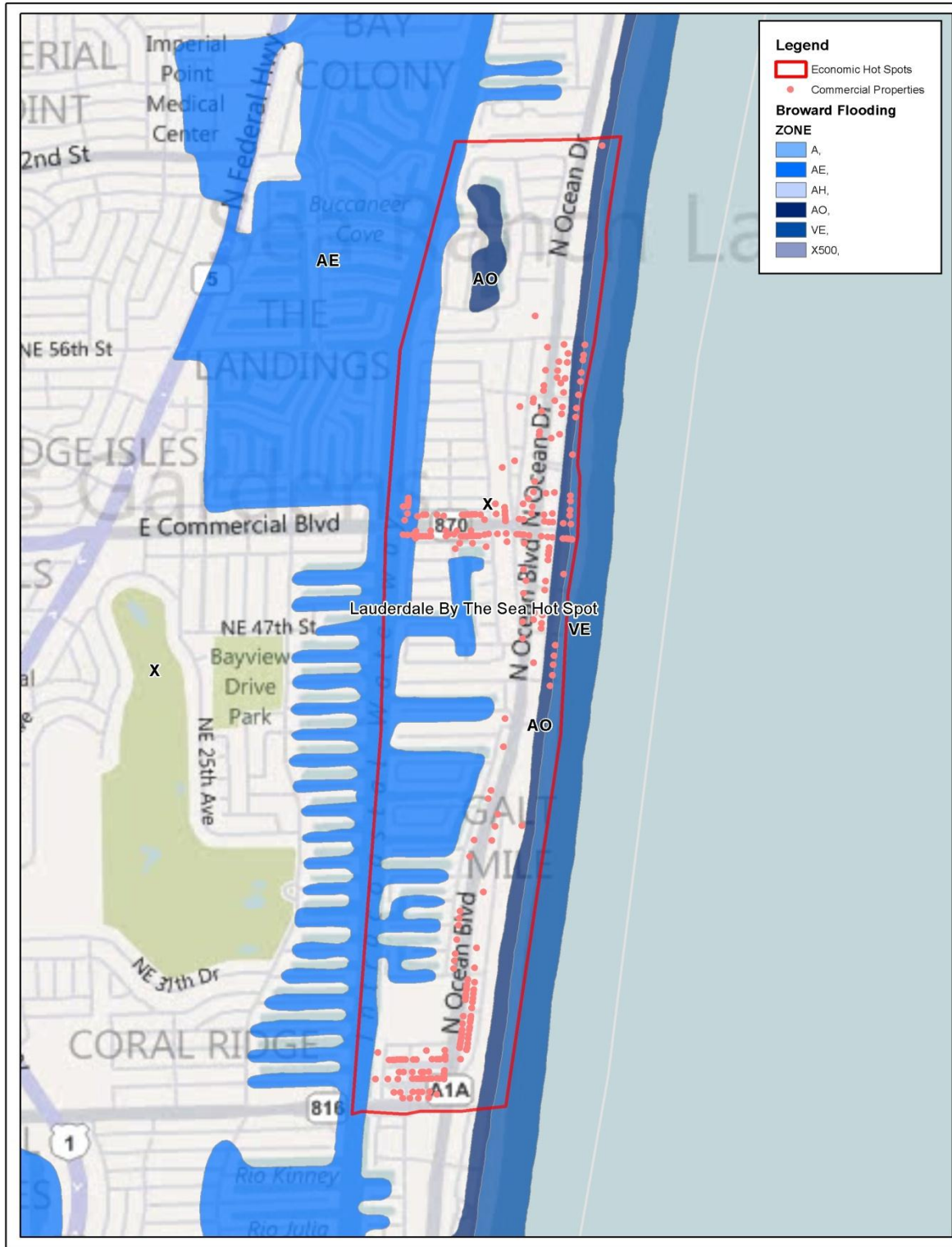
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**Map 5.21 – Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Risk to Storm Surge**



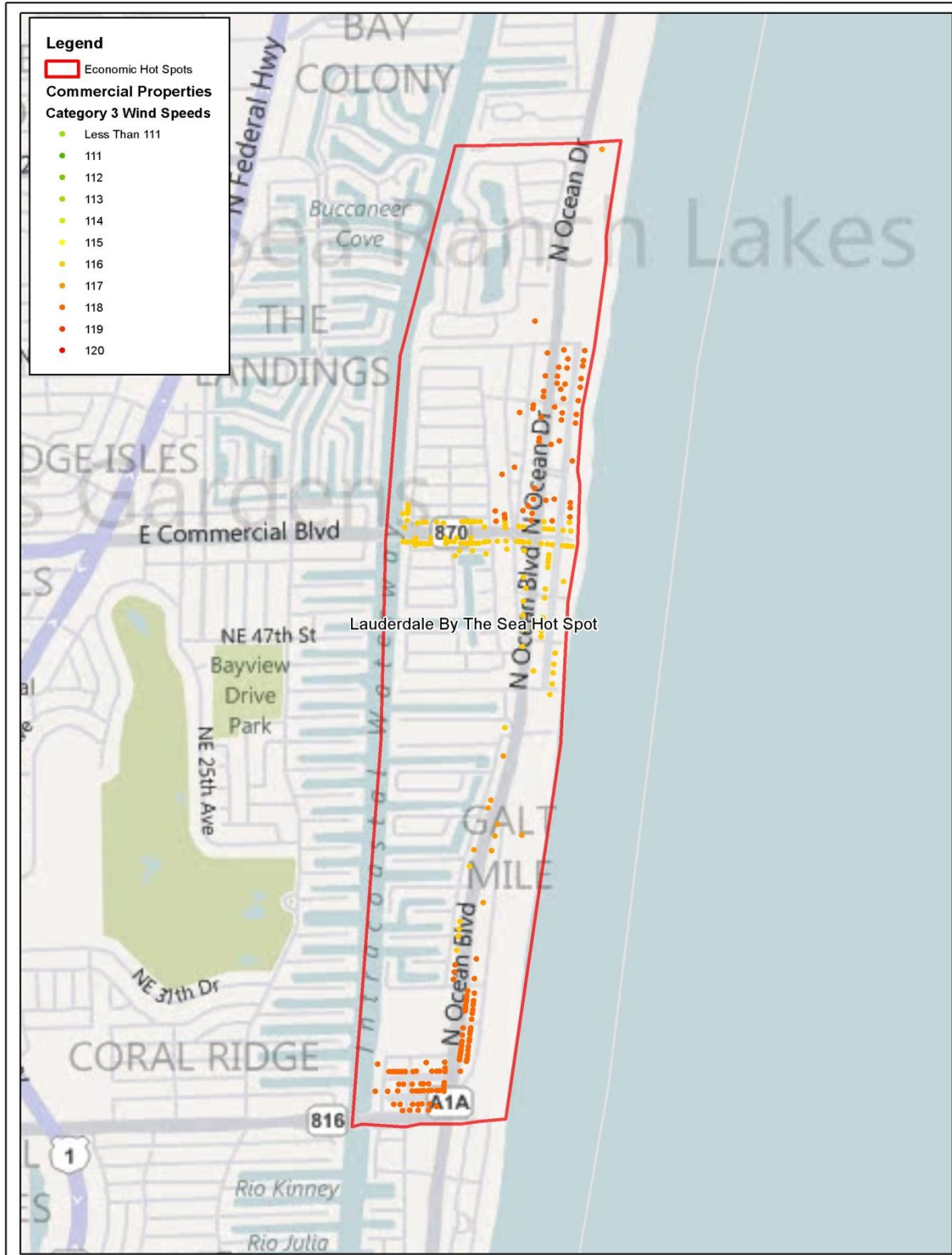
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.22 – Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.23 – Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Risk to High Winds



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.17: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b>\$163,183,000</b>	<b>\$55,694,000</b>	<b>\$725,535</b>	<b>\$2,312,085</b>	<b>\$7,885,000</b>	<b>\$2,093,778</b>	<b>\$325,169</b>

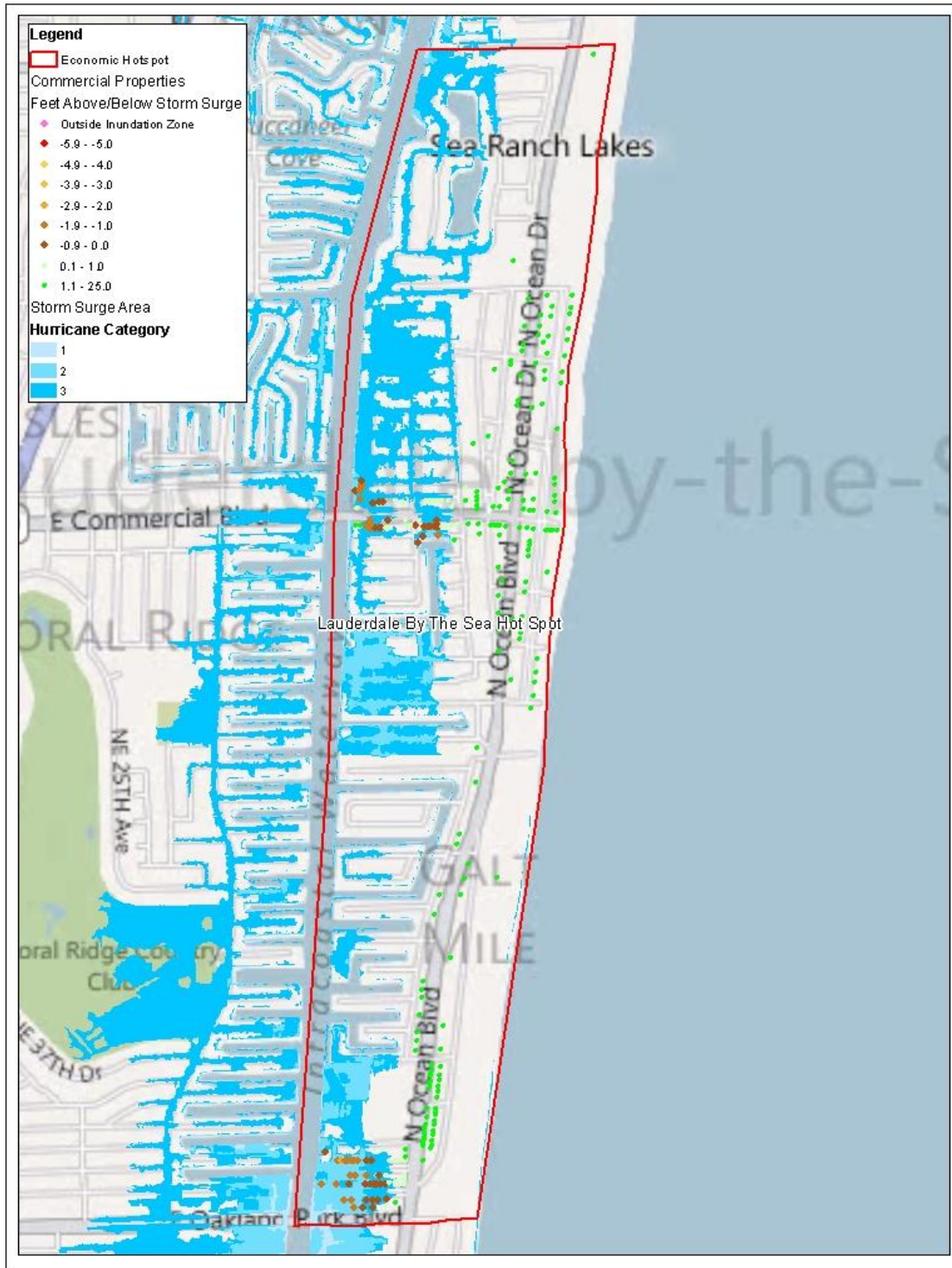
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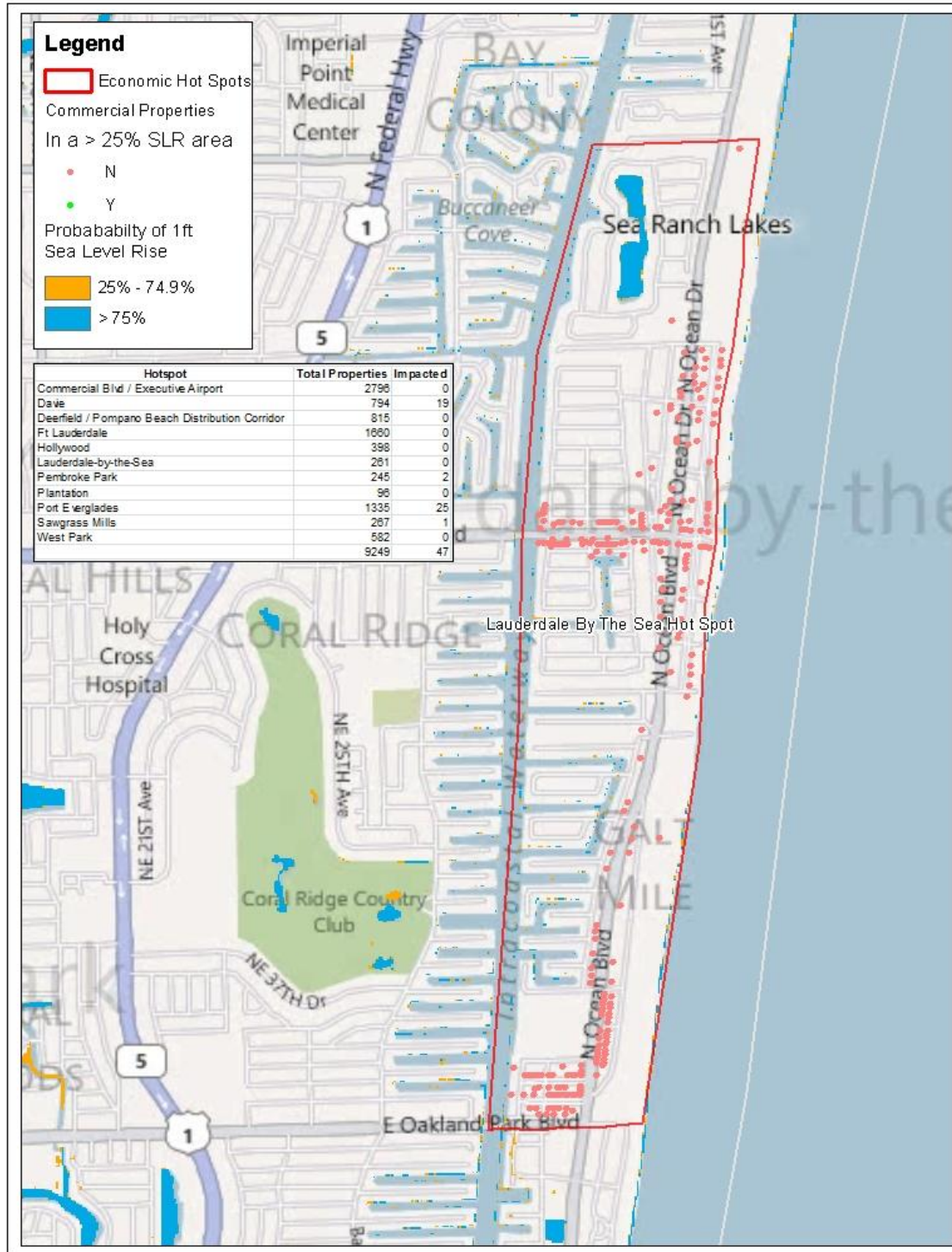
**Storm Surge Depth Grid Maps and Sea Level Rise 1 foot scenario**

Map 5.24 – Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Storm Surge Depth Grid



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.25 – Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Risk to 1 foot Sea Level Rise



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

## Pembroke Park/West Park

### General Information

Pembroke Park and West Park are 2 smaller municipalities in the southeastern Broward County near the Miami-Dade County line. Pembroke Park has a robust commercial district along I-95 and has 17 manufactured home parks. Pembroke Park is composed of 2 non-contiguous parts surrounded by West Park, one of the County's newest municipalities having been incorporated in 2005.

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

- Seneca Industrial Park
- WPLG
- Coca-Cola Bottling Plant
- Lakeside Business Park
- Medical Specialties Distributors (MSD) – product distribution and full-service bio-med center

### Key Economic Sectors

**Table 5.18: Selected Economic Statistics for West Park - 2007– Ranked by Annual Payroll [no data available for Pembroke Park /larger than hot spot area]**

Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Retail trade	34	258,074	17,914	554
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Srvs	16	19,312	8,684	400
Other services (except public administration)	43	11,022	2,925	137
Real estate and rental and leasing	11	8,984	2,570	94
Accommodation and food services	13	6,069	1,655	105
Professional,	9	1,483	406	12

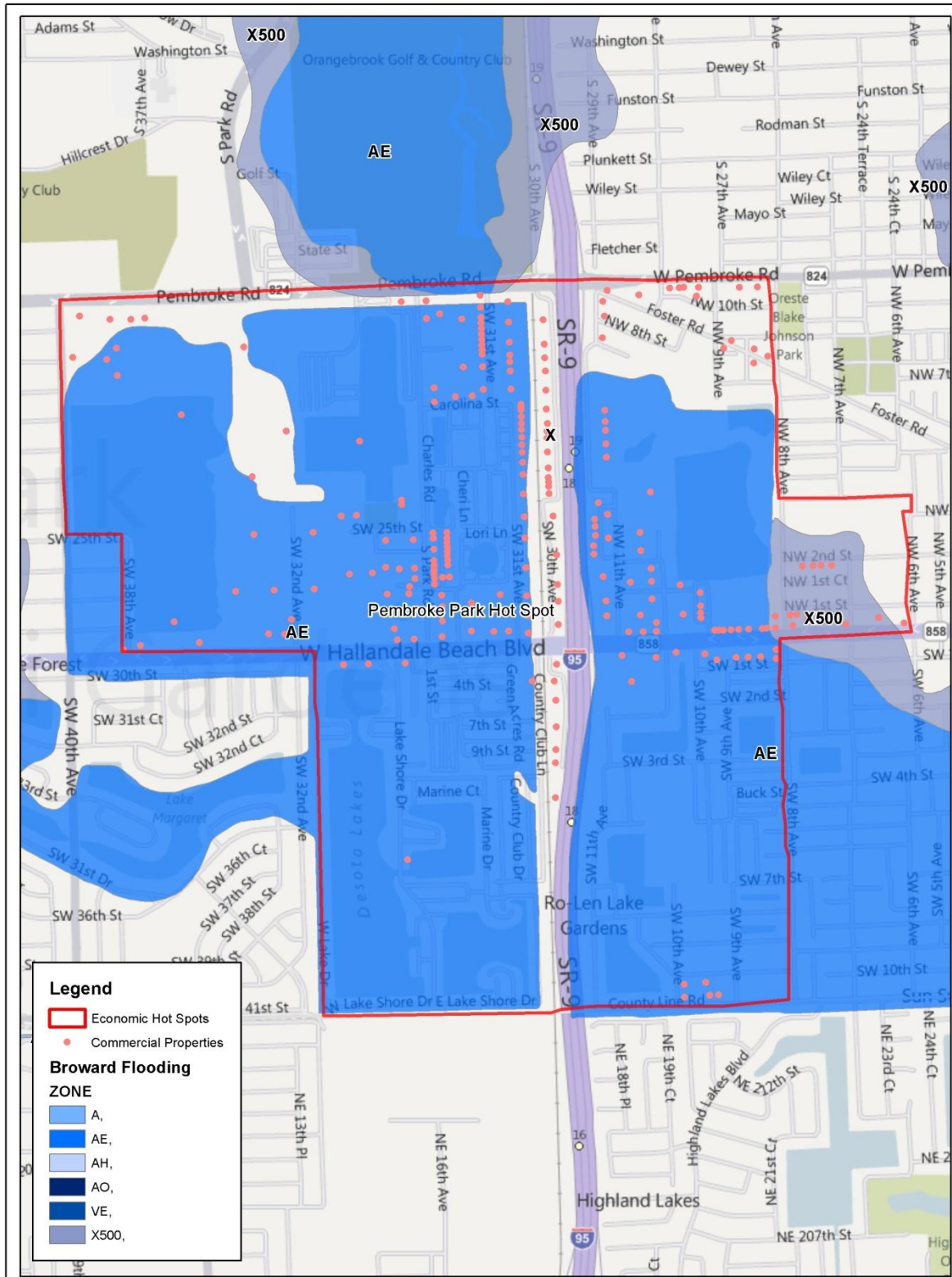
scientific, and technical services				
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

**Maps**

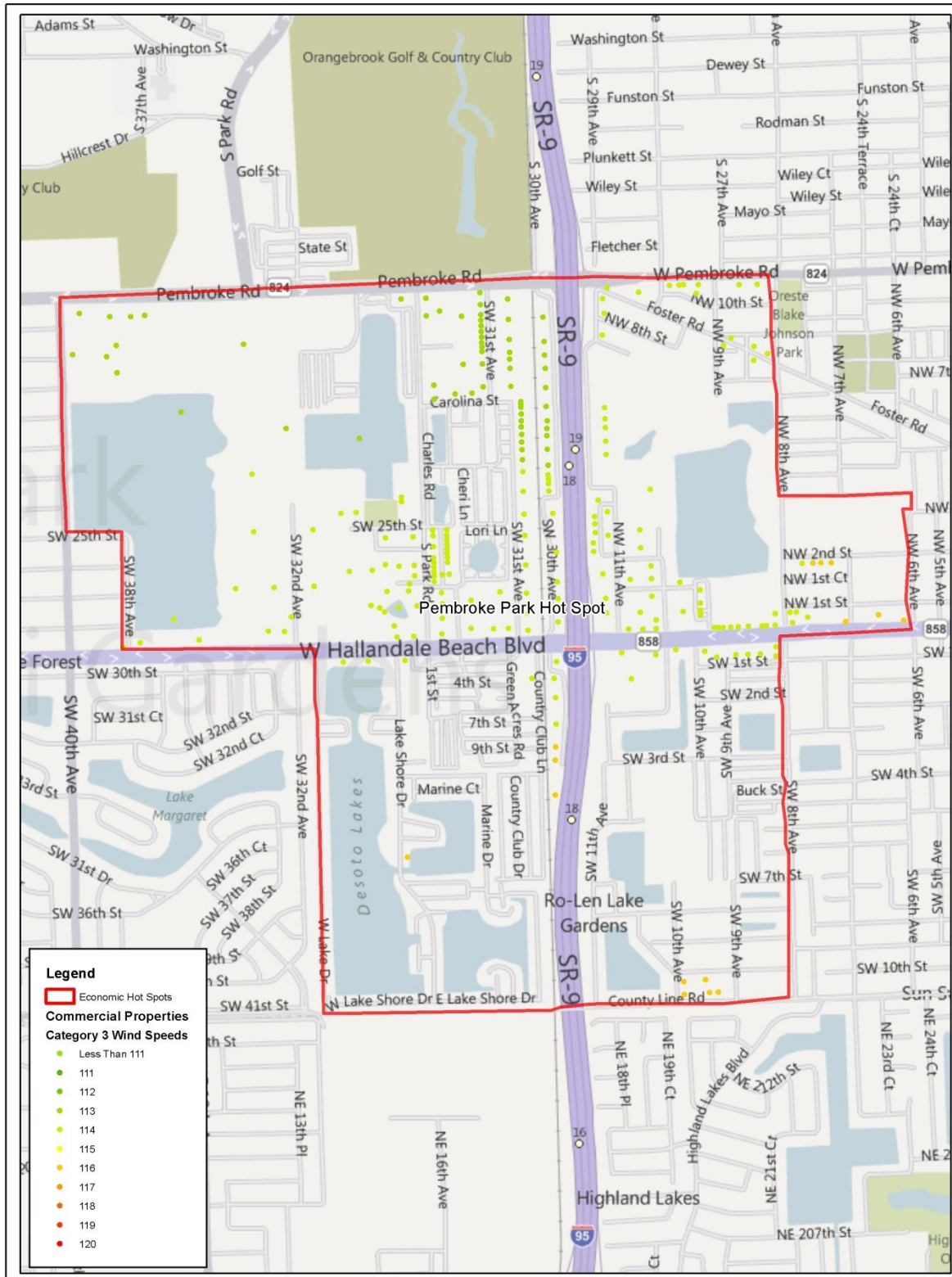


Map 5.26 – Pembroke Park Risk to Inland Flooding



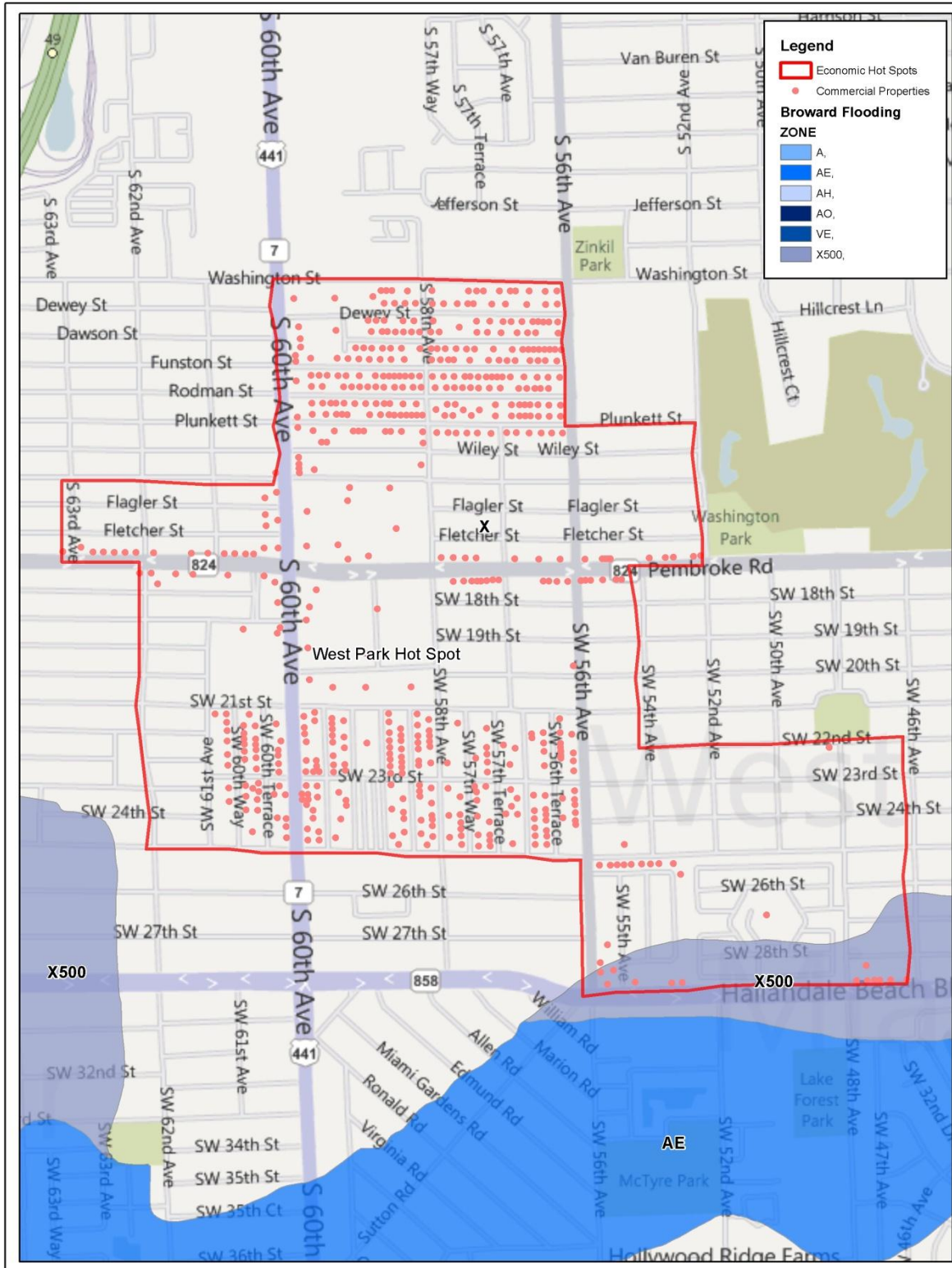
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.27 – Pembroke Park Risk to High Wind



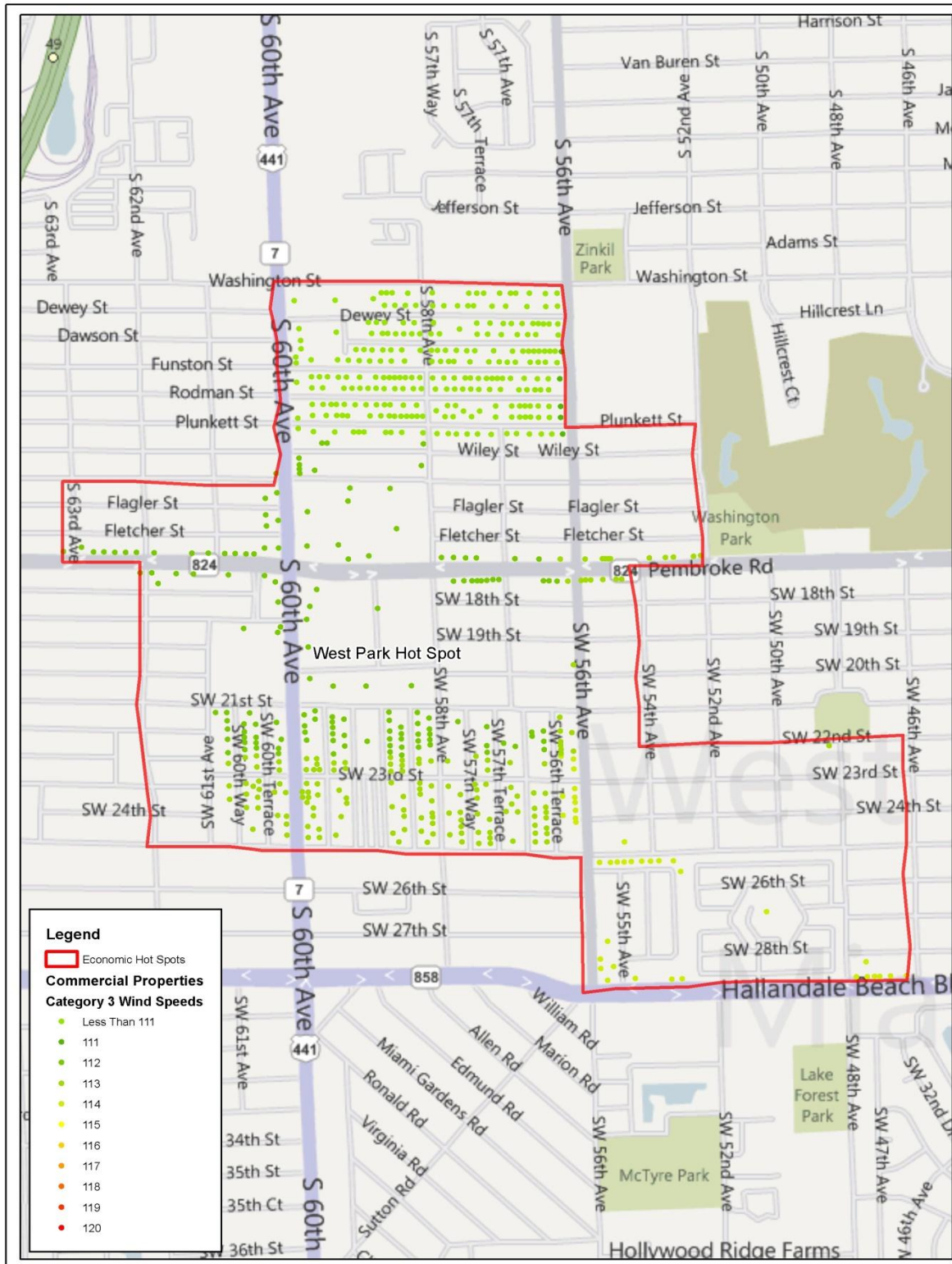
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

Map 5.28 – West Park Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.29 – West Park Risk to High Winds



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

Pembroke Park

**Table 5.19: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Pembroke Park Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b>\$206,026,000</b>	<b>\$29,039,000</b>	<b>\$378,540</b>	<b>\$1,244,399</b>	<b>\$8,438,000</b>	<b>\$2,233,363</b>	<b>\$362,103</b>

Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

West Park

**Table 5.20: Hazus and Property Tax Data for West Park Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b>\$214,460,000</b>	<b>\$1,745,000</b>	<b>\$21,030</b>	<b>\$42,048</b>	<b>\$3,733,000</b>	<b>\$977,96</b>	<b>\$88,248</b>

Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

\* - includes Building, Content, and Inventory

\*\* - Includes Income, Relocation, Rental Income, and Wage

## Plantation Midtown Area

### General Information

Plantation is an inland city in Broward County known for its commercial district anchored by Westfield Mall and many residential areas. This hot spot is focused on the area anchored by the Mall and known as Midtown.

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

- Major Employers/Economic drivers
  - DHL’s World Headquarters for the Americas (logistics company)
  - Goodwin Biotechnology Inc.
  - Motorola
  - Westfield Broward Mall
    - Westside Regional Medical Center
- American Intercontinental University campus
- University of Phoenix campus
- “Plantation Midtown”
  - (<http://www.plantation.org/Planning-Zoning/Economic-Development/Midtown/>)
    - New/nearly completed \$350 million project (“321 North”)
    - 860 acre urban center; “live-work-play” centerpiece to community
    - Roads carry ~275,000 cars daily
    - 2.5 million square feet of retail; 3 million square feet of office
- Plantation General Hospital
- Westside Regional Medical Center

### Key Economic Sectors

**Table 5.21: Selected Economic Statistics for Plantation - 2007 (larger than hot spot area) – Ranked by Annual Payroll**

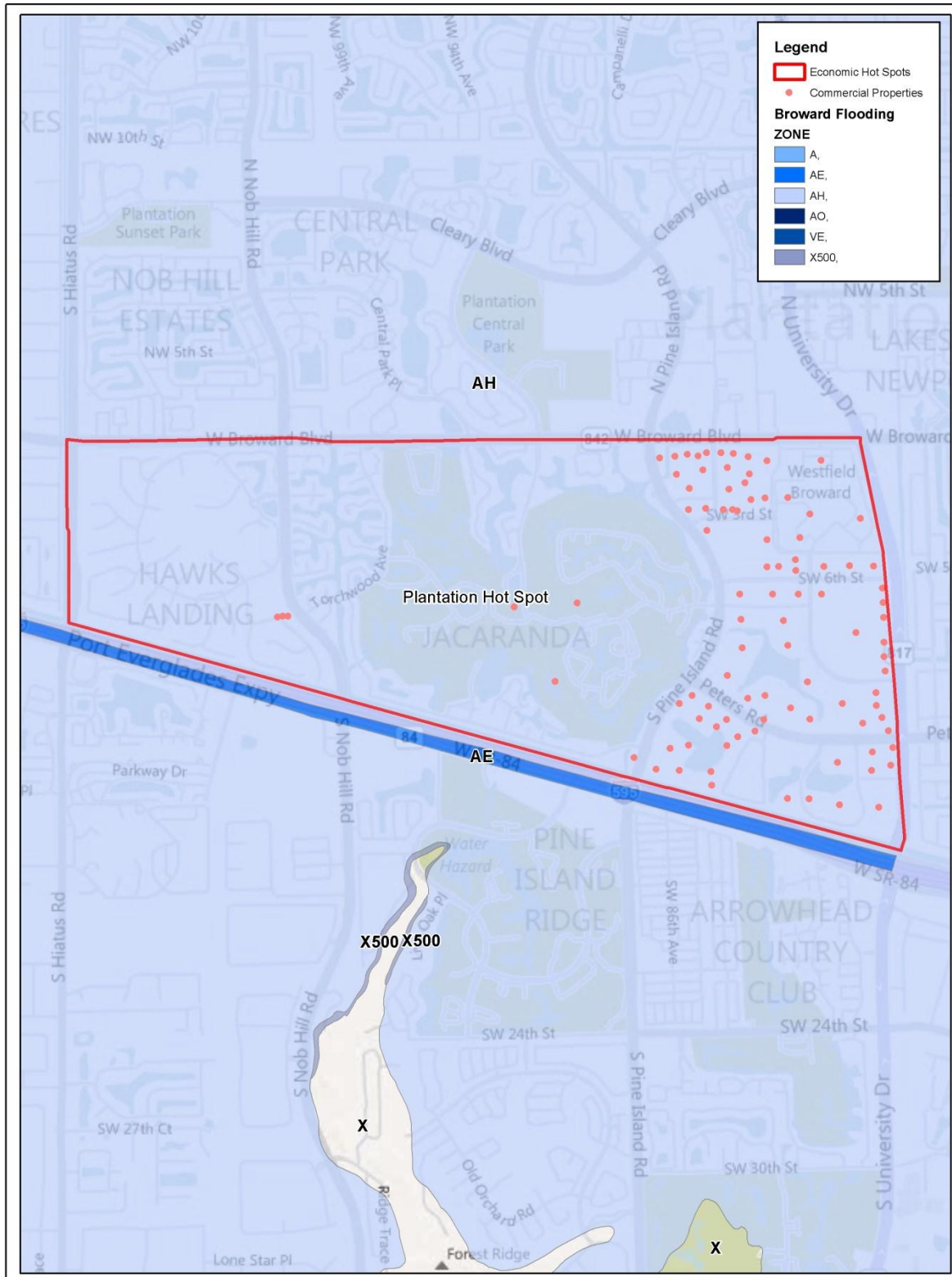
Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Svcs	278	770,229	383,874	9,404
Health care and social assistance	551	820,977	260,659	6,400

Professional, scientific, and technical services	678	506,734	193,023	3,820
Retail trade	364	1,343,933	130,742	6,326
Information	53	N/A	62,457	796
Manufacturing	39	Not Disclosed	61,758	1,023
Real estate and rental and leasing	229	210,291	56,835	1,417
Accommodation and food services	186	194,396	51,854	3,569
Other services (except public administration)	191	67,173	28,189	971
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	41	40,704	10,926	622
Retail trade	193	564,102	55,502	2,053

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

**Maps**

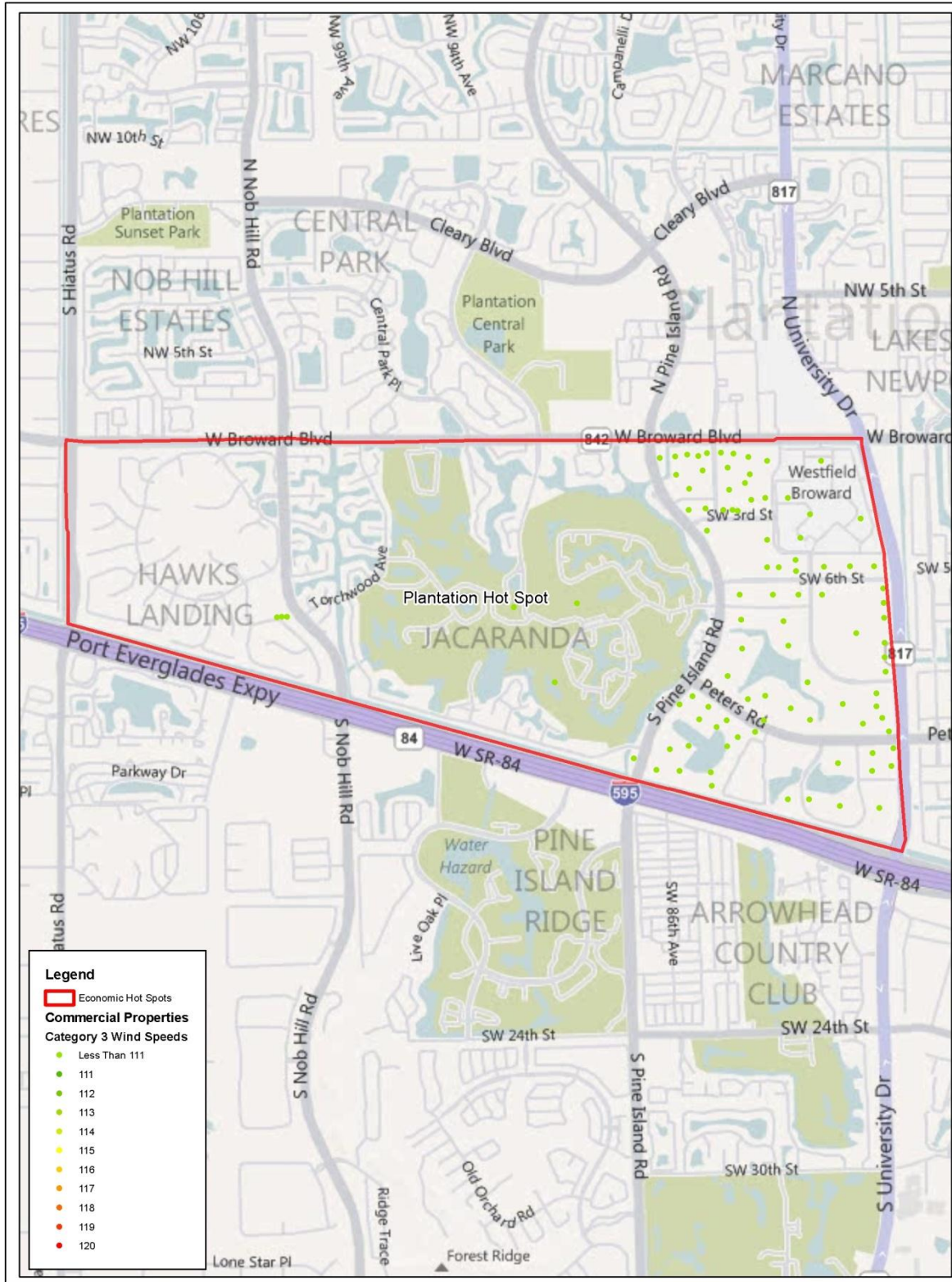
Map 5.30 – Midtown Plantation Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data



Map 5.31 – Midtown Plantation Risk to High Wind



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.22: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Midtown Plantation Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b><u>\$525,745,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$279,448,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,638,190</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,814,648</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,492,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,142,831</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,094,575</u></b>

Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

\* - includes Building, Content, and Inventory

\*\* - Includes Income, Relocation, Rental Income, and Wage

## Port Everglades/International Airport ([www.porteverglades.net](http://www.porteverglades.net))

### General Information

This hot spot is located within 3 municipalities (Hollywood, Ft. Lauderdale, Dania Beach) and unincorporated Broward County. It includes 2 of the key transportation hubs in the region – Port Everglades and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Near the Port, is also the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center, a major attractor and source of revenue.

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

- *Port Everglades* ([www.porteverglades.net](http://www.porteverglades.net))
  - All port operations handled by Broward County Board of Commissioners
  - Port Everglades Department is self-supporting Enterprise Fund (does not rely on local tax dollars)
  - Plans to deepen harbor (in line with increased sea traffic due to Panama Canal Expansion)
    - Current depth =42 feet; Planned Depth = 50 feet
  - 33 available berths
  - Total value of Economic Activity at Port: Approximately \$18 Billion
  - Approximately 200,000 Florida jobs impacted by Port (including 10,000 for companies that provide direct services to Port)
    - More data on Economic Impact (<http://www.porteverglades.net/about-us/economic-impact/>)
  - *Port Waterborne Commerce Chart (FY 2010)*
    - Operating Revenue: \$124.6 million, Gross Margin: \$50.7 million
    - Total Ship Calls: 4,079
    - Cruise Passengers: 3.67 million, Cruise Revenue: \$45.7 million
    - Container Cargo (tons): 5.2 million, Container Revenue: \$29.5 million
  - One of U.S. top container ports:
    - Major petroleum storage and distribution hub (main seaport for receiving petroleum products in South Florida)
    - US Navy liberty port
    - Cargill Food Distribution
    - Current discussion of near-dock rail terminal to facilitate transfer of port cargo to the Florida East Coast Railway via a rail spur (from *The Journal of Commerce* dated June 15, 2011 and part of Port Everglades Master/Vision Plan)
  - One of world's busiest cruise departure ports
    - 55 different ships operated by 15 different cruise lines (2010-2011)
    - More than 3 million cruise passengers pass through/year
    - Peak season November – April
  - Starting in 2009, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines began using Port as home port of world's largest passenger ship, *Oasis of the Seas*
  - The Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #25 at Port Everglades is the largest of the 20 FTZs in Florida and is one of the regions in the country that export more goods than are imported (posting an export surplus record of \$22.2 billion in 2010). The port is a gateway to South and Central America and the Caribbean.
  - More than 143,000 Florida jobs are impacted by the Port and nearly 10,000 people work for companies that provide direct services to the Port

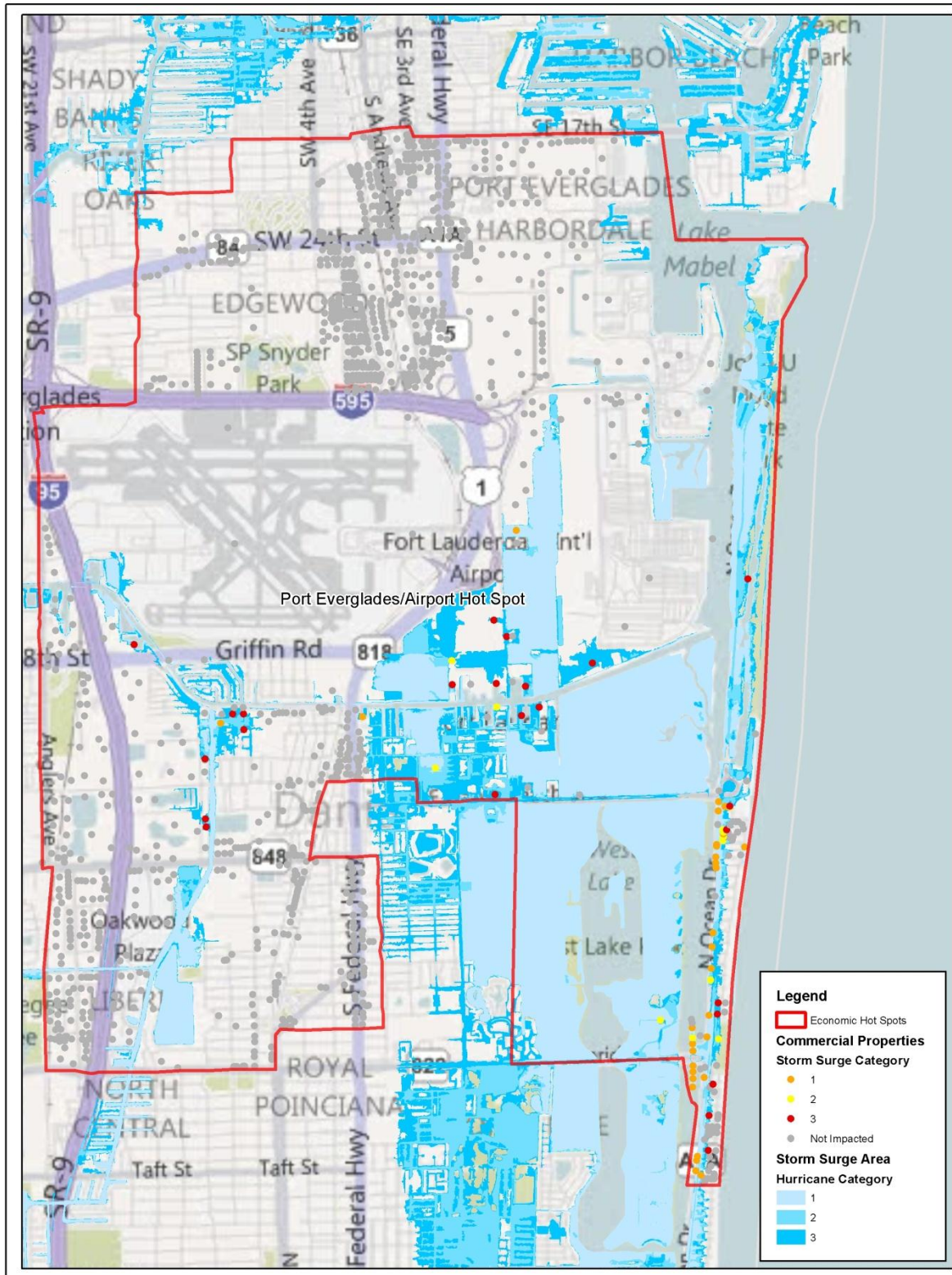
- *Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport* (<http://www.broward.org/AIRPORT>)
  - Website has statistical data/reports (<http://www.broward.org/AIRPORT/ABOUT/Pages/Statistics.aspx>)
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> busiest airport in U.S.; 54<sup>th</sup> worldwide (2009)
  - 10.9 million Enplaned Passengers (2010); 4.3% increase from 2009
  - 21.9 million Total (Enplaned and Deplaned) passengers (2010); 4.5% increase from 2009
  - 255,642 Aircraft operations (2010); 2.26% increase from 2009
  - 95,210 Total Tons (U.S. Mail and Air Freight) of Air Cargo (2010); -6.79% decrease from 2009
    - 93,024 Air Freight Tons (2010); down ~98,000 tons since 2001, 38,000 tons since 2008
      - Partly due to winding down and cessation of DHS in 2008 and global economic downturn (<http://www.broward.org/Airport/About/Documents/Fy10aviationhistoricalanalysis.pdf>)
  
- *Fort Lauderdale Convention Center* (<http://www.ftlauderdalecc.com/>)
  - Broward Convention Center Budget: \$48.9 million (<http://www.browardconventioncenter.com/>)
  - 600,000 square feet; 3 levels (w/expansion)
  - \$34 million, 230,000 square feet expansion recently completed
  - 4 exhibit halls, 2 ballrooms, and 31 meeting rooms
  - Working towards *Silver Level LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Buildings Council*
  - “Approximately 30% of the city's 10 million annual visitors attend conventions at the center.” (2006)
  
- *Broward General Medical Center* (<http://www.browardhealth.org>) – at US. 1 and AIA (~.5 mile from Port)
  - Quick Facts at: <http://www.browardhealth.org/?id=56&sid=1>
  - 1,529 Licensed Beds in Total Medical Center (2010)
  - 8,313 Employees (2010)
  - 65,099 Inpatient Admissions (2010)
  - 301,233 Outpatient Medical Center visits (2010)
  - 265,521 Emergency Department Visits (2010)
  - 228,479 Physician Office Visits (2010)
  - Operating Budget (2011): [http://www.browardhealth.org/upload/docs/Corporate/FY2011\\_OperatingBudget.pdf](http://www.browardhealth.org/upload/docs/Corporate/FY2011_OperatingBudget.pdf)
  - Total Gross Patient Revenue: \$3.92 billion (2011 Budget)
  - Total Operating Expenses: \$1.03 billion (2011 budget)
  
- *Port Everglades Power Generating Station* (Florida Power and Light)
  - Includes a fairly large oil/gas power plant for Florida Power and Light. It has 4 units and a net capability of approximately 1,200 megawatts (making it 7 out of 14 in capability for FP&L plants)
  
- *Broward County Wastewater Facility*

### **Key Economic Sectors**

This Hot Spot is divided between Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Dania Beach and there is too much overlap to provide meaningful analysis from the US Census Bureau data.

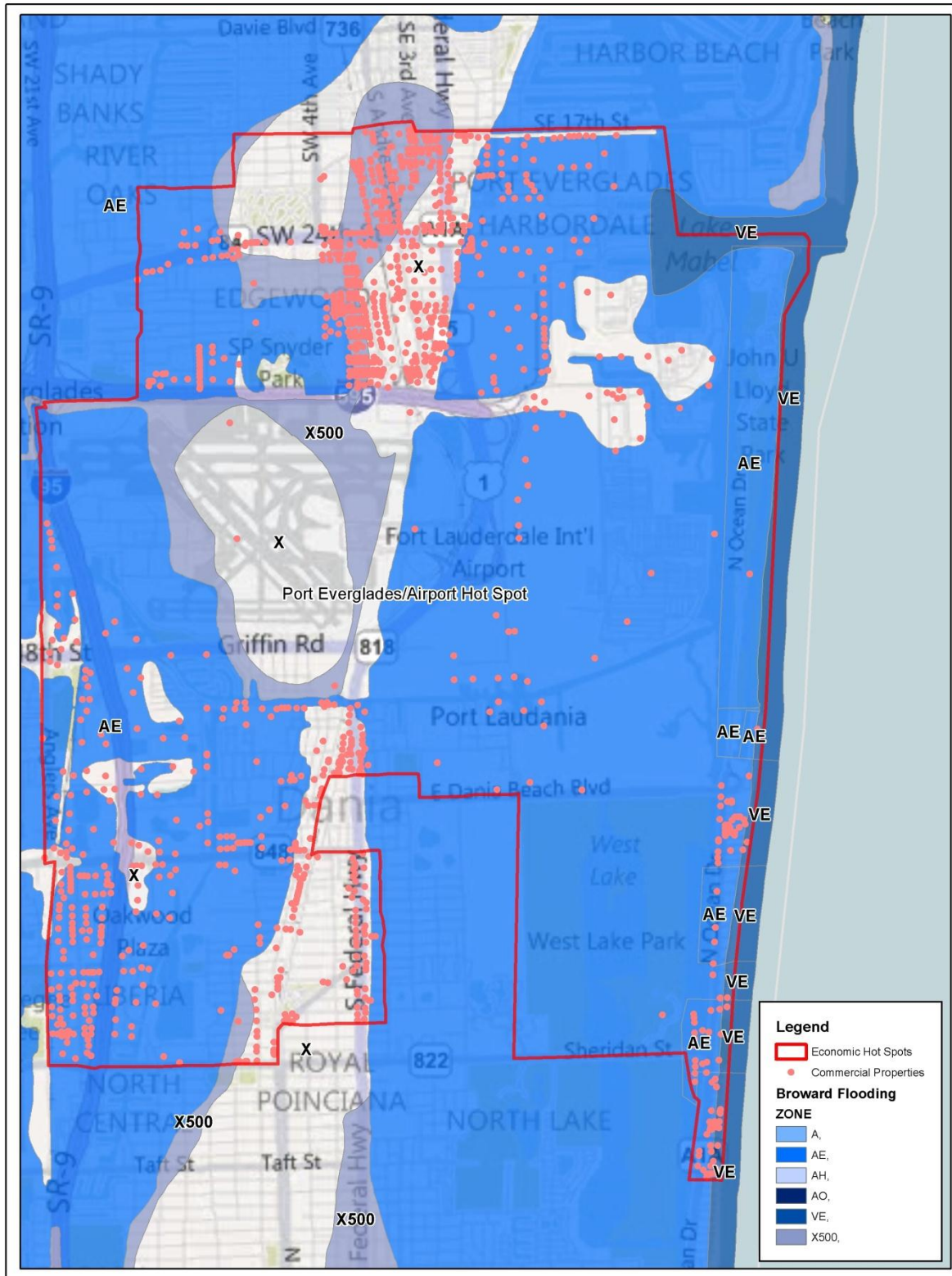
### **Maps**

Map 5.32 – Port Everglades Risk to Storm Surge



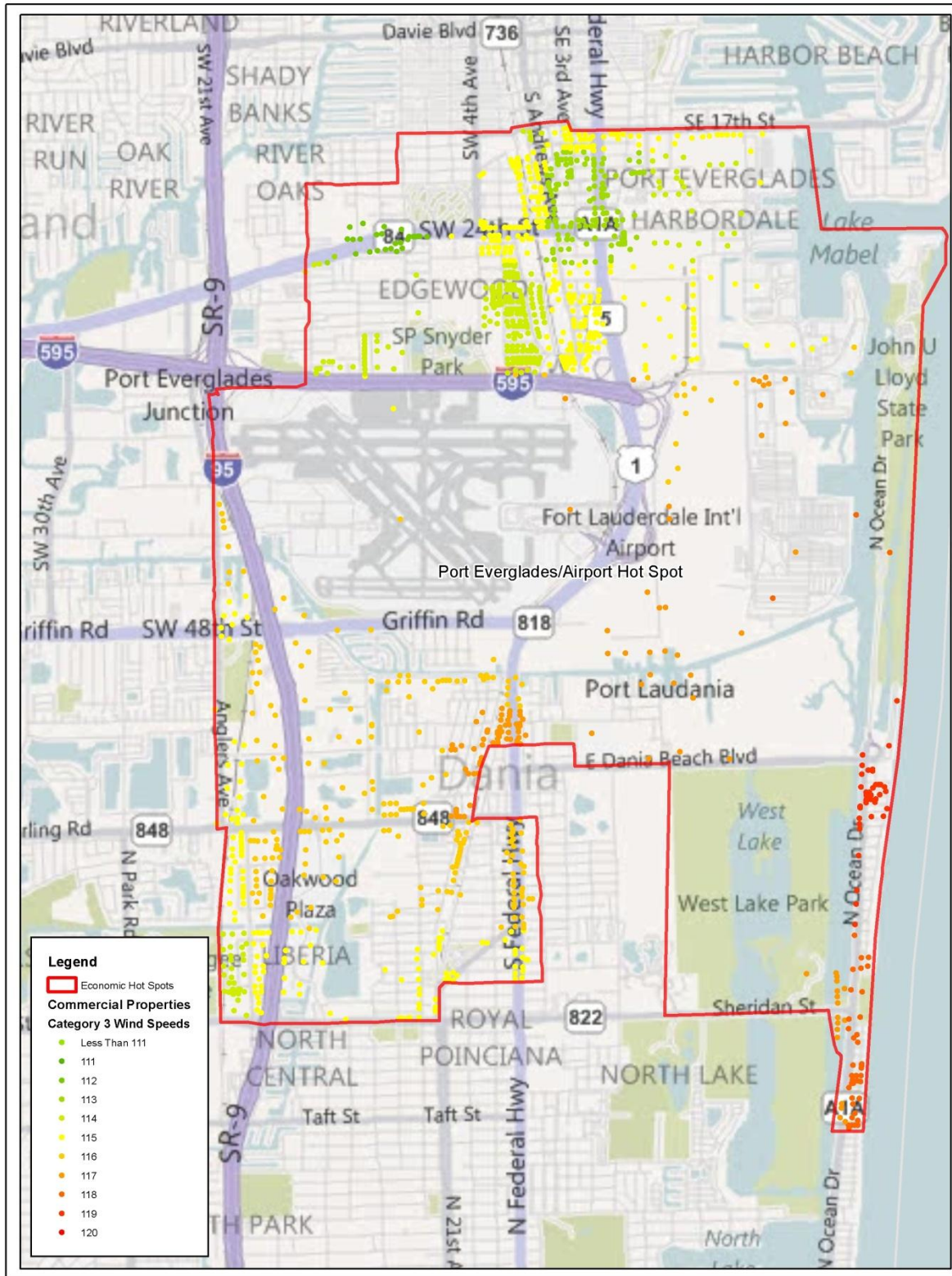
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.33 – Port Everglades Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.34 – Port Everglades Risk to High Wind



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid



**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.23: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Port Everglades Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b><u>\$1,044,005,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$375,097,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,878,960</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,684,733</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,293,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,982,507</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,469,008</u></b>

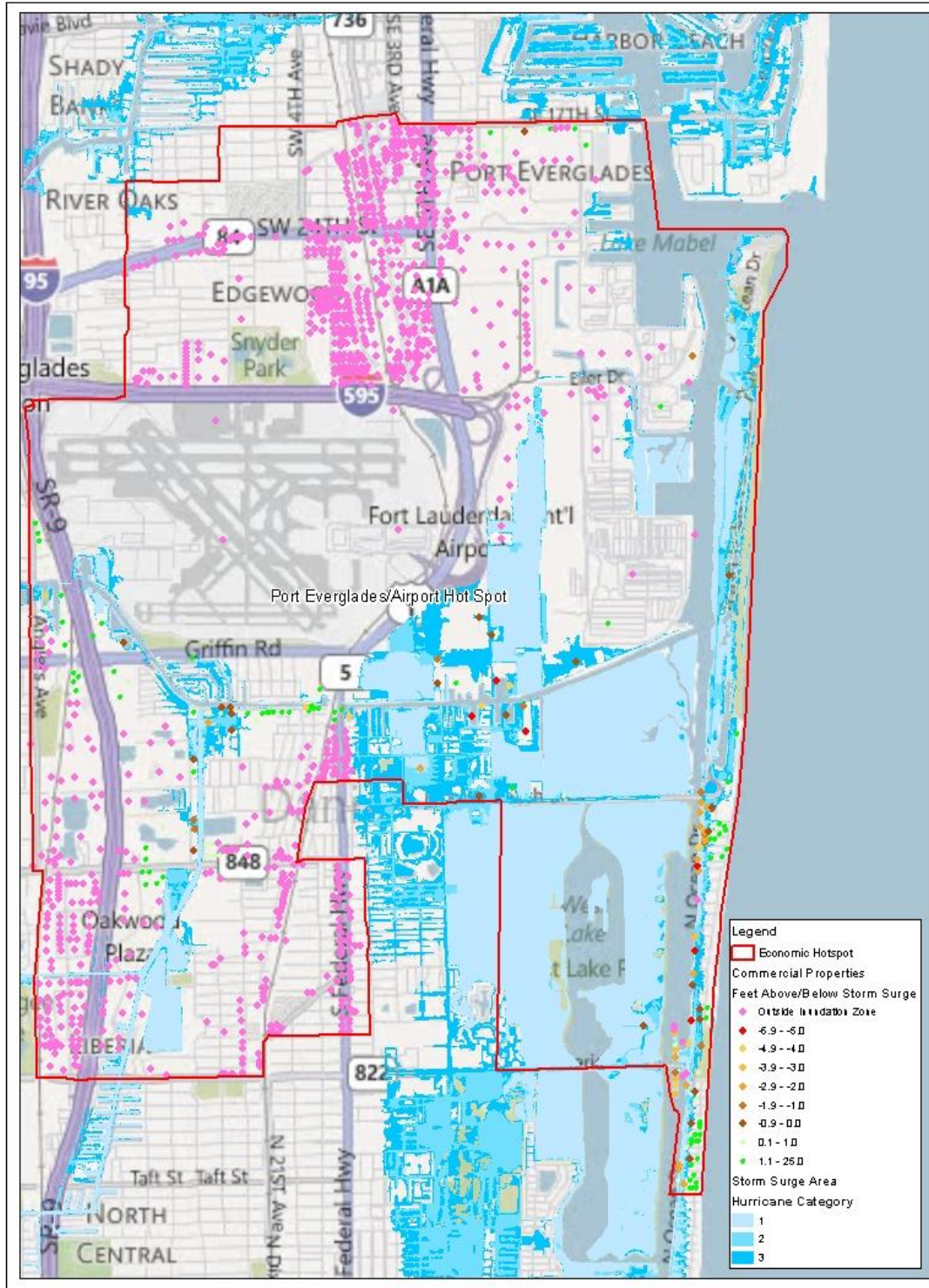
Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

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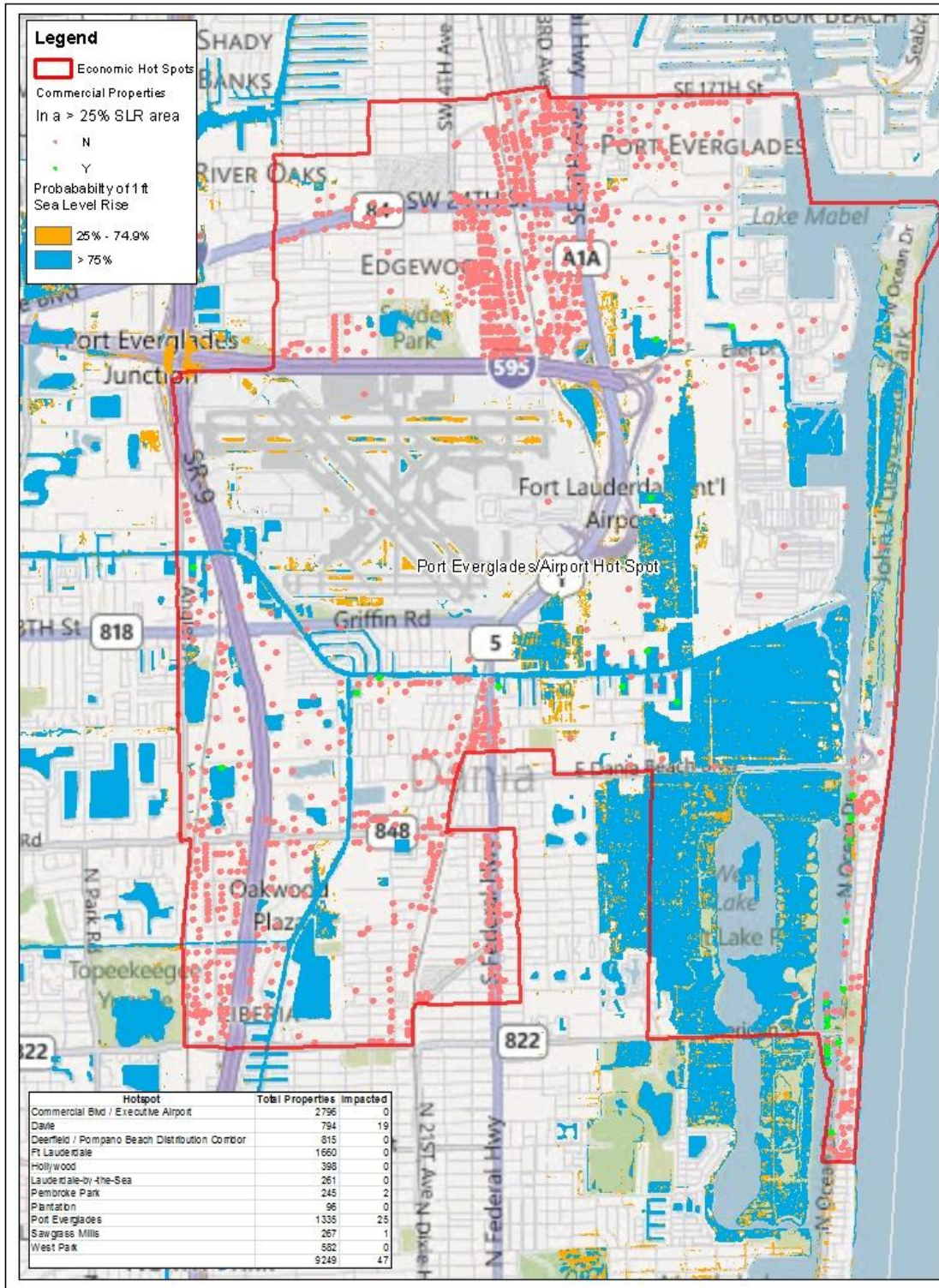
**Storm Surge Depth Grid Maps and Sea Level Rise 1 foot scenario**

Map 5.35 – Port Everglades Storm Surge Depth Grid



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.36 – Port Everglades Risk to 1 foot Sea Level Rise



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

## Sawgrass Mills Shopping Mall in Sunrise

### General Information (Sunrise)

The population of Sunrise is 90,000 residents and it claims to be “Host to several million national and international visitors each year.”(<http://www.sunrisefl.gov/1about.html>). The hot spot area is a census block group within the city that is centered around the huge Sawgrass Mills Shopping Mall. The hot spot borders the Everglades to the west and Flamingo Road/NW 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the east. To the south, the border is SW 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the area includes the vital infrastructure intersection of I-595 and the Sawgrass Expressway (Route 869).

### Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses

- Sawgrass Mills Shopping Mall
  - Over 2,380,000 square feet
  - Over 350 stores
  - 6<sup>th</sup> largest outlet shopping mall in US and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in Florida (after Aventura Mall)
  - One of top tourist attractions (rivaling Disney World) in Florida
  - Visited by 26 million shoppers a year  
(<http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21002276376698/>)
- BankAtlantic Center
  - Home of NHL Florida Panthers

### Key Economic Sectors

**Table 5.24: Selected Economic Statistics for Sunrise - 2007 (larger than hot spot area) – Ranked by Annual Payroll**

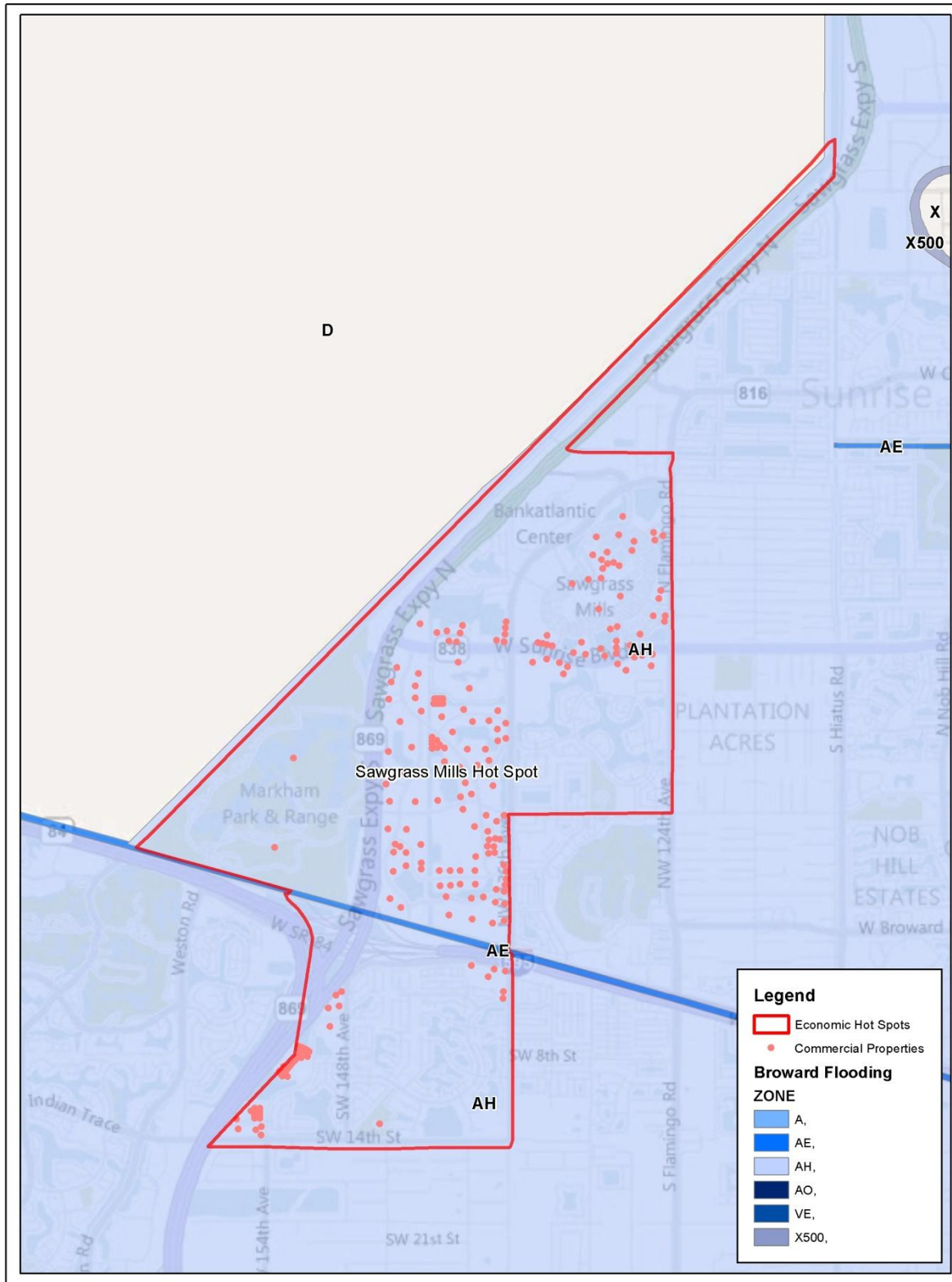
Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Srvs	232	837,653	268,491	9,014
Health care and social assistance	256	556,392	242,566	4,670
Retail trade	500	2,125,232	186,249	8,288
Professional, scientific, and technical services	367	297,761	115,552	2,420

Information	50	N/A	51,844	996
Accommodation and food services	186	181,745	48,822	3,596
Manufacturing	65	210,958	35,262	787
Real estate and rental and leasing	120	249,597	19,698	532
Other services (except public administration)	146	48,518	14,154	607

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

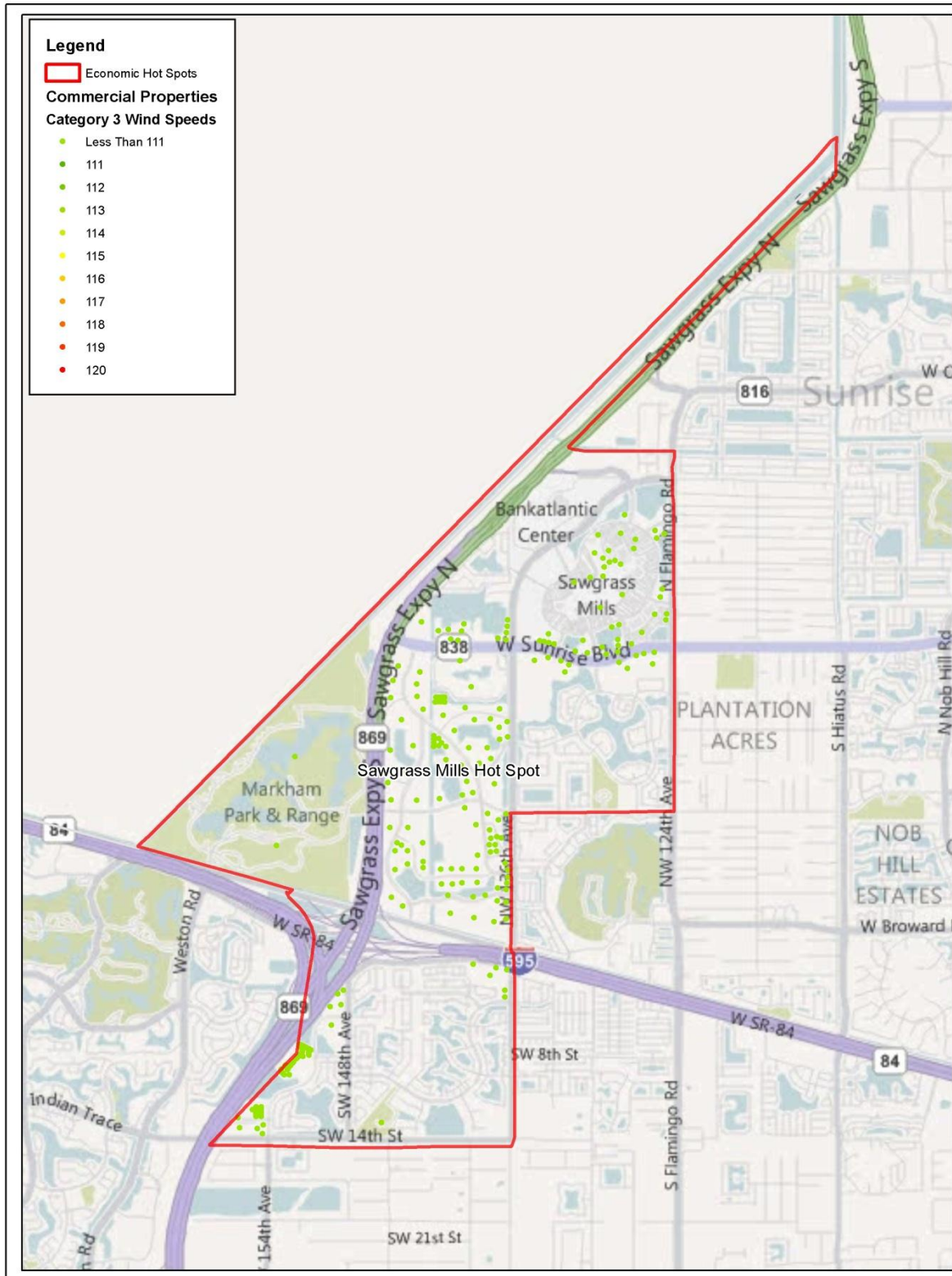
**Maps**

Map 5.37 – Sawgrass Mills Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.38 – Sawgrass Mills Risk to High Wind



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.25: Hazus and Property Tax Data for Sawgrass Mills Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
<b>\$409,625,000</b>	<b>\$288,653,000</b>	<b>\$3,753,855</b>	<b>\$25,748,784</b>	<b>\$41,585,000</b>	<b>\$11,027,232</b>	<b>\$3,726,942</b>

Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

\* - includes Building, Content, and Inventory

\*\* - Includes Income, Relocation, Rental Income, and Wage



**South Florida Educational Center in Davie ([www.sfec.org](http://www.sfec.org))**

**General Information**

The approximate boundaries are between South University Drive/Pine Island Drive to the west and I-95 to east; I-595 to the north and SW 60th Street/Griffin Road to the south. The Florida Turnpike bisects the area. To the east of the Turnpike, the hot spot area is mostly undeveloped with a major county incinerator/landfill facility and the natural area known as Pond Apple Slough. To the west of the Turnpike are the concentration of institutes of higher education that are detailed below. Most of the hot spot is in Davie, FL. The SFEC is one of biggest generators of traffic in Broward ([www.sfec.org](http://www.sfec.org)).

**Key Infrastructure, Facilities, and Businesses**

- Nova Southeastern University
  - 28,796 students (Grad and Undergrad) (2008 Fall enrollment)
    - 92% of student population; 100% of housed students at Davie Campus
  - 6,300+ total staff (Academic and admin)
  - Miami Dolphins practice (daily) at Nova campus (AD Griffin Sport Complex)
- Florida Atlantic University (Davie Campus)
  - 3,488 students (13% of total FAU student body; 2<sup>nd</sup> largest campus by enrollment)
- University of Florida (Davie Campus): Fort Lauderdale Research & Education Center
- Broward College (Central Campus)
  - 55,000 students (Total in Broward College)
  - 1,000+ staff
  - Also home to College Academy (high school) at Broward College
- ITT Technical Institute
  - Davie, FL Campus of for-profit technical institute
- Unilatina international college
  - Vocational school
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**Key Economic Sectors**

**Table 5.26: Selected Economic Statistics for Davie - 2007 (larger than hot spot area)**

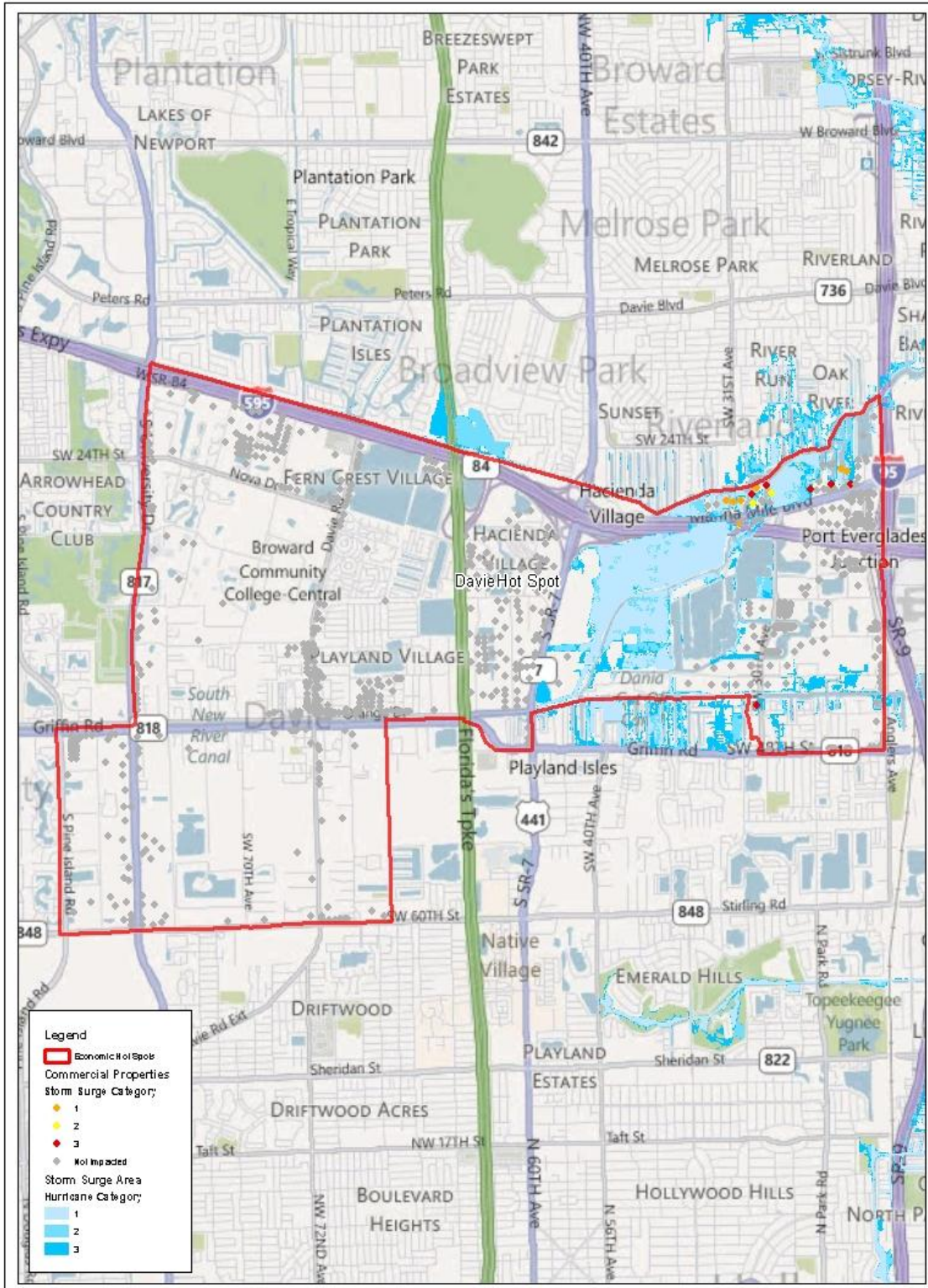
Industry	Number of Establishments	Sales, Shipments, Receipts	Annual Payroll	Number of Employees
Retail trade	412	\$2,010,513,00	\$170,043,000	6,288
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	63	\$212,190,000	\$142,176,000	1,046

Manufacturing	99	\$331,440,000	\$113,309,000	2,449
Professional, scientific, and technical services	506	\$198,191,000	\$63,844,000	1,611
Administrative and Support and Waste Mang and Remediation Srvs	239	\$159,500,000	\$58,072,000	2,649
Accommodation and food services	217	\$175,366,000	\$45,989,000	3,335
Other services (except public administration)	254	\$138,398,000	\$36,234,000	1,380
Health care and social assistance	208	\$160,679,000	\$45,200,000	1,699
Educational services	37	\$37,967,000	\$8,032,000	413
Real estate and rental and leasing	219	\$213,110,000	\$35,022,000	875

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)

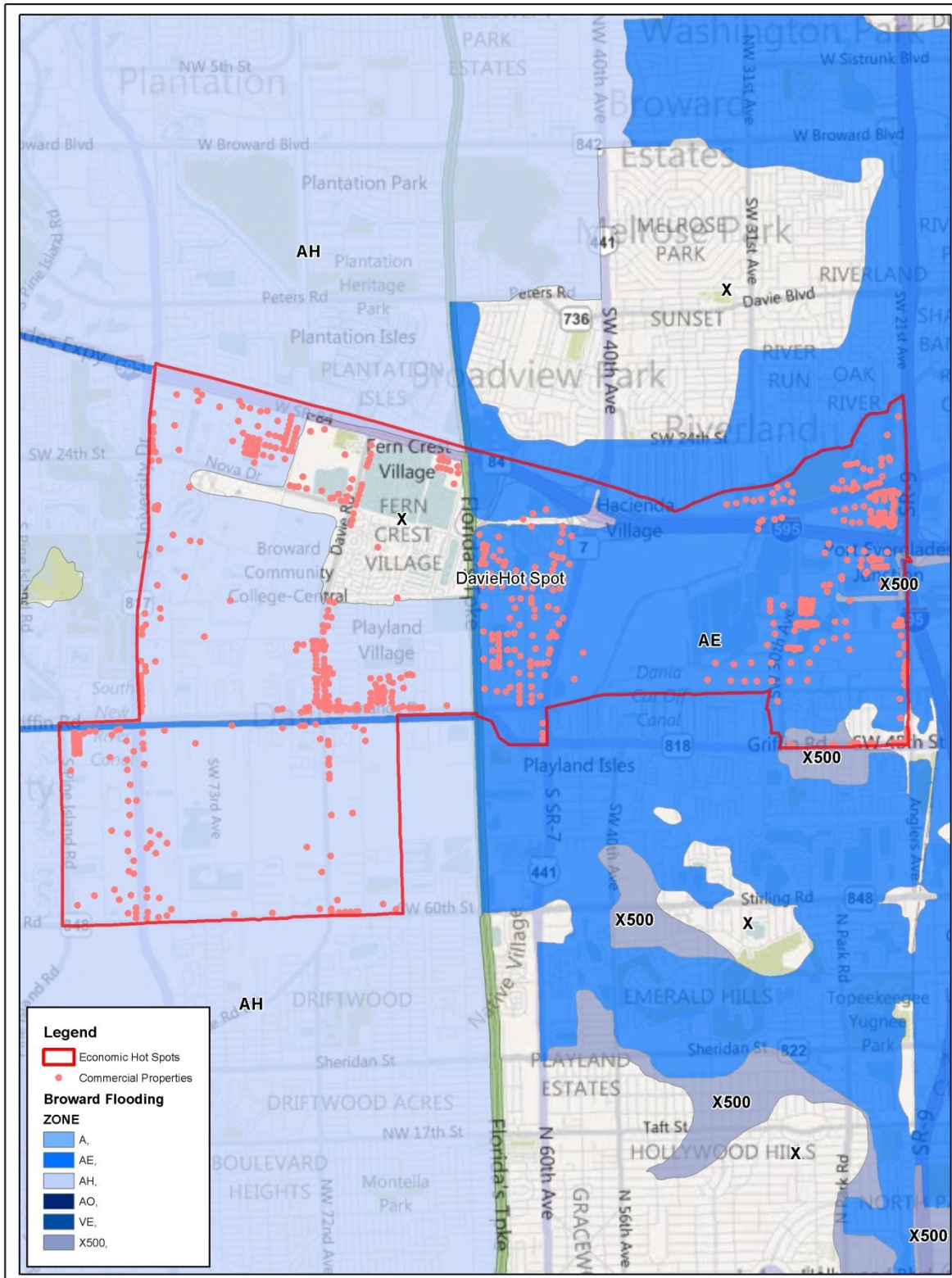
## **Maps**

Map 5.39 – South Florida Educational Center Risk to Storm Surge



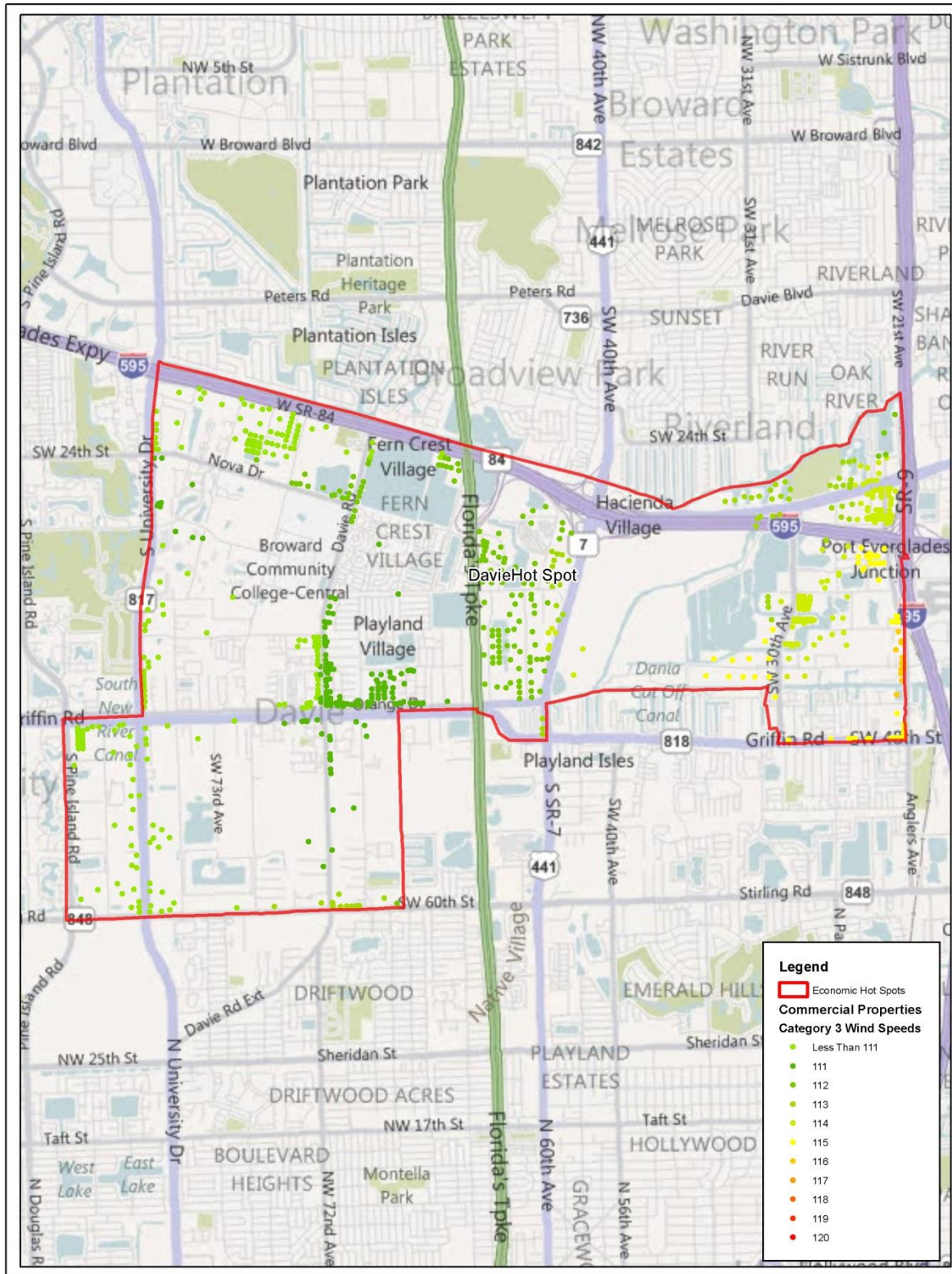
Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.40 – South Florida Educational Center Risk to Inland Flooding



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, SFWMD and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.41 – South Florida Educational Center Risk to High Wind



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, and FDEM Hazard Grid

**Hazus Information**

**Table 5.27: Hazus and Property Tax Data for South Florida Educational Center Hot Spot**

<u>Total Commercial Exposure</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Flood*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Flood**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Flood</u>	<u>Total Economic Loss to Commercial Buildings by Wind*</u>	<u>Business Interruption Costs by Wind**</u>	<u>Property Tax Estimated Loss from Wind</u>
\$961,352,000	\$557,216,000	\$7,244,835	\$27,904,807	\$47,516,000	\$12,597,565	\$2,359,102

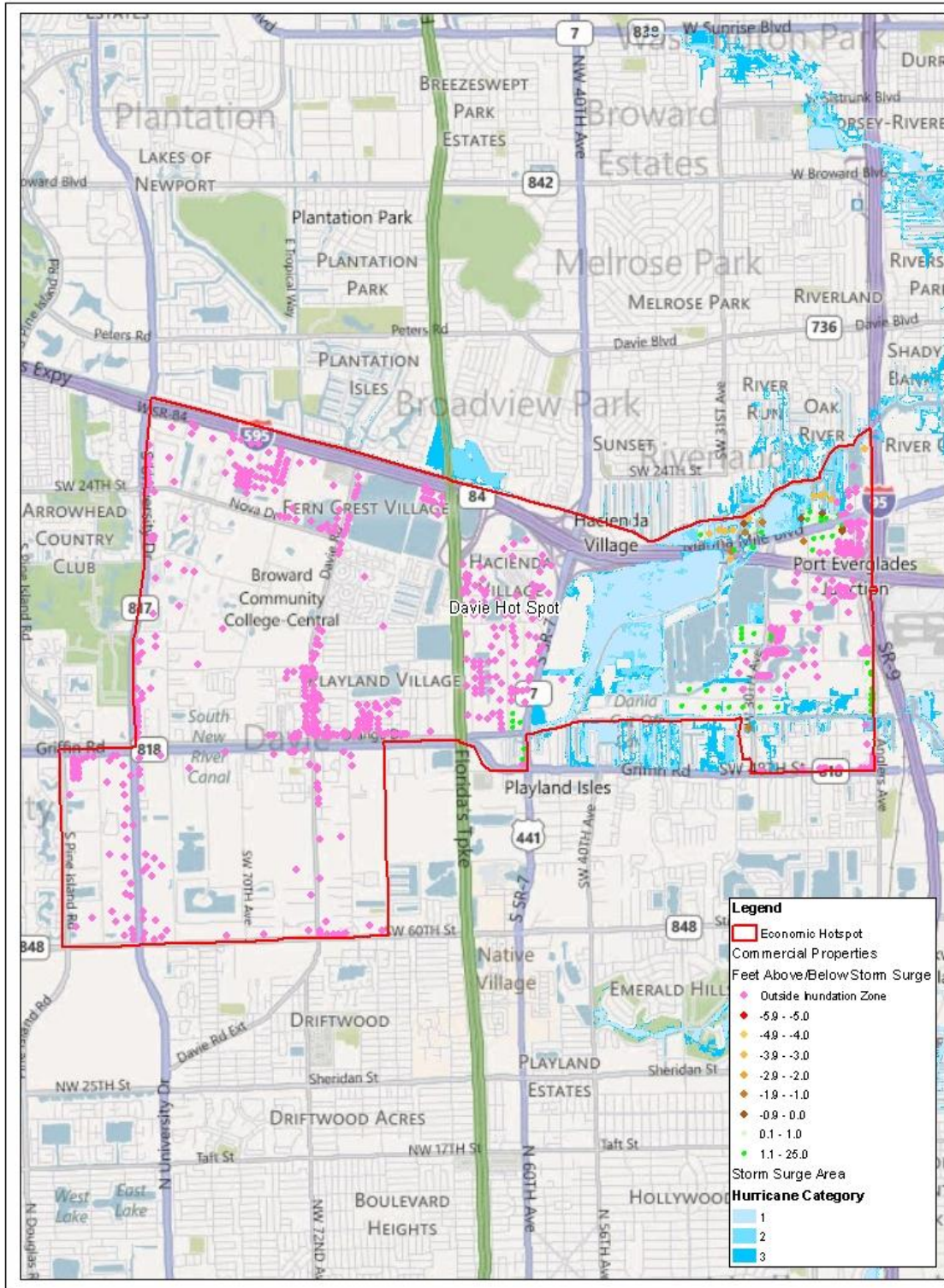
Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

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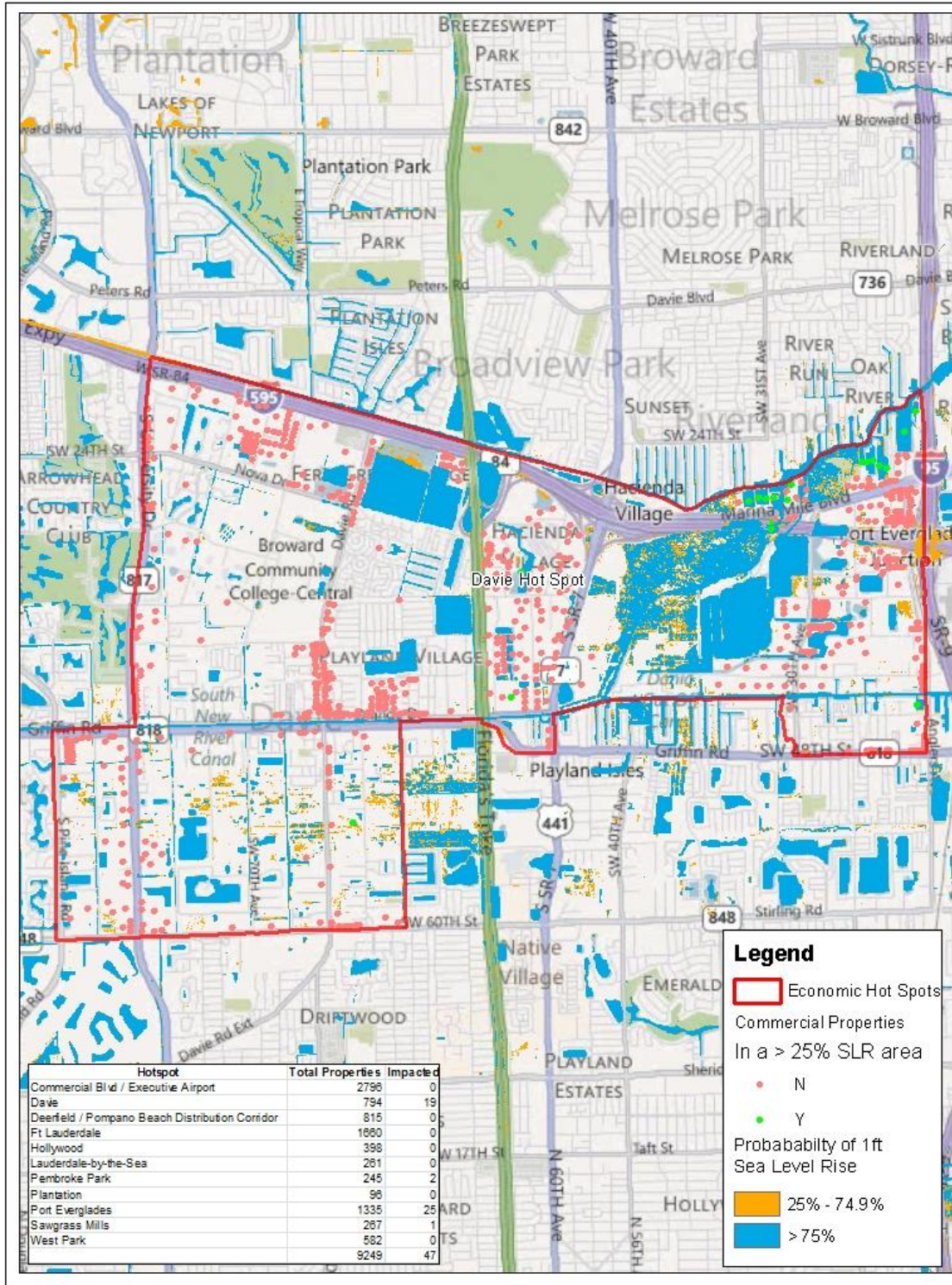
**Storm Surge Depth Grid Maps and Sea Level Rise 1-foot scenario**

Map 5.42 – South Florida Educational Center Storm Surge Depth Grids



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data

Map 5.43 – South Florida Educational Center Risk to 1 foot Sea Level Rise



Source: Broward County Property Appraiser GIS, US Census 2010, NOAA, FDEM, SFWMD, and FEMA Q3 Data



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### *Summary of Potential Impacts and Potential Areas for Redevelopment*

Broward County is a large, diverse metropolitan area located in a high risk zone to the impacts of hurricanes. It would be vulnerable to any large scale event that damaged its key coastal infrastructure like the Port, Airport, and major coastal roadways like US-1 which caused multi-day power outages. The result of damage to these key transportation facilities would create a negative ripple effect that would create losses to some of its key industries; namely shipping, regional distribution, and tourism. Due to the presence of large regional distribution facilities in the Deerfield Beach/Pompano Beach area, any disruption to this supply chain (backlog of cargo, inability to move products) would cause a chain reaction. Damage to coastal hotels would reduce tourist capacity as well as impacting retail business that depends on tourism. News reports of severe damage in the County would also likely create a perception, nationally and internationally, that the County is temporarily crippled and not capable of handling tourists for a period of time.

Both New Orleans, after Hurricane Katrina, and the Gulf Coast, after the 2010 BP Oil Spill, suffered economically, especially tourism, from these realities and perceptions. Both sought to combat this perception by placing advertisements in key markets indicating they were 'open for business'. Sometimes, areas hit by a disaster like New York City after the 9/11 Terrorist attacks and New Orleans after Katrina will actually bring in tourists who are looking to support disaster-stricken areas and those that are curious about the disaster impacts.

Like most urban areas, Broward County is most vulnerable to disruption to the public water supply (a less probable event) and then the supply of electric power (a more likely event due to potential wind impacts on the electrical distribution network). Damages to communications and transportation network can be overcome to some degree. However, any major damage to the port and airport, while not completely devastating right after an event, would have severe mid to long term economic consequences as the County would miss out on the economic value provided by these vital transportation nodes.

Broward County has a fairly unique challenge with 2 major metropolitan areas to its north and south (Palm Beach and Miami-Dade respectively) with fairly similar makeup and composition. Each of these counties possesses a major international airport and Miami-Dade also has a large port facility. While the County governments, disaster recovery organizations, and business alliances cooperate and would likely do so after a major event, the reality is that some commerce, trade, and businesses would likely be siphoned off to these counties if they remained more functional than Broward after a large event.

Other considerations affecting a future economic recovery effort from disaster events include the fact that Broward County, according to the Economic Development Department, exports 1/3 of its workforce daily to Palm Beach and Miami Dade Counties. If something major or catastrophic occurred in either of those counties, it would directly affect the workforce of Broward County. Another factor to weigh in is the extent of an event's impact on the residential structures of the Broward County workforce thus impacting their ability to go to work each day. A shortage in the labor force due to destruction of residential structures had a profound impact in New Orleans after Katrina. While a significant issue, it is beyond the scope of the current enhanced LMS.

The temporary or long-term loss of major portions of the Broward County and its municipalities' tax base would negatively affect county and municipal services. Any reduced services would further contribute to the image of it as a 'damaged area' which may lead to additional businesses closing and some residents moving away.

Areas of redevelopment should be selected by the significance of the area to the transportation network or another key resource. Where possible, redevelopment should be shifted away from the more risky areas in the hot spot or the County. However, this may run counter to market forces that drive businesses to cluster around a desirable natural feature like the Atlantic Ocean or the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Broward County could align its future economic development goals, in attracting high-wage, high-income jobs that don't depend on access to water, to clusters away from higher risk areas. Generally, disasters will accelerate existing development trends. However, disasters also present the opportunity to rethink current trends or make definitive investments. Some of these areas, like the Executive Airport, already have a growing concentration of businesses.

Using the maps provided in the hot spot sections, communities in these areas could select less risky areas within hot spots to rebuild (like downtown Fort Lauderdale). Here are some suggested areas to consider:

- *Downtown Fort Lauderdale*
  - North of Broward Boulevard
  - East of SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street and/or two blocks off the two branches of the New River
- *Deerfield Beach/Pompano Beach*
  - No storm surge impacts; most of area is in AH zone (shallow flooding) which may change with new dFIRMs
- *Executive Airport Area*
  - No storm surge impacts; for inland flooding, areas west of I-95 and north of the Executive Airport are best for redevelopment
- *Downtown Hollywood*
  - No storm surge impacts; for inland flooding, areas north of 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue are best for redevelopment
- *Pembroke Park*
  - No storm surge impacts; for inland flooding, the south side of Pembroke Road, and the east side of SW 30<sup>th</sup> Street are best for redevelopment
- *West Park*
  - No storm surge impacts and most of the city is not prone to inland flooding
- *Plantation*
  - No storm surge impacts; most of area is in AH zone (shallow flooding) which may change with new dFIRMs
- *Port Everglades*
  - While many of the natural areas in this hotspot are vulnerable to storm surge impacts; some of the most important commercial areas, defined by developments west of US Highway 1, areas north of I-595/595 extension, and the existing footprint of the port (McIntosh Road to the west and to its southernmost point, the developed parts of the port to the east of these point to SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the north) are the least vulnerable.
- *Sawgrass Mills*

- No storm surge impacts; most of area is in AH zone (shallow flooding) which may change with new dFIRMs
- *South Florida Educational Center (Davie)*
  - Some storm surge vulnerability; best areas for redevelopment are areas west of Highway 7 and east of 30<sup>th</sup>/south of I-595

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### *Estimated Sales Tax Revenue Losses Based on Hazard Impacts*

The impact on sales taxes from hazard events is difficult to predict because there are so many variables at play. Generally speaking, the immediate impact can be severe as residents may have to evacuate, employees may be temporarily out of work and not spending disposable income, and there is a general mood of cost-savings with the fact that there are many unknowns in the immediate future (including needing money to pay for damages not covered by insurance). The short-term recovery can also mean that these losses may be offset somewhat by sales tax revenues generated by construction activity to repair damages and an influx of workers to repair damages. The longer term recovery is nearly impossible to predict as it is dependent on multiple factors including whether there is an out-migration of businesses and residents.

A report in the immediate aftermath of Katrina, "The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on the State Budgets of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi"<sup>53</sup>, provides rough approximate projections of the immediate sales tax revenue losses in these 3 states. In Louisiana and Mississippi, where the damage was most severe, it was projected that there could be a 50% reduction in normal sales tax revenues. The report estimated that the impacts of Katrina would cause a loss of approximately \$170.6 million and \$108.0 million, respectively, of tax revenue in September 2005. In Alabama, the projected loss percentage was lower at 25%, but still a high enough figure to cause considerable damage to the local economy. The report estimated that Alabama's loss would be approximately \$18 million of tax revenue in September 2005.

Due to Broward County's vulnerability to both wind and flood, it could expect to see similar percentages of sales tax revenue losses in the aftermath of a large event. A Category 2/3 event would cause losses similar to Alabama and a Category 4/5 event would cause losses similar to Louisiana and Mississippi. The loss percentages used below for Broward County are slightly more conservative due to the fact that the states affected the most by Katrina in 2005 were most isolated from surrounding populations whereas Broward County is surrounded by 2 sizable counties in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach. The proximity to these larger populations mean that business serving the three county area are more likely to stay and still have some viable income and these surrounding counties could also help provide material and labor in reconstruction activities. A variable with opposite ramifications would be an event large enough to severely impact all 3 counties which would be much rarer and is therefore not detailed in this plan.

The Broward County validated sales tax receipt data for the calendar year 2009<sup>54</sup> for all commercial sectors (divided into 80 "Kind Codes") was \$1,576,335,483. Using this figure, average monthly sales tax revenue in Broward for all commercial sectors in CY 2009 is \$131,361,290. The following are rough approximations of the impacts from two different levels of hurricane events on Broward County sales tax revenues using the average monthly CY 2009 data:

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<sup>53</sup> This report was published on November 15, 2005 and written by Steven Maguire, an analyst in Public Finance in the Government and Finance Division. The report was released by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) as a CRS Report for Congress and received through the CRS Web. It was found on the internet at <http://www.policyarchive.org/handle/10207/bitstreams/2629.pdf>.

<sup>54</sup> Source: State of Florida Department of Revenue Validated Florida Sales Tax Return Receipts Monthly Statistics by Business by County (CY 2009 data). See website at [http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/taxes/colls\\_from\\_7\\_2003.html](http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/taxes/colls_from_7_2003.html)

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*Category 2/3 Hurricane – assume a 15% reduction in sales tax over 3 months*

Approximate sale tax losses = \$19,704,194/month x 3 months = **\$59,112,581**

*Category 4/5 Hurricane – assume a 40% reduction in sales over 6 months*

Approximate sale tax losses = \$52,544,516/month x 6 months = **\$315,267,096.**

The above approximations are very rough estimates due to the level of uncertainty in the aftermath of a hazard event but do reflect some very real possibilities. Factors that may affect these figures downward (less sales tax revenue loss) and upward (greater loss) are the following:

- Increased construction activity and influx of temporary workers (less loss)
- Out-migration of residents due to uncertainty of retaining employment in Broward County, uncertainty regarding continued viability of community assets (e.g., schools), uncertainty regarding the affordability of rebuilding a damaged home and maintaining insurance, and/or personal choice to relocate somewhere else (more loss)
- Business relocation (larger companies with geographic flexibility); and/or closing off small businesses that could not survive the storm's impacts or were dependent on larger businesses that closed or relocated (more loss)

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### *Major Government Facilities/Infrastructure Analysis*

The main county facilities are in the following places:

- Broward County Governmental Center (115 South Andrews Avenue) - downtown Fort Lauderdale [2 blocks north of New River]
- Government Center West (1 North University Drive) – Plantation
- Emergency Operations Center (201 NW 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – Plantation
- Public Safety Building (2601 W Broward Boulevard) – Fort Lauderdale [5 blocks west of I-95; 3 blocks SW of New River (north branch)]
- Judicial Complex (201 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street) – downtown Fort Lauderdale [1 block south of New River]
- North Regional Courthouse (1600 W Hillsboro Boulevard) – Deerfield Beach
- South Regional Courthouse (3550 Hollywood Boulevard) – Hollywood
- West Regional Courthouse (100 N. Pine Island Road) - Plantation

The area that has a concentration of key county facilities at greatest risk is the Governmental Center and Judicial Complex in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Both are close to the North Branch of the New River (Judicial Center is next to it) and the Governmental Center is at a fairly high risk to a Category 3 storm surge (the Judicial Center less so because the flooding on the north side of the New River is worse than the south side between Andrews Avenue and Federal Highway (US-1)). Both of these facilities are also vulnerable to high winds being relatively close to the ocean.

Another concentration of high value government facilities is in the midtown Plantation area near the Westfield Mall. Both the Government Center West and the EOC are in this area. The EOC is the Alternate Relocation Facility for the downtown Governmental Center is inoperable for critical executive County Administration duties (according to the County Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan). The nearby Government Center West would be the assembly site for the County Administrator's staff to continue its functions.

The most profound consequence of damage to the County's government facilities is an interruption to the delivery of government services, a perception that the government does not have control of the situation, and/or the loss of key functions/data that take place at these facilities. Economic consequences resulting from the damage to multiple key government facilities would be devastating; the resulting response and recovery operations would be greatly hindered. A slow response by the local government and a lack of clear, unified, and timely communication would create a lack of public confidence in the government's ability to protect its own assets; no less those of the general public. The psychological impact of this perception would be detrimental to residents and businesses alike.

The incapacitation, either temporary or long-term, of the Broward County office buildings would have substantial economic impacts and greatly impair the ability of government to function. Government services provide citizens of Broward County with numerous services, many of which would be impaired or ended without central administrative centers. Therefore, protection of government assets and functions should continue to be a priority in considering mitigation actions.

The greatest risk to the overall operation of the County is a large hurricane that makes landfall directly east of the County Governmental Center and then keeps moving due west to hit the

EOC and Government Center West. The risk to the downtown Fort Lauderdale facilities would be from both storm surge and high wind while the risk to the Plantation facilities would be wind although inland flooding is a possibility also. While the EOC is constructed to resist the impacts of most hurricanes, the road system providing ingress and egress may be inoperable due to downed trees/powerlines and flooding. Widespread power outages would further complicate the effort to continue government services.

Broward County continually updates its key preparedness, response, and recovery plans to maintain a high level of readiness. In 2011/2012, the Countywide Recovery Process document will be updated to better integrate hazard mitigation. The County and municipal continuity of operations (COOP) plans will be reviewed again to see if there are opportunities to mitigate the primary facilities to reduce the need to relocate. The alternate facilities will also be examined again to make sure they are suitable facilities with the proper equipment and ability to function after a storm.

In 2011, the County is also coordinating closely with the private sector through an energized Private Sector Committee that will help the County obtain additional resources during a disaster event. For example, a wireless communication provider as part of this Committee could help provide communication capabilities during power outages.

An additional challenge for Broward County is the number of municipalities that share key infrastructure. The County Emergency Management Division can help resolve issues that affect multiple jurisdictions, a link to resources from the State and overarching support in terms of resources and manpower.

**Table 5.28** provides categories of damages for government facilities in Broward County from the 100-year wind and flood events. This information can be used to derive loss of use estimates for these facilities. There are 530 government facilities total studied in this Hazus analysis. 81.78% of the government facilities will receive either no damage or minor damage from wind. Therefore, this study indicates that a large percentage of government facilities should be operational after a typical 100-year wind storm. Overall, flood damage is a slightly greater concern with almost 92 facilities receiving between 11 to 20% of damage (17.36% of all government facilities and 64.79% of facilities receiving some damage). The structures in this category of flood damage may experience some loss of use due to the flooding.

**Table 5.28 Hazus Damage Results to Government Facilities from 100-year Wind and Flood Events**

<b>WIND</b>	<b>No damage</b>	<b>Minor damage</b>	<b>Moderate damage</b>	<b>Severe damage</b>	<b>Destruction</b>	
	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	
Government Facilities	316 59.49 %	118 22.29 %	77 14.58 %	19 3.64 %	0 0.00 %	
<b>FLOOD</b>	<b>1-10% damage</b>	<b>11-20% damage</b>	<b>21-30% damage</b>	<b>31-40% damage</b>	<b>41-50% damage</b>	<b>Substantially (over 50%)</b>
	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>	<b>Count / Percent</b>
Government	50	92	0	0	0	0

Facilities	35.21 %	64.79 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
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Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)

**Table 5.29** analyzes impacts to essential facilities, including projected loss of use, from the 100-year wind and flood events. Flooding again is the greater concern with 22 of 28 fire stations, 12 of 25 hospitals, 25 of 27 police stations, and 249 of 418 schools receiving some loss of use from a 100-year flood. It is projected that none of the essential facilities studied would receive loss of use from wind.

**Table 5.29 Hazus Damage Results to Essential Facilities from 100-year Wind and Flood Events**

WIND	Total # of Facilities	Probability >50% of at Least Moderate Damage	Probability >50% of Complete Damage	Expected Loss of Use < 1 day
EOCs	4	0	0	0
Fire Stations	28	0	0	0
Hospitals	25	0	0	0
Police Stations	37	0	0	0
Schools	418	0	0	0
FLOOD	Total # of Facilities	At Least Moderate Damage	At Least Substantial Damage	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	28	23	0	22
Hospitals	25	13	0	12
Police Stations	37	30	0	25
Schools	418	278	0	249

Source: Hazus 2.0 (flood) and Hazus-MH MR5 (wind)



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### *Conclusions/Recommendations*

The Economic Vulnerability chapter portrays the projected level of impact from a medium to large size hurricane with wind, storm surge, and inland flooding to the most important commercial centers of Broward County. To better prepare for this type of event and to lower the risk ahead of time, it is recommended that the County do the following:

- Continually refine mitigation grant prioritization tools to determine how to get the most 'bang for the buck'
- Continue its effort to protect key and critical infrastructure through the pursuit of state/federal grants and by looking for opportunities to include mitigation in its Capital Improvement Program.
- Prepare a detailed plan to bring back key facilities Continually refine the Recovery Plan to include both measures to improve short-term recovery to keep businesses open and long-term recovery to facilitate long-term economic development and lower risk
- Consider having the Private Sector Committee take on the task of internally reviewing how businesses can mitigate their risk to natural hazards and how the public and private sectors can communicate to support each other during an immediate recovery. This effort would include continual enhancement of ESF-18 to become the two-way communication channel between the public and private sectors during an emergency that allows the private sector to communicate its most critical recovery needs (e.g., permitting, schools, consistent information, re-entry) and also allows the private sector to volunteers its expertise and resources to the most critical community needs (e.g., communication) to allow a more speedy recovery for all.
- To prioritize actions, focus on one Hot Spot a year. Coordinate with the leading businesses and organizations in that Hot Spot and discuss potential mitigation actions that can be undertaken by the business community. The County can support this effort by providing technical experts and considering mitigation actions involving public facilities and infrastructure.
- The businesses identified as vulnerable from the Hot Spots analysis should perform in-depth structural and operational analyses (similar to critical facilities analysis). The results of the analyses can be used to make structural improvements to minimize damages, shorten business interruption, and determine if their insurance coverage is sufficient to cover potential damages to expedite the recovery process, and/or develop a debris management plan.

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## Chapter 6 – Mitigation Initiatives

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As an initial step in the development of the LMS, it is necessary to determine what hazard mitigation initiatives are currently underway in the county, or planned for the immediate future in order to establish a baseline of known governmental activities to improve the county's resistance to the impact of disasters. This activity assists the Working Group in establishing its goals and objectives<sup>55</sup>.

### Existing Mitigation Initiatives

In order to complete an inventory of existing and planned initiatives, Broward County contracted with a consulting firm to gather information regarding initiatives being implemented or planned by local governments in the county. Telephone interviews were conducted in June 1998 with representatives of the (then) 29 municipalities and 4 regional organizations with a total of 65 individuals being interviewed. The Planning Subcommittee of the Mitigation Task Force chose to take on a survey as its first project as follow up to the consultant's telephone interviews. A LMS survey form was given to each municipal Task Force member. Now being more familiar with the definition of mitigation and having ownership in the survey instrument, all the municipalities answered in more detail about mitigation practices. Review of mitigation initiatives throughout Broward County is an ongoing effort.

Broward County and its current 31 municipalities participate in a full range of federal, state, and local mitigation programs and initiatives. These programs and initiatives include the LMS, the Community Rating System (CRS), the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Emergency Management & Assistance Program (EMPA), CERT, Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), a Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning (PDRP) that is currently under development, ESF#18 – Business and Industry, South Florida Urban Area Security Initiative (SFUASI), etc. The overarching purpose of these activities is the elimination or reduction of hazards presenting significant risk to the county and its residents<sup>56</sup>. Pre-disaster activities will be coordinated through the LMS Working Group (LMSWG). The LMS Coordinator will be the Liaison between the Working Group and the State. For post-disaster activities, the Recovery Manager will liaise with the State mitigation staff and if applicable, the Joint Field Office (JFO), formerly called the Disaster Field Office (DFO).

Moving forward, the Broward County LMSWG will focus its efforts on meeting or exceeding the national standards required to become accredited under the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), as part of the overall Emergency Management program (see **Appendix K** for EMAP crosswalk).

Some municipalities have proposed no or reduced building permit fees for shuttering of residential structures and related upgrades that are considered mitigation actions, provided that the action meets the South Florida Building Code. All building activity in Broward County (both

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<sup>55</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.4

<sup>56</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.2

new construction and renovations) must meet the South Florida building code, which is more stringent than the building code in the rest of the state<sup>57</sup>.

A major mitigation priority of the LMS is the reduction of repetitive flood loss properties. The county and its CRS participating municipalities track repetitive loss properties countywide on an ongoing basis using data gathered annually from FEMA and the State (See Chapter 4, “Flood” subsection). For mitigation planning and strategy development purposes, the LMS maintains updated GIS maps and informational databases of repetitive loss property locations relative to historical flood areas and designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Repetitive loss properties are an ongoing discussion and planning priority for the LMS<sup>58</sup>. In the future, a Flood/CRS technical subcommittee will be established to address these issues. The subcommittee is envisioned to be comprised of public and private sector representatives and will be encouraged to develop and promote mitigation project ideas and strategies.

### Building Permitting Activities

The Planning Committee of the LMS Working Group was given the task of determining where mitigation measures are being applied to residential and commercial properties to serve as a benchmark for the LMS. It was determined to be too time consuming for each community to gather information and write a report on behalf of the Working Group. A survey instrument was developed to be filled out by each individual applicant as they apply for a permit in each municipality as part of the permitting process. The completed permit survey forms are gathered by each municipality and submitted to Broward County Emergency Management on a semi-annual basis. An annual report of all mitigation activity will then be compiled.

### Capability Assessment

The mitigation strategy serves as a vital link between the risk described in the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment and the ultimate action outcomes of the plan and planning process. A necessary intermediary step is a understanding of the presence of the resources, laws, and programs that help implement mitigation actions. This step is known as the capability assessment and it's basis in the current regulations is 44 CFR 201.6(c)(3):

3) *A mitigation strategy* that provides the jurisdiction's blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment, based on existing authorities, policies, programs and resources, and its ability to expand on and improve these existing tools.

“Future Mitigation Initiatives”, found later in Chapter 6, outlines actions to expand on and improve existing tools. Some of the information below is detailed in other parts of the plan. It is summarized (and referenced) below to provide an overview of the authorities, policies, programs and resources (which includes committees, tools, laws and funding sources) that make mitigation possible on an on-going, not just post-disaster, basis in Broward County:

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<sup>57</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.3

<sup>58</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.1

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### *Funding programs*

See “Funding Sources” found later in this Chapter.

### *County programs*

- Broward County Risk Management Division – This division for the Broward County Board of County Commissioners is responsible for administering the County’s self-insurance program for workers’ compensation, general liability, automobile liability, and property damage claims. Broward County’s purchased insurance program includes the procurement of property insurance which in 2011-2012 was Factory Mutual (FM) Global. The Division’s mission is to continuously develop, manage, and improve insurance and safety/occupational health services in order to provide quality, cost-effective support to its customers and to protect the County’s financial well-being.
  - The County has a deductible of \$100,000,000 for its property and FM Global generally requires protection up to a Category 3 windstorm for properties it insures.

### *Planning policies and Laws*

- Land Use Plan - The Broward County Planning Council is charged with the responsibility of preparing a countywide land use plan under the Charter of Broward County, Florida. The Charter requires all local land use plans within the County to conform to the Broward County Land Use Plan. The Land Use Plan establishes the framework for the future development and redevelopment of Broward County and for the provision of facilities and services within the County. All development must be consistent with the uses, the densities and the intensities of this policy plan.
  - Objective 1.05.00 – Coastal Densities and Hurricane Evacuation: Consider appropriate densities in coastal areas with regards to Broward County hurricane evacuation clearance standards
  - Objective 8.03.10 – Encourages municipalities to prepare flexible land development codes and regulations that address negative drainage pattern impacts caused by impervious surface area of redevelopment/infill activities
  - Objective 8.08.00 – Post-Disaster Redevelopment and Hazard Mitigation: 1) Adopt a PDRP; 2) Inventory hazard-prone properties and encourage building codes and development regulations that reduce future property damages and losses [see Chapter 7 for suggestions for future changes]. 3) Encourage acquisition or redevelopment of hazard prone property to avoid future damages.
  - Objective 9.07.00 – Protect Areas Subject to Seasonal or Periodic Flooding (identified floodplains): Includes requirements that redevelopment address existing flood problems.
- See “Plan Integration Efforts“ in Chapter 7 and Appendix H for more information about how mitigation is integrated into other community plans including the County’s Comprehensive Plan (which is only pertinent to the unincorporated parts of the County).

### *Building codes*

- State of Florida Building Code - Broward County and South Florida have probably the most restrictive wind protection building code standards in the nation. Broward County must comply with the State of Florida Building Code, revised in 2010, which has the following wind protection requirements (effective March 12, 2012):
  - Ultimate Design Wind Speed is 170 miles per hour but for residential structures, the design pressures that the wind protection products are required to meet virtually stays the same as the 2007 code which for Broward was 140 miles per hour for the 3-second gust. All of Broward County is in the Wind-Borne Debris Region of the state.
  - Exposure Category (used to describe area around building): C. This category is the most second stringent standard in Florida. Areas affected by wind over open water that extends 5000 feet or 20 times the height of the building in the upwind direction are in Exposure Category D, the most stringent standard.
  - Building Risk Categories requirements for Broward (Ultimate Design Wind Speed):
    - Risk Category I Buildings and Structures: 156 mph
    - Risk Category II Buildings and Structures: 170 mph
    - Risk Category III and IV Buildings & Structures: 180 mph
  - Building Risk Categories are the following:
    - **I** - Buildings and other structures that represent a low hazard to human life in the event of failure, including but not limited to agricultural, minor storage and certain types of temporary facilities.
    - **II** – Buildings/structures not listed in I, III and IV which is most residential and commercial buildings.
    - **III** - Buildings and other structures that represent a substantial hazard to human life in the event of failure. A few examples include:
      - Buildings and other structures whose primary occupancy is public assembly with an occupant load greater than 300.
      - Buildings and other structures containing elementary school, secondary school or day care facilities with an occupant load greater than 250.
      - Power-generating stations, water treatment facilities for potable water, waste water treatment facilities and other public utility facilities not included in Occupancy Category IV
    - **IV** - Buildings and other structures designated as essential facilities. A few examples include:
      - Fire, rescue, ambulance and police stations and emergency vehicle garages.
      - Designated earthquake, hurricane or other emergency shelters.
      - Designated emergency preparedness, communications and operations centers and other facilities required for emergency response.
      - Aviation control towers, air traffic control centers and emergency aircraft hangars.
      - Water storage facilities and pump structures required to maintain water pressure for fire suppression.
- The Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS®) - Assesses the building codes in effect in a particular community and how the community enforces its building

codes, with special emphasis on mitigation of losses from natural hazards. The concept is simple: municipalities with well-enforced, up-to-date codes should demonstrate better loss experience, and insurance rates can reflect that. The prospect of lessening catastrophe-related damage and ultimately lowering insurance costs provides an incentive for communities to enforce their building codes rigorously — especially as they relate to windstorm and earthquake damage. Several Broward municipalities participate in the BCEGS rating system. In 2011, unincorporated Broward County, Lazy Lake, Hillsboro Beach and Lauderdale-By-The-Sea retained a 10% insurance discount because the Broward County Permitting Section of the Permitting, Licensing and Consumer Protection Division maintained its BCEGS rating.

### *Floodplain management/Flood insurance/Drainage*

- NFIP participation – As of 4/27/2012, all 31 of Broward County’s municipalities participate in the NFIP as well as the County itself and the Seminole Tribe which is partially located in Broward County.
- CRS participation – As of October 1, 2011, 23 of 31 Broward County’s municipalities participate in the CRS program. The County also participates. The non-participants are Lazy Lake, Lauderdale Lakes, Parkland, Pembroke Park, Sea Ranch Lakes, Southwest Ranches, West Park, and Wilton Manors. The Seminole Tribe also does not participate in CRS.
- Drainage responsibilities - Responsibility for canal and lake maintenance (storm water management systems) in most developments is that of the homeowners association. There are 23 independent and dependent districts that have jurisdiction over water related issues and several cities actively manage surface waters in their jurisdictions (e.g., South Broward Drainage District, Central Broward Water Control District). The Broward County Water Management Division has responsibility for seven dependent drainage districts and the unincorporated neighborhoods not within an independent drainage district. Permitting is done by the independent drainage districts in their districts and by Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP) for areas outside of the independent districts. SFWMD permits the larger developments throughout the County.

### *Overarching and Collaborative partnerships*

- Climate Change Task Force – On June 24, 2008, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 2008-442 creating a Climate Change Task Force to develop recommendations for a coordinated countywide strategy in mitigating the causes, and addressing the local implications, of global climate change. The Task Force members have been appointed by the Board and they will be supported by County staff. The duties and responsibilities of the Task Force have been determined. Subcommittees have been identified and their mission statements drafted.
  - Key responsibility related to hazard mitigation – “development and implementation of adaptation strategies to alleviate the likely adverse consequences of climate change including rising sea levels, hurricanes and other violent weather events”

- Climate Change Government Operations Group - The Broward County Climate Change Government Operations Workgroup (PDF) includes representatives from many county agencies that are organized into committees in the areas of buildings/infrastructure, waste, transportation, natural systems and policies. The Workgroup Steering Committee meets monthly to identify potential emission reduction actions and propose implementation of selected actions. The Workgroup works very closely with International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) the Budget Office, the Broward County Climate Change Task Force, and other local organizations to identify funding opportunities for the implementation of GHG reduction projects.
- Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact - Represents a joint commitment of Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties to partner in mitigating the causes and adapting to the consequences of climate change. The Compact was formalized following the 2009 Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit, when elected officials came together to discuss challenges and strategies for responding to the impacts of climate change. The Compact outlines a collaborative effort to participate in a Regional Climate Team toward the development of a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan. Among the actions the Compact takes related to hazard mitigation are:
  - Unified Sea Level Rise Projection – partnered with SFWMD
  - Prepare Inundation Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment of Areas at Risk by Sea Level Rise
  - Develop Priority Planning areas and Adaptation Action Areas which involves preparing inundation mapping and risk assessments revealed the need to focus adaptation improvements in areas of increased risk of inundation due to sea level rise, and the means for directing future funding to these targeted areas. The term Adaptation Action Area (AAA) was created to provide for special designation of these priority planning areas where coastal and tidal flooding placed public and private infrastructure at risk.
    - Comprehensive plan – new iteration with Priority Planning Areas (later - Adaptation Action Areas) for unincorporated areas
    - Municipal versions of Priority Planning Areas – Ft. Lauderdale
- Intergovernmental Emergency Coordinating Committee (ECC) - Assists in identifying needs, operational structure, and guidelines; provide recommendations to Broward County and municipalities in Broward County regarding disaster preparedness and response and recovery efforts. Provides a forum to foster coordination and cooperation among county government and municipal governments in Broward County, together with such other public and private organizations which plan for and respond to disasters and other emergencies.
- Broward Surface Water Coordinating Council – This group is primarily composed of the SFWMD and local drainage districts. Broward County EMD officials have started attending these meetings to participate in discussions about drainage and public works needs.
- LMS – As of May 2012, Broward County has a currently approved LMS and its efforts to enhance it will be complete by June 2012.

- South Florida Regional Planning Council – Oversees larger issues affecting the four counties in the South Florida area (Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward). As of May 2012, the SFRPC is investigating the possibility of conducting a regional economic analysis using modeling software from Regional Economics Modeling, Inc. Also acquires and maintains important economic and demographic data. The Council regularly reviews local government comprehensive plans and plan amendments for consistency with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP). Local governments amend their plans regularly to adjust to changing conditions. Plan and plan amendments are reviewed to determine compatibility with the SRPP and for extra-jurisdictional impacts.

### *Post-disaster initiatives for mitigation*

- See Broward County Recovery Framework

### *Federal standards*

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) core capabilities - One of the goals of the National Preparedness System (NPS), based on Presidential Policy Directive (PPD) – 8, is the “the unrelenting pursuit of risk informed decisions and actions that increase resiliency”. One central focus of the ELMS is to update and advance an understanding of risk in Broward County to natural and manmade hazards (updating of Chapter 4 including new subsection of Climate Change/Sea Level Rise and addition of Chapter 5). A follow-up to this effort is to review existing mitigation actions and develop new ones based on this better understanding of risk. The following are a listing of DHS core capabilities relevant to hazard mitigation and how the ELMS meets these capabilities:

- Threats and Hazard Identification – “Identify the threats and hazards that occur in the geographic area; determine the frequency and magnitude; and incorporate this into analysis and planning processes so as to clearly understand the needs of a community or entity.”
  - ELMS meets this capability by providing detailed analysis of how different natural and manmade hazards and threat may affect the County and determine potential magnitudes as well as frequencies (likelihood of future recurrence). This analysis in Chapters 4 and 5 is the basis for the rest of the plan.
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment – “Assess risk and disaster resilience so that decision makers, responders, and community members can take informed action to reduce their entity’s risk and increase their resilience.”
  - ELMS meets this capability by involving a wide representation of the community in LMS meetings and presenting them the findings of the risk and vulnerability assessment. In at least 3 meetings during the ELMS development in 2011-2012, the findings of the Economic Vulnerability and update Risk Assessment (e.g., sea level rise subsection) have been presented to the LMS. The LMS has increased its overall membership including the private sector. Under the Recovery Framework development, leadership on the Technical Assistance Committees has emerged from multiple sources (e.g., County/municipal government, private sector).



- Community Resilience – “Lead the integrated effort to recognize, understand, communicate, plan, and address risks so that the community can develop a set of actions to accomplish Mitigation and improve resilience.”
  - See response to “Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment”. The ELMS is available for review on the Broward County ftp site.
  
- Long-term Vulnerability Reduction – “Build and sustain resilient systems, communities, and critical infrastructure and key resources lifelines so as to reduce their vulnerability to natural, technological, and human-caused incidents by lessening the likelihood, severity, and duration of the adverse consequences related to these incidents.”
  - ELMS meets this through the development of the MAT Tool process which sets up a system for reviewing county investments for mitigation opportunities. In addition, several projects on the current LMS list are for protecting key facilities and resources. The LMS is in partnership with the Climate Change Government Operations Group which is developing comprehensive planning principles to steer future infrastructure and development away from areas at highest risk from the impacts of climate change and hurricanes. A future step in this process will be to analyze the potential impacts of technological and human-caused impacts on lifelines and taking action.
  
- DHS Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) guide – It provides a comprehensive approach for identifying and assessing risks and associated impacts. It expands on existing local, tribal, territorial, and state Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments (HIRAs) and other risk methodologies by broadening the factors considered in the process, incorporating the whole community throughout the entire process, and by accounting for important community-specific factors
  - Step 1: Assess various threats and hazards facing a community of any size – Chapter 4 provides a comprehensive review of hazards and threats in Broward County
  - Step 2: Vulnerability of the community to these hazards in context with time, season, location, and community factors – Chapter 4 provides historical information indicating where and when these hazards have occurred. It also provides future likelihood and some maps of where the future project losses may occur. Chapter 5 looks specifically at how the major hazards may threaten key commercial core areas and key infrastructure in those area very specifically with maps and loss projections.
  - Step 3: Consequences of the threat and hazards impacting the community – In Chapter 5, under “Summary of Potential Impacts and Potential Areas for Redevelopment” and “Major Government Facilities/Infrastructure Analysis”, consequences of some of the hazards impacting the community are described.
  - Step 4: Through the lens of DHS core capabilities, establish capability targets: This step is primarily geared toward preparedness but in this subsection, it is listed how the ELMS meets the four core capabilities related to hazard mitigation.
  - Step 5: Using the results of the THIRA process, set an informed foundation for mitigation planning activities – Chapter 6 lists County Initiatives, Appendix C lists LMS projects, and Chapter 7 provides how mitigation is incorporated into county planning processes which demonstrate how the County responds through actions and initiatives to the risk outlined in Chapters 4 and 5.

### *Community initiatives*

- Oakland Park Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) – As of May 2012, the City of Oakland Park’s PDRP was still under development. Check the city’s website for <http://oaklandparkfl.org> for more information.
- Hallandale Beach CRS plan – The City of Hallandale Beach has prepared its own CRS Activity 510 Floodplain Management Plan. To access this plan, go to <http://www.hallandalebeachfl.gov/index.aspx?NID=696>.

### **Future Mitigation Initiatives**

In 2009, the LMS Working Group and its committees had restructured to better define and address mitigation initiatives and promote more involvement. Future mitigation initiatives noted in 2009 were focused on, but not limited to the following:

- Zoning Changes
- Land use regulations (To be included in the Broward County Post- Disaster Redevelopment Plan)
- Review of existing permitting fees
- Mitigation tax incentives
- Recommendations to State regarding insurance premiums
- Discussions with State regarding additional financial incentives for structural hardening programs (e.g. My Safe Florida Home)

During the 2011-2012, the following additional components were included in the ELMS:

- Inclusion of climate change and sea level rise impacts including proposed changes from the Climate Change Government Operations Group (e.g., the Priority Planning areas as part of the Adaptation Action Areas revision to the Comprehensive Plan)
- More robust private sector involvement including ways to help businesses mitigate and recover quicker from hazard events
- Coordination with the Recovery efforts including all documents in the Broward County Recovery Framework (formerly Countywide Recovery Process or CRP)
- Use of cost-effectiveness screening tools like the Loss Estimation Tool (LET), which was developed during the ELMS process
- Integration with community planning and capital improvement funding processes
- Development of a secure website for applicants to submit LMS projects. It will include access to the Loss Estimation Tool and will allow for an automated process of prioritizing the projects based on the criteria in the current prioritization matrix (Appendix A).
- Development of public website to contain guidance materials for the community on mitigation projects for their homes<sup>59</sup>
- Suggested change to Broward County Land Use Plan found in Chapter 7

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<sup>59</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.15.1

- HSEEP-compliant workshop on April 12, 2012 to discuss how ELMS meets DHS core capabilities related to hazard mitigation

## Goals and Objectives

The Executive Committee has been given the task of formulating the goals and objectives for the LMS. Mitigation goals and objectives must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the county and the individual municipalities' master plans, their codes and ordinances, as well as other endeavors that reflect the aspirations for the welfare, safety and quality of life of their citizens. The goals and objectives were reviewed again in 2011-2012. Most of the existing goals were affirmed and a few revisions/additions were made to the objectives.

The following are the goals and objective of the LMS:

### **Mission Statement**<sup>60</sup>

*The mission of the Broward County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (LMS) is to promote a comprehensive mitigation program to strengthen Broward County and its communities and to minimize the impact of natural, technological, and societal hazards. This can be achieved by increasing public awareness, documenting the resources for risk reduction, and identifying activities that will guide the county towards building a safer community.*

### **Goal #1 – Protect human health, safety, and welfare**

#### Objectives

- 1.1 Limit long-term public investment in areas identified as subject to repetitive damage from disasters.
- 1.2 Ensure the protection of critical facilities such as prohibitions on constructing critical facilities in high-hazard areas (which includes 100-year and 500-year floodplains prohibited by FEMA in 44 CFR Part 9 if federal funds are involved).
- 1.3 Reduce or eliminate development in hazard prone areas such as floodplains (e.g., short term focus on 100-year floodplain and long-term 500-year floodplain).
- 1.4 Implement additional development restrictions in high-hazard areas especially as related to post-disaster redevelopment.
- 1.5 Consider the use of land acquisition programs for properties subject to development that are located in high-hazard areas.
- 1.6 Coordinate with SFWMD to discuss what measures need to be taken to prepare and retrofit water control structures for sea level rise to maintain salinity barrier and offer flood protection.

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<sup>60</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.1

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**Goal #2 – To increase business, residential, and community awareness and implementation of hazard mitigation**

Objectives

- 2.1 Identify segments of the community most at risk and develop strategies that will ensure effective dissemination of mitigation information.
- 2.2 Implement a strategy to educate interest in obtaining disaster mitigation and preparedness training.
- 2.3 Develop a single clearinghouse to disseminate accurate and consistent information relating to disaster mitigation.
- 2.4 Maintain a profile of available funding sources for mitigation projects and make it available through the Broward County website.
- 2.5 Create and maintain a listing of successfully mitigated projects to showcase best practices countywide.
- 2.6 Actively support the Private Sector Committee and help businesses identify mitigation opportunities for self-funding; particularly in areas identified as vulnerable in the 'hot spots' of Chapter 5.
- 2.7 Create and maintain a list of highly successful sea level rise adaptation projects to showcase best practices utilized in the South Florida region.
- 2.8 Hotels, especially those high-rises in coastal mandatory evacuation zones should consider mitigation measures that allow guests and staff to shelter-in-place to protect guests, protect property, and reduce the pressure on shelters.
- 2.9 With results from Housing Vulnerability Chapter of ELMS (soon to be added), work with municipalities to identify mitigation measures and state/federal funding available to residents in areas of highest vulnerability.

**Goal #3 – To ensure adequate training opportunities to support hazard mitigation**

Objectives

- 3.1 Develop ongoing education and exercise curricula for public and private officials in the areas of hazard mitigation and emergency management.
- 3.2 Support local training opportunities in hazard mitigation construction techniques for building officials, engineers, and other public officials.
- 3.3 Support existing hazard mitigation training efforts.
- 3.4 Maintain a profile of existing available resources for mitigation training projects.

- 3.5 Partner with businesses to offer hazard mitigation classes for residents, especially at hardware and home improvement stores (see also Miami-Dade's "*Mitigation for Misers*").

#### **Goal #4 – To facilitate preventive measures to mitigate hazards**

##### Objectives

- 4.1 Encourage local municipalities and eligible nonprofit entities to review site and building plans for hazard mitigation issues and to include storm hardening in the building plans, including retrofit and renovation, of all municipal structures. Link hazard mitigation considerations to each municipality's capital improvement funding process.
- 4.2 Encourage retrofitting of existing residential and business structures using disaster mitigation construction techniques.
- 4.3 Encourage the development of hazard mitigation related building codes and inspection procedures.
- 4.4 Encourage local governments to implement prioritized hazard mitigation projects.
- 4.5 Maintain a profile of existing available funding sources for structural mitigation projects and make it available through the Broward County website, press releases (as applicable), and any Broward County newsletters available to the general public.
- 4.6 Encourage County and municipal agencies to identify mitigation needs for key facilities identified for post-disaster use in COOP plans and research ways and means to mitigate vulnerabilities.

#### **Goal #5 – To facilitate planning initiatives that ensure effective hazard mitigation programs and policies**

- 5.1 In the Adaptation Action Areas, all regulatory agencies should discourage expenditures of public funds for infrastructure improvements that attract new residential development. [see Appendix H and Chapter 7, "County Comprehensive Plan" under "Plan Integration Efforts for more information on Adaptation Action Areas"]
- 5.2 Develop strategies to reduce risk to healthcare patients and special needs medical populations within vulnerable areas, including land development code revisions to discourage the construction of new year-round residential facilities for treatment of special needs medical populations in Adaptation Action Areas (.).
- 5.3 Encourage 100% municipal participation in the CRS.
- 5.4 Encourage all municipalities to develop and maintain an all-hazard Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) that is consistent with other county plans and procedures.

- 5.5 In areas identified by the vulnerability analysis as being a threat due to the presence of hazardous materials, local governments should encourage compatible land uses, and improve public safety.

### **Goal #6 – Develop and enhance regional mitigation efforts**

#### Objectives

- 6.1 Coordinate with other government agencies to develop regional mitigation efforts to include a variety of current hurricane events and potential future sea level rise threats.
- 6.2 Work with SFWMD to upgrade and/or retrofit water control structures for changing sea level rise conditions.

### **Goal #7 – Promote mitigation partnerships and innovative methods of financing mitigation**

#### Objectives

- 7.1 Develop effective partnerships with public and private sector organizations and significant agencies and businesses for future hazard mitigation efforts.
- 7.2 MAT – Identify Alternative Financing for mitigation measures for locally funded actions beyond code, beyond county insurer requirements
- 7.3 Evaluate use of Global Match credit to be tracked for potential use with HMGP projects

### **Prioritization of Mitigation Projects**

A mechanism for determining and prioritizing mitigation projects for Broward County was sought out as part of the early Local Mitigation Strategy. A consultant drafted the first version of prioritization procedures, but as the LMS Working Group evolved, members began the process and realized a more simplified version would be necessary for implementation. In 2012, as part of the ELMS process and with oversight by the Executive Committee, the existing grading/ranking system was overhauled. The latest Project Prioritization Matrix version can be found in Appendix A and the revised Proposed Mitigation Project Form in Appendix B.

It is the responsibility of each jurisdiction/agency to identify mitigation projects. As projects are identified, the jurisdiction/agency should screen the project using the Loss Estimation Tool and must complete a submission form in order for the project to be considered (see Appendix B). Once completed, the project proposal form is then submitted to the LMS Coordinator, who in turn presents them to the Executive Committee to be scored and ranked. In the future, a formal review schedule will be developed<sup>61</sup>.

A current listing of active projects can be found in Appendix C and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on an annual basis, or as deemed necessary, to validate its ranking and

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<sup>61</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.5

applicability. In addition to these projects, which should undergo a resubmittal using the revised Appendix A and B forms, the ELMS process created additional overarching mitigation actions that are listed in “Future Mitigation Initiatives” and “County Initiatives” in this chapter. As part of the annual updates, all entities who have submitted projects are required to indicate if a project has remained viable. If not, that project will be removed from the active list and coded “Inactive”<sup>62</sup>. Completed projects will also remain on the list to show progress in implementing the mitigation plan.

Presently, the top 10 priority projects are listed, along with scoring numbers. In the near future, it is a priority for the LMS Working Group to completely review and update all projects to reflect current costs and applicant priorities.

In the event of a Presidentially Declared Disaster, Broward County Emergency Management Division will work with federal, state, and local officials to coordinate and manage FEMA Disaster Assistance funding programs. When the State opens the application period for HMGP and/or PDM funds, the most current prioritized projects, which meet the HMGP and/or PDM requirements, will be gathered and reviewed by the Executive Committee. Consideration for projects for other FEMA funding sources, e.g., FMA, Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL), will occur as needed based on funding availability and meeting these programs’ more restrictive eligibility criteria.

A tiered approach will be used in order to best utilize the available HMGP funding throughout Broward County. Projects will be categorized as Single Jurisdiction, Multi-jurisdictional, and Countywide. The applicable percentage applied for each category will be established by the Executive Committee for each disaster.

### County Initiatives

These are larger overarching actions that require the leaderships of the County EMD and the LMS Executive Committee to consider for implementation. These are recommended actions resulting from the various components of the ELMS process. Overall, they will respond to the updated risk information from the revised Chapter 4 and the new Chapter 5. These actions are also a result of Mitigation Integration Summary development process and participation in the LMS by a greater diversity of stakeholders.

- Use the National Weather Service (NWS) Storm Data Report as recommended by the Florida Division of Emergency Management/Florida Planning and Development Lab’s “Recommended Integration Practices: Strengthening the Floodplain Management Plan and Portions of the Local Mitigation Strategy”<sup>63</sup>. The County EMD should facilitate the adoption of this process with the municipalities. It provides a uniform, credible source of data collection that is stored in a centralized area on a more permanent basis that can endure changes in staff level at local level. It is accessible to anyone with an internet connection and has the following procedures:

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<sup>62</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.4

<sup>63</sup> Reference to the August 2011 draft version of this FDEM/FSU document

- Storm Data Report allow multiple avenues for the submission of storm data which includes phone reports, internet reports, collection from local media sources, and calls to local emergency dispatchers during or after a severe weather occurrence. This data will then be compiled and stored in the online NWS Storm Data Database where it may be accessed online at the following address: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/StormReport/SubmitReport.php?site=mlb>. It is critical to include critical detailed information like a listing of structures impacted and flood depths with each report.
- Implement the MAT tool process detailed in Chapter 7, "Link LMS to County and Municipal CIPs".
- Coordinate with the SFWMD and Surface Water Coordinating Council on larger-scale drainage projects.
- Support the Climate Change Government Operations Group on the following actions that overlap with hazard mitigation from the 2010 Climate Change Action Plan:
  - Collaborate on legislative policies that can bring funds to implement action items in South Florida
  - Collaborate broadly on mitigation and adaptation policies (with municipalities, groups like Broward League of Cities, neighboring counties, non-profits, etc.) [Mitigation can piggyback on Climate Change efforts]
  - Lead advocacy on climate change policies with national and state groups like National Association of Counties, Florida Association of Counties, and Florida League of Cities
  - Work to integrate sustainable practices and adaptability into comprehensive plans (priority planning areas and Adoption Action Areas) and long-range transportation plans
  - Join the support of state, regional and local agencies in mitigation and adaptation plans
  - Revise Land Use Plan to address mitigation and adaptation policies [see suggested changes in Chapter 7]
  - Remove barriers to restricting development in vulnerable areas
  - Adopt adaptation standards for all new public buildings by considering sea level rise and climate change impacts
  - Inventory county owned infrastructure at risk from sea level rise/climate change impacts [several agencies have completed inventories]
  - Develop strategies for retrofitting flood control gates for sea level rise
  - Improve inundation mapping capabilities [in progress]
  - Develop new 100-year storm maps and encourage FEMA to consider sea level rise in map updates
  - Support technical efforts to better understand risk from potential climate change scenarios
  - Encourage green and climate impact resistance construction practices
  - Review contents in County buildings for mitigation opportunities because it is self-insured
  - Validate that structures not viable for mitigation/loss control are properly valued for insurance replacement value purposes
- Support efforts to restore funding to SFWMD needed for long-term drainage assistance.
- Build on public involvement efforts detailed in Chapter 7 in developing a website or webpage to provide the general public guidance materials on mitigation projects for their homes. This effort and any follow-up technical assistance/outreach activities will help



mitigate the vulnerability of residential housing in Broward County depicted in Appendix J.

## Funding Sources

The following is a list of the primary funding sources for mitigation projects with key information (also see Appendix M):

### Federal

- **FEMA HMGP** – Key purpose is to provide an opportunity to take critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters during the post-disaster reconstruction process. The State of Florida has additional parameters on how HMGP funds are made available in the state post-disaster. (See **Table 6.1** for a list of eligible project types for HMGP and the other 4 FEMA mitigation grant programs).
- **FEMA PDM** – Key purpose is to provide a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce the risk to population and structures from future hazard events. The program is funded out of non-disaster programs with the intent to reduce reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. The PDM annual budget is subject to periodic fluctuations based on Congressional priorities.
- **FEMA FMA**– Key purpose is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP by making available funds for flood mitigation projects for structures covered by flood insurance policies.
- **FEMA RFC** – Key purpose is to make grant funds available to reduce flood damages to individual properties for which one or more flood insurance claim payments for losses have been made and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF) in the shortest period of time.
- **FEMA SRL** – Key purpose is to make grant funds available to reduce flood damages to residential properties that have experienced severe repetitive losses under flood insurance coverage and will result in the greatest savings to the NFIF in the shortest period of time.
- **FEMA Public Assistance (PA) 406 Mitigation Grant Program** (this potential funding source is also detailed in the Broward County Recovery Framework (former CRP) – Is available for counties included in a FEMA presidential disaster declaration if they are otherwise eligible for the PA program, a valid and eligible PA project is included in the Project Worksheet in a timely manner, and the FEMA PA group administering the disaster is in agreement. Project types range from floodproofing, to wind protection to road elevation to drainage upgrades/improvements. For more information on this program, visit the following website: [www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/9526\\_1](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/9526_1).
- **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program** – This program is made available on a case-by-case basis by the U.S. Congress and is usually authorized after larger disaster events that already received a presidential disaster declaration. Project

types are generally for residential properties (acquisition, elevation) but can also be available for small businesses including rental properties (elevation). Code enforcement support is also potentially eligible. To get additional information on this program, visit the following website: [www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/drsi](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/drsi).

- **US Army Corps of Engineers Mitigation** - The USACE's Flood Control (Structural & Non-Structural), Section 205 of the 1948 Flood Control Act, as amended, authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and construct small flood control projects. Each project is limited to a Federal cost of \$7,000,000.00 and must be economically justified, environmentally sound, and technically feasible. See the following website for more information: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/pub/ap/facts/sec205.pdf>. The USACE's Emergency Streambank and Shore Protection program, Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act, as amended, authorizes the USACE to develop and construct streambank and shoreline protection projects. The goal of the program is to protect endangered highways, bridge approaches, public works facilities, churches, public and private nonprofit public facilities. Each project is limited to a Federal cost of \$1,500,000.00 and must be economically justified, environmentally sound, and technically feasible. See the following website for more information: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/pub/ap/facts/sec14.pdf>. Section 103 of the 1962 River and Harbor Act authorizes the USACE to develop small projects for the purpose of shore protection and beach restoration. Each project is limited to a Federal cost of \$3,000,000, and must be economically justified, environmentally sound, and engineering feasible. Eligible applicants include local municipalities and public agencies.
- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)** – Eligible activities include planning, training, exercise, and organization including mitigation and recovery activities from acts of terrorism and catastrophic events. For more information, see the following website: [www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp).
- **Coastal Management Program Grants** – Includes the Coastal Resource Improvement Program which funds on small-scale construction or land acquisition projects that enhance public access to the coast, facilitate redevelopment of urban waterfronts, or preserve and restore coastal resources. There are other grant programs available; go to the following website for more additional information: <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/funding/welcome.html>.
- **Department of Education Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE)** - A grant program for institutions of higher education to evaluate their risk and prepare for risks from natural and manmade hazards. In 2008-2009, Broward College received an EMHE grant. Eligible project activities include plans, vulnerability assessments, support building, organization and training. For more information on this program, go to the following websites: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/emergencyhighed/index.html> and [http://rems.ed.gov/index.php?page=EMHE\\_Grant](http://rems.ed.gov/index.php?page=EMHE_Grant).
- **EPA grants for stormwater including Green Infrastructure, Clean Water grants, and Impaired Streams** (usually must include water quality element) – see [http://water.epa.gov/grants\\_funding](http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding)

Table 6.1 – Eligible Project Activities of the 5 FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	HMGP	PDM	FMA	RFC	SRL
<b>1. Mitigation Projects</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Property Acquisition and Structure Relocation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Structure Elevation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mitigation Reconstruction					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dry Floodproofing of Historic Residential Structures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dry Floodproofing of Non-residential Structures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Building/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Safe Room Construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Infrastructure Retrofit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Soil Stabilization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Wildfire Mitigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Post-Disaster Code Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
5% Initiative Projects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<b>2. Hazard Mitigation Planning</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>3. Management Costs</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Source: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance

### State

- EMPA Competitive Grant Program
- Emergency Management Performance Grant
- County Base Grant Program
- The Florida Communities Trust
- The Florida Coastal Management Program
- Florida Coastal Partnership Initiative – <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/cmp/grants/index.htm>

Any required local match will be the responsibility of the applicant. For FEMA approved projects using HMGP funds, there can be instances where project costs increase and the federal share become less than the applicable cost share, typically 75%. If this occurs and additional funding becomes available, the LMS may choose to increase the federal cost share to the maximum allowable amount. Any locally-funded hazard mitigation projects should be brought to the attention of the LMS Executive Committee for potential Global Match credit.

### Pending Wind Mitigation Actions

The Broward County Division of Construction Management obtained FEMA hazard mitigation grants for four County hazard mitigation projects. The funding will be used to fortify the Main Library, the Ron Cochran Building at the Public Safety Complex, the East Wing of the Broward County Judicial Center and Fleet Service Center Number Three in Pompano Beach. This work will primarily involve the replacement of windows at each location with new impact-resistant glass and frames.<sup>64</sup>

## Completed Flood Mitigation Actions and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by Jurisdiction

As required by 44 CFR §201.6(3)(ii), each jurisdiction must address its “participation in the NFIP, and continued compliance with NFIP requirements as appropriate”. The National Flood Insurance Program Community Book <http://www.fema.gov/fema/csb.shtm> verifies all Broward County communities are listed as participating in the National Flood Program. The following activities are broken down by community<sup>65</sup>:

### Broward County, Unincorporated – (CRS Community)

Unincorporated Broward County has been a CRS community since October 20, 1972 and is currently a class 8. The county has designated the Environmental Engineering and Licensing Manager as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Maintain Elevation Certificates for New/Substantially Improved Buildings
- Provide Flood Zone Information
- Inform Lenders, Insurance Agents, and Real Estate Offices of Our Services
- Keep Old and Current FIRMs
- Produce/Distribute Flood News Newsletter
- Maintain Flood Protection Materials at Library
- Provide Flood Protection Assistance
- Preserve Open Space in Floodplain
- Enforce Floodplain Management Regulations
- Use/Update Flood Data GIS Information
- Produce/Distribute Property Protection Information to Repetitive Loss Areas
- Prepare Floodplain Management Plan (LMS) Annual Progress Report
- Inspect/Repair/Maintain Drainage Systems
- Conduct Drainage System Portions of CIP
- Provide Information on Stream Dumping Regulations

Broward County’s current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the County had 36,871 NFIP policies in force (in 2009, this count was 38,361).

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<sup>64</sup> From Broward County eCounty website, accessed on 4/27/12, which delivers news at [http://www.broward.org/ecountyline/Pages/vol\\_33\\_no\\_3/news.htm](http://www.broward.org/ecountyline/Pages/vol_33_no_3/news.htm)

<sup>65</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.2

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for our latest Recertification Document.

#### **Coconut Creek, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Coconut Creek has been a CRS community since October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1992 and is currently a class 7. The city has designated Osama Elshami, Assistant Director of the Engineering Division in the Utilities and Engineering Department, as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

1. Constant monitoring of the drainage systems and drainage basins.
2. On-going Capital improvement projects to improve water quantity and quality of the drainage system, which consist of waterways dredging and maintenance. The design and permitting are performed in-house.
3. On-going preventive maintenance programs consisting of swale re-grading, and stormwater systems cleaning and repairs. Maintenance program performed mainly in-house.
4. Training by Floodplain Manager of Engineering Department staff, who reviews building permits. Training includes NFIP regulations and Elevation Certificates.
5. Maintenance of a clear map depicting various Flood Zone designations.
6. Brochures related to flooding and NFIP requirements were sent to every household in the City.
7. Answering various residents with questions about Flood Zones, Flood Hazards, and how to mitigate flooding. Courtesy site visits are also available.
8. GIS mapping of all utilities including drainage in the City as well as Flood Zones. The maps can also be accessed by the public since it is web-based.
9. Maintenance and scanning of all elevation certificates database.
10. Maintenance of all Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) database.
11. CRS 510 Floodplain Management update for year 2010 (see attachment).

The City of Coconut Creek's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, it has 4,585 flood policies in effect (in 2009, this count was 4,714).

The last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was in 2011, at which time the State found no violations or other program deficiencies. The last FEMA/ISO CRS audit was in 2010 and the City retained its CRS 7 classification. The City is serious about its commitment to flood protection and mitigation for the whole community and always looks for improvements.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for our latest Recertification Document.

#### **Cooper City, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of City of Cooper City has been a CRS Community since 1992 and is currently a Class 7. The City has designated the Growth Management Director as the CRS Coordinator. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Conduct and document drainage system maintenance throughout the community

- Conduct drainage system maintenance by inspecting/repair/maintain drainage system
- Continue to preserve and maintain our open space and parks system
- Enforce Floodplain Development Permits
- Enforce Floodplain Management Regulations
- Enforce stormwater management ordinances
- Enforce our stream dumping regulations
- Inform lenders, insurance agents, and real estate offices of our services
- Inform residents of the Broward County "Home Damage Assessment Program" which will benefit the City by providing critical information where major damage has occurred
- Maintain and keep old and current FIRMs
- Maintain Elevation Certificates for all new/substantially improved buildings
- Maintain flood protection materials at the local library
- On-going training for staff relative to floodplain management
- Prepare/distribute Floodplain Management Plan (LMS) Annual Progress Report
- Preserve open space in floodplain
- Produce and maintain a log and history of drainage system maintenance provided to residents
- Produce/distribute outreach projects to all residents/businesses within the floodplain and all of Cooper City
- Produce/distribute property protection information to Repetitive Loss Areas
- Produce/distribute property protection information to Repetitive Loss Properties
- Provide copies of Elevation Certificates to residents and/or businesses
- Provide flood protection assistance
- Provide information on "no dumping" signage throughout the City.
- Provide letters of Flood Insurance Rate Map Determination
- Provide property protection assistance to homeowners and/or businesses
- Update and maintain the Flood Information on the City's website

In February, 2008, the City's Growth Management Staff attended the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)/Community Rating System (CRS) Course E278 through the Emergency Management Institute (a 4 day class) that was offered for the first time in Boca Raton. Each Staff member received a Certificate of Completion. The E278 course is highly recommended as it goes through the current CRS Coordinator's Manual and provides in depth explanations and recommendations of the required CRS activities.

The City of Cooper City's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 8,039 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 8,068). The NFIP identified 4 repetitive loss properties within the City. The last CAC visit was on February 6, 2006, at which time the State found no violations or other program deficiencies. For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **Coral Springs, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Coral Springs has been a CRS community since 1992. Coral Springs is currently a Class 8 Community. The city has designated the City Engineer as the CRS Coordinator and the

Public Works department as the Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Elevation Certificates are required by the Building Department to be completed for all projects in areas considered in the special flood hazard areas.
- The City's Building Department has provided up to date training to all elevation certificate reviewers to ensure the certificates are completed properly.
- Maps showing the City's flood zones are provided at the library and can also be accessed at <http://www.coralsprings.org/floodinformation/floodmap.pdf>
- Coral Springs provides information to every city resident through its "Coral Springs" magazine. Information in the magazine includes providing information for safety measures prior to any potential flooding such as shutting off the electricity and gas when a flood arrives and details on preparing a disaster response plan. The magazine provides additional details concerning permanent flood measures and provides the link to the *Homeowners' Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding* at [www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/lib312.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/lib312.shtm). In addition to permanent protection measures and safety measures the city also publishes information about 5 grant programs available from FEMA
- The City's Public Works Department also provides information available to residents who call or visit the office with questions regarding flood information.
- The City also provides flood information online at:  
<http://www.coralsprings.org/floodinformation/FloodInsurance.pdf>

The City of Coral Springs' current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. The City's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. The last CAC visit was on April 28, 2010, at which time the State found no violations or other program deficiencies and the City maintained its Class 8 rating.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for our latest Recertification Document.

#### **Dania Beach, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Dania Beach has been a CRS Community since December 1992. Dania Beach is currently a Class 9 Community. The city has designated Lou Ann Patellaro, City's Building and Planning Operations Manager as CRS Coordinator and Dominic Orlando, City's Public Services Director, as the Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Maintenance of Elevation Certificates on all new and substantially improved buildings in our Special Flood Hazard Area.
- On site availability of elevation certificates for newer properties.
- The Building Division provides flood insurance rate map information to inquirers and keeps an electronic record of the information provided.
- Flood insurance rate maps are updated as necessary.
- The Broward County Main Library maintains flood protection materials.
- Floodplain management provisions outlined in the city's zoning and building codes are enforced.
- The Florida Building Code is enforced by the City of Dania Beach.

The City of Dania Beach's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 31, 2011, Dania Beach has 2,084 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 5,071).

The last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was in 2007, at which time the FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification.

#### **Davie, Town of- (CRS Community)**

The Town of Davie has been a CRS Community since 1992. The Town of Davie is currently a Class 7 Community. The Town has designated the Intergovernmental Affairs Manager as the CRS Coordinator and the Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Elevation Certificates
- Map Information Service
- Outreach Projects
- Flood Protection Information
- Open Space Preservation
- Higher Regulatory Standards
- Flood Data Maintenance
- Stormwater Management
- Floodplain Management Planning
- Drainage System Maintenance
- Dam Safety

The Town of Davie enacted its initial floodplain management ordinance on June 16, 1976 through Ordinance 1976-23, and still reflects the latest FIRM maps. There have been 4 revisions, in 1977, 1988, 1995, and 2005. Based on this ordinance, the Town's Building and Engineering Departments enforce the floodplain management ordinance. As of January 2011, the Town had 17,752 NFIP flood policies in force (in 2009, this count was 19,294).

The State of Florida conducted its Community Assistance Contact (CAC) in February 2006. The Community Assistance Visit (CAV) identified that additional definitions were necessary in the Town's floodplain management ordinance. The Town Council revised the ordinance to reflect these new definitions in March 2005

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the Town's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Deerfield Beach, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Deerfield Beach has been a CRS Community since 1992 and is currently a Class 7 Community, as of May 1, 2011. The City has designated Suzanne Horvath in its Engineering Department as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:



- Elevation Certificates
- Map Information Service
- Outreach Projects
- Flood Protection Information
- Open Space Preservation
- Higher Regulatory Standards
- Flood Data Maintenance
- Stormwater Management
- Drainage Systems Maintenance
- Flood Warning Program

The City of Deerfield Beach's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City of Deerfield Beach had 6,479 of flood insurance policies (in 2009, this count was 7,312).

The most recent 5-year Cycle Verification Visit by the FEMA ISO/CRS Specialist was on June 23, 2010 at which time FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies.

The City's last Community Assistance Visit (CAV) was conducted on June 23, 2011. For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Fort Lauderdale, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been a CRS Community since 1992 and is currently a Class 7. The City has designated its Environmental Services Manager as the CRS Coordinator and its Building Official as the Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the last 5 years include:

- Improving its score by forming a team with representatives from multiple departments to meet every other week and seek ways to collectively increase City CRS activities to lower ratings to become a Class 7 community.
- Significantly increased number of materials and formats in which they were distributed to reach more residents.
- Created new annual Flood Guide that is distributed through a variety of means
- Create annual display at City Commission Meeting
- Identified, mapped, and significantly increased outreach to repetitive loss properties and repetitive loss areas.
- Other activities include:
  - Preventative Activities
  - Property Protection Activities
  - Floodplain Protection Activities
  - Structural Projects
  - Outreach Projects

The City of Fort Lauderdale's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 44,076 flood policies (in 2009, this count was

45,748). FEMA conducted an on-site visit in 2007 and reviewed the City's documentation regarding past CRS activities and found no violations or other program deficiencies.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Hallandale Beach, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Hallandale Beach has been a CRS Community since 1994. Hallandale Beach is currently a Class 6. The city has designated the Building Official as the CRS Coordinator and the Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Maintain Elevation Certificates on all new and substantially improved buildings in our Special Flood Hazard Area
- Provide Flood Insurance Rate Map information; inform lenders, insurance agents, real estate offices of the above activity
- Provide an annual outreach project to the community
- Maintain flood protection materials in our public library
- Provide flood protection assistance to inquirers and maintain records of the service
- Preserve open space in the floodplain
- Enforce storm water management provisions through our Zoning, Engineering, Building, and local Code of Ordinances
- Provide a copy of property protection for repetitive loss areas
- Mandate a drainage system maintenance program
- Exercise an outreach program that informs the public of flood warnings and safety measures
- Maintain and utilize digitized maps
- Enforce regulations for stormwater management, freeboard in Non-SFHA zones, soil and erosion control, and water quality
- Adopt and implement Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Provide timely identification of impending flood threats, disseminate warning to appropriate floodplain residents, and coordinate flood response activities

The City of Hallandale Beach's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 18,977 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 19,377). The last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was on 2/6/2006, at which time the FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Hillsboro Beach, Town of- (CRS Community)**

The Town of Hillsboro Beach has been a NFIP participating community since 1978 and a CRS Community since October 1994. As of October 2009, the Town of Hillsboro Beach's is a Class 8 Community. The Town has designated the Town Planner as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. The Town of Hillsboro Beach's "Ordinance 143 – Flood Damage Prevention" reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of November 2011, the Town had 2,123 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 2,219).

On September 10, 2008 the Town had a 5-year Cycle Visit and no violations or deficiencies were noted. The Town expanded the Public Outreach and Map Information Services for this visit. GIS Based Flood Plain Maps were prepared relative to FEMA Flood Zones, Parcel Lines, Future Land Use and Zoning Districts. The Town's Website and Flood Prevention Brochure were updated and provided to all Town residents.

#### **Hollywood, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Hollywood, Florida has been a NFIP participating community since 1972 and a CRS Community since October 10, 1992. Currently the City is a Class 7 Community. The designated CRS Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager is James Rusnak, CFM, Engineer with the Hollywood Department of Public Utilities. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Elevation Certificates
- Map Information
- Outreach Projects
- Flood protection Information
- Flood Data
- Open Space preservation
- Higher regulatory Standards
- Flood Data Maintenance
- Storm Water Maintenance
- Stormwater management
- Floodplain Management
- Drain System Maintenance
- Dam Safety

The current Floodplain Management Code of Ordinance for the City of Hollywood titled Chapter 154: Flood Damage Prevention reflects the latest FIRM maps including: Map Numbers 12011C0304, 307,308,309,312,316,317,319 with Map Index 12011C000 Revised 10/2/97. The City's code specifically regulates new construction and substantial improvement to existing structures. As of January 2011, the City had 27,106 NFIP flood policies in force (in 2009, this count was 27,989). The last 5 year Cycle Verification Visit was on February 23, 2006, at which time FEMA found no noncompliance issues or other program deficiencies.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Town of- (CRS Community)**

The Town of Lauderdale- By-The-Sea has been a CRS Community since 2000. As of October 2010, Lauderdale By-The-Sea is currently a Class 7. The Town has designated the Town Manager as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Outreach Programs
- Enforcement
- New Drainage and Maintenance
- Community Activities include:

- Open Space preservation
- Map Information
- Maintaining Elevation Certificates on all new and substantially improved buildings in our Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
- Continue to make copies of elevation certificates on newer properties available on the community's present office location
- Provide Flood Insurance Rate Map information, advise information on the flood insurance purchase requirement to inquirers, and keep records of the service
- Continue to keep our FIRM updated and maintain old copies of the FIRM
- The public library continues to maintain flood protection materials
- Continue to provide flood protection assistance to inquirers.
- Continue to enforce our current building code
- Continue to enforce the floodplain management provisions of our zoning, subdivision, and building code ordinances
- Continue to enforce the stormwater management provisions of our zoning, subdivision, and building code ordinances for new developments in the watershed
  - Continue to implement our drainage system maintenance program including record keeping of the maintenance activities
- Continue to implement the sections of our Capital Improvements Program which pertain to drainage system maintenance
- Continue to enforce our stream dumping regulations

The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the Town had 1,198 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 1,510). The last CAC was on September 15, 2009, at which time the FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Lauderdale Lakes, City of**

The City of Lauderdale Lakes has been a participating NFIP community since 1979 and in good standing. In 2006, the City passed a Floodplain Management Ordinance that continues to reflect the current FIRM maps. The designated Floodplain Manager is the Operations Manager of the Public Works & Engineering Services Department. Permitting in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) is issued through a consultant contracted by the Engineering Services Division.

The City's last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was conducted on February 9, 2006, at which time the FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies. As of November 2011, the City had 5,816 NFIP flood policies in force (in 2009, this count was 5,676).

#### **Lauderhill, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Lauderhill has been a CRS Community since October 2, 1992. The City of Lauderhill is currently a Class 9. The City has designated the City Engineer as Floodplain Manager and Mrs. Joan Fletcher as the CRS Coordinator. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Installed 2 pump stations A and B which control 2/3 of the entire canal channel which reduces flooding and give the City of Lauderhill control of the canal elevation.
- Yearly cleaning of the catch basin throughout the communities to ensure entire drainage system is free of blockage.
- The installation of new drainage and the lowering of the swale area.
- Repaving the roads redirecting the rain water toward the drainage or catch basins.
- Culvert rehabilitations
- Canal embankment stabilizations

The City of Lauderhill current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City has 8,143 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 9,265). The last CAC was conducted in February 3, 2006, at which time the State found no violations or other program deficiencies. The next CAC is scheduled for January 11, 2012.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Lazy Lake, Village of**

The Village of Lazy Lake has been a participating NFIP community since 1992 and in good standing. Lazy Lake has an approved Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that continues to reflect the current FIRM maps. The designated Floodplain Manager is the Mayor.

According to current maps, the Village of Lazy Lake has no identified Floodplain and manages development as required by a participating member of NFIP.

The Village's last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was conducted on February 6, 2006, at which time FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies. As of November 2011, the Village has 35 NFIP policies in force (in 2009, this count was 42).

#### **Lighthouse Point, City of - (CRS Community)**

The City of Lighthouse Point has been a CRS Community since 1993. The City of Lighthouse Point is currently a Class 7. The City has designated the Public Works Administrator as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the last 5 years include:

- Providing outreach to its property owners by way of the City website and newsletter with regard to flood zone information. The information in the City newsletter is mailed to every property owner on an annual basis, and a brochure is mailed annually to all properties in the community's Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The information is also on display at the City's public buildings. The City Library has available a multitude of periodicals, such as books, pamphlets, brochures, and fact sheets with regard to disaster preparedness and recovery, flood insurance program, and its supporting documentation. During hurricane season, the Library places on display hurricane/wind/flood disaster preparedness in a showcase which includes sources of information, damage, and disaster control.

- The City's Building Department maintains both on site and off site elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings and recordkeeping of floodplain inquiries. Upon request, elevation documentation, and the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is provided to the public. Additionally, technical advice and assistance is provided to interested property owners. The available documentation and technical assistance is annually publicized and always displayed on the community's website.
- Overall the City maintains its designated open space preservation sites. The City's Stormwater Management Plan enforces the stormwater management regulations, including freeboard in non-SFHA zones, soil and erosion control, and water quality. The City enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system. The drainage system inspection and maintenance is conducted on an on-going basis. A Capital Improvement Program is ongoing for the drainage system management.

The City of Lighthouse Point current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 3,623 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 3,807). The last CAC was on February 6, 2006, at which time FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies, granting an upgrade to the City to a Class 7 from 8.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

#### **Margate, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Margate has been a CRS Community since the year 2000. City of Margate became a Class 7 Community in 2011. The City has designated Reddy Chitepu, Interim Director, as both the Floodplain Manager and CRS Coordinator. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include the following activities:

- Maintain Elevation Certificates on all new and substantially improved buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA).
- Maintain database for permits issued for new or substantially improved buildings in the SFHA.
- Provide Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information and information on the flood insurance purchase requirements to inquirers.
- Complete annual outreach project to the community.
- Continue to keep our FIRM updated and maintain old copies of our FIRM.
- Maintain flood protection materials on the city website and the public library.
- Continue to update flood information on the city website annually.
- Continue to provide flood assistance/information to anyone requesting such assistance/information.
- Continue to preserve or increase open space in the floodplain
- Continue to enforce the floodplain management provisions of our zoning, subdivision, and building code ordinances.
- Continue to use and update our flood data maintenance system.
- Continue to enforce the stormwater management provisions of our zoning, subdivision, and building code ordinances for new developments in the watershed.
- Continue to track building improvements and repairs

- Continue to enforce the requirement that all new buildings must be elevated above the street or base flood elevation.
- Continue to inspect and maintain all city drainage facilities.
- Continue to enforce the current building code.
- Continue to use and update our flood data
- Provide property protection and flood management data to our repetitive loss properties as well as our defined repetitive loss areas.
- Continue to implement our drainage system maintenance program.
- Continue to enforce our stream dumping regulations.
- Continue to maintain our system of Benchmarks.
- Continue to maintain our Flood System Threat Recognition

The City of Margate current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 10,884 flood insurance policies (in 2009, this count was 10,214).

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for our latest Recertification Document.

#### **Miramar, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Miramar, Florida has been a CRS Community since 1994. Miramar is currently a Class 8. The City has designated the Assistant Public Works Director as the CRS Coordinator and Senior Zoning Specialist as Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Elevation Certificates
- Map Information Service
- Outreach Projects
- Flood protection Information
- Flood protection Assistance
- Open Space preservation
- Higher Regulatory Standards
- Flood data maintenance
- Stormwater management
- Floodplain management Planning
- Drainage System maintenance
- Flood Warning program
- Dam Safety

The City of Miramar's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 23,671 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 25,211). The last CAV was conducted on May 6, 2008 at which time no violations or other program deficiencies were found.

In 2011, the City of Miramar purchased a replacement street sweeper as part of its continuing efforts to reduce the amount of debris on the roads and contaminants entering the City's

stormwater system, canal, and waterways. These actions are in accordance with the City's Best Management Practices and NPDES requirements for flood protection and pollution control.

### **Flood Damage Reduction Projects Follow-up**

Historic Miramar Redevelopment is a major City priority in preserving and upgrading the historical eastern areas of the City. During the Historic Miramar Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1 project, the City invested \$10 million to enhance and improve the underground utilities infrastructure. These improvements were completed in 2007. A goal of this project was to provide water and sewerage, and enhanced the flood protection. In 2010 and 2011, these improved services have been extended during Historic Miramar Infrastructure Improvements Phase 2 project and are expected to be completed in 2012.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **North Lauderdale, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of North Lauderdale has been a NFIP participating community since 1979 and a CRS Community since October 1993. North Lauderdale is currently a Class 9. The City has designated the Public Works Superintendent as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Secure and store elevation certificates
- Firm Map Information to the public, lending institutions, and insurance agents
- Outreach Projects such as quarterly newsletters and special events
- Flood Protection Information through the Broward County Library System in the city
- Flood Protection Assistance by providing certified construction and stormwater inspectors to address public concerns
- Open Space Preservation throughout the 153.7 AC of parks in the SFHA to control flooding potential
- Stormwater Management and participation with Broward County in compliance with our NPDES permit
- Drainage System Maintenance is conducted by the North Lauderdale Water Control District personnel

The City of North Lauderdale current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 5,826 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 6,672). The last CAV was on May 15, 2008, at which time the State found no violations or other program deficiencies.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **Oakland Park, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City Of Oakland Park (ID #120050) has fully participated in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) since June 9, 1994 and is officially designated as a Class 7 by FEMA with a 15% flood insurance premium discount granted to our City's property owners. The City has



designated the Senior Planner as the CRS Coordinator and the Building Official as Floodplain Manager. The City's CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- The maintenance of a Stormwater Management Ordinance as part of the City's Land Development Code, enforcing floodplain management requirements related to drainage which includes regulating all and substantially improved construction in special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).
- The City's Engineering & Community Development Department along with the Public Works Department are committed to enforcement of regulations, procedures, and design criteria as it relates to the City's Stormwater/Floodplain Management Plan. New development/redevelopment is regulated by the City's Land Development Code, Chapter 24. Sections pertaining to Stormwater Management include Article IX, Environmental Regulations and Article X, Floodplain Management. The City's Building Official enforces all development/redevelopment in accordance with the latest edition of the Florida Building Code.
- The City's Public Works Director and the City Engineer jointly enforce all regulations as adopted in Chapter 12 of the City Code, Article II, Stormwater Management. The City's Building & Permitting Division of Engineering & Community Development Department maintains all elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of those elevation certificates are made available to the public upon request. Oakland Park has also adopted the Broward County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).

In addition, the City participates in the following NFIP/CRS activities:

- Map Information Service
- Open Space Preservation
- Flood Data Maintenance
- Community Assistance
- Higher Regulator Standards
- Community Outreach
- Drainage System Maintenance Program
- Stormwater Management
- Repetitive Loss Properties

The City of Oakland Park's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. Oakland Park provides an annual Floodplain Management Plan update to the CRS as a requirement of our annual recertification. In addition, the City maintains a database in relation to the FEMA flood insurance rate map amendments and uses GIS floodplain identification and mapping techniques for data collection, research, and public information purposes. As of January 2011, the City had 6,603 active flood policies (in 2009, this count was 8,381). The last 5-year Cycle Verification Visit (CVV) by the ISO representative was on November 13, 2008, at which time the FEMA ISO/CRS Specialist found no violations or other program deficiencies. The City on March 9, 2009 received preliminary results from the ISO representative that indicated that the City was verified as a Class 7 in the NFIP/CRS by FEMA as of September 30, 2009.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **Parkland, City of**

The City of Parkland has been a participating NFIP community in good standing since 1979. In 1988, the City passed a Floodplain Management Ordinance that continues to reflect the current FIRM maps. The designated Floodplain Manager is the Building Official. Permits in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) are issued by the Building Division, excluding development permits such as for infrastructure and roadways, which are permitted by the Engineering Department. The City of Parkland has not approved any variances to the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

The City's last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was conducted on February 7, 2006, at which time the Division of Emergency Management, State of Florida, found no violations or other program deficiencies. As of November 2011, the City had 2,719 NFIP flood policies (in 2009, this count was 2,957).

### **Other Information**

Most property in the City is zoned residential. All commercial and most residential construction in the City is post-FIRM.

Approximately half of all properties within the City are designated Zone 'X' since December 1992, with a very small area of Zone 'X' (shaded). At the time of the City's adoption of the Floodplain Management Ordinance, this area represented the approximate physical boundaries of the City.

The other, western 'half', which was farm land subsequently annexed into the City, is for the most part designated Special Flood Hazard Area 'AH'. The base flood elevations were determined to be 12, 13, and 14 at the time of the printing of the rate maps, August 18, 1992. The major developer, who added lakes, culverts, and a pumping station, received approval for 2 LOMRs, which essentially modified most of this property from AH 13 or 14 to AH 12.

In addition, the City have received notification from FEMA approving LOMAs for 33 individual lots and one 35-lot residential subdivision development in this western area, re-designating each of these SFR structures from AH 12 to Zone 'X'.

### **Pembroke Park, Town of**

The Town of Pembroke Park has been a participating NFIP community in good standing since May 1, 1979. In 1979, the Town passed a Floodplain Management Ordinance that continues to reflect the current FIRM maps. The designated Floodplain Manager is the Public Works Director. Permitting in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) is issued by the Chief Building Official. The Town has not allowed variance to the flood plain ordinance.

The Town's last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was conducted on February 7, 2006, at which time the FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies. As of November 2011, the Town had 276 flood policies in force (in 2009, this count was 375).

### **Pembroke Pines, City of**

The City of Pembroke Pines has been a CRS Community since October 1, 1994. Pembroke Pines is currently a Class 7. The City has designated the City Engineer as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Publishing a flood awareness flyer to all residential and commercial address twice per year
- A pro-active drainage system maintenance program
- Adding flood zone information to our public website as well as a trained staff member available by telephoning the department
- Acquisition of open space
- Modification of our flood protection ordinance

The City of Pembroke Pines' current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 35,622 [38,031] flood policies (in 2009, this count was 38,031). The last CAV was on November 14, 2007, at which time the FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **Plantation, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Plantation has been a CRS Community since October 1, 1992. The City of Plantation is currently a Class 7. The City has designated Brett Butler, City Engineer, as the CRS Coordinator and Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Maintain Elevation Certificates on all new and substantially improved buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA).
- Maintain database for permits issued for new or substantially improved buildings in the SFHA.
- Provide Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information and information on the flood insurance purchase requirements to inquirers.
- Complete annual outreach project to the community.
- Continue to keep our FIRM updated and maintain old copies of our FIRM.
- Maintain flood protection materials on the city website and the public library.
- Continue to preserve or increase open space in the floodplain
- Continue to enforce the floodplain management provisions of our zoning, subdivision, and building code ordinances.
- Continue to use and update our flood data maintenance system.
- Continue to enforce the stormwater management provisions of our zoning, subdivision, and building code ordinances for new developments in the watershed.
- Continue to enforce the requirement that all new buildings must be elevated above the street or base flood elevation.
- Continue to inspect and maintain all city drainage facilities.
- Provide property protection and flood management data to our repetitive loss properties as well as our defined repetitive loss areas.

- Continue to implement our drainage system maintenance program.
- Continue to enforce our stream dumping regulations.

The City of Plantation's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, the City had 21,240 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 22,171). The Insurance Services office conducted a verification visit on February 24, 2011 at which time no violations or other program deficiencies were found.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **Pompano Beach, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Pompano Beach has been a CRS Community since 1993. Pompano Beach is currently a Class 8 but has received all the points necessary to be rated a Class 7 as of May, 2012. The city has designated Jean E. Dolan, AICP, Principal Planner, as the CRS Coordinator and Barbara Schubert, P.E. is the city's lead Floodplain Manager. The following is the summary of the city's current program for NFIP compliance:

- Prevention for new properties:
  - The City of Pompano Beach has land development regulations which mandate the height of all new residential buildings at 18" inches above the crown of the road and of all new nonresidential buildings at 6" inches above the crown of the road. Section 152.24 (C) (1) & (2)
  - The City of Pompano Beach requires that all property abutting a waterway construct a seawall, except for properties on the beach. The seawall reduces erosion and flooding from rising water in canals and waterways. Section 155.013.
  - The Department of Natural Resources of the State of Florida established a coastal construction line. Buildings are not permitted to be constructed seaward of the coastal construction line. Section 155.013.
  - Drainage Facilities are required for all new development. The level of service is established in the Drainage Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Section 157.21
  - The City of Pompano Beach has a stormwater utility which maintains the existing drainage facilities and constructs new drainage facilities. Section 53.16 (E)
- Property protection: To protect existing properties from flooding, the city does not allow the drainage swales in the right-of-way to be paved (Section 100.38); encourage existing homeowners to maximize green space and regrade their properties to direct stormwater into swales and catch basins; the city regularly regrades swales, as needed, and maintains catch basins and routinely clean drains to ensure flooding due to clogged catch basins is minimized; the City has spent \$6 million in the past 5-years on capital improvement projects that improve stormwater management and reduce flood potential on private property; the city has a 5-year capital improvement plan with \$5.5 million worth of stormwater improvements to be implemented in the next 5-year time frame. The City also assists the private sector in issuing Letters of Map Amendments (LOMAs) and Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs); maintains training in the NFIP and in the preparation and review of Elevation Certificates for two Certified Floodplain Managers in the Building Department. The city also maintains a GIS system with elevation and flood plain data

- and keeps the city website updated with all flood related information that might be useful to the private sector.
- Natural resource protection: The city has a dune restoration program along the beach and also maintains several pine scrub preserves within the city limits.
  - Emergency services: Broward County issues hurricane and tropical storm warnings. Broward County and the City of Pompano Beach operate Emergency Operations Centers and the city utilizes the Code Red system which is available on the city's website.
  - Structural projects: Beach renourishment is performed at irregular intervals and the city implements an annual list of stormwater improvement projects as mentioned above. The city is in the process of updating the Floodplain /Stormwater Management Master Plan which is a 2-year process that will culminate in an updated Capital Improvements Program to continue to improve the structural integrity of the drainage system.
  - Public Information:
    - ◊ The City of Pompano Beach maintains digital flood zone maps on a GIS system with aerial base map that show an extremely high level of detail and can be searched for specific properties based on the Property Control Number (PCN) for any property in the city.
    - The City of Pompano Beach mails Tradewinds magazine to residents twice a year. Tradewinds contains an article on flooding and flood protection.
    - The City of Pompano Beach mails a letter to insurers, lenders, and real estate offices each year to inform them of the availability of flood zone information.
    - Flood plain maps are available at the City's library.
    - People can call the City for technical assistance. The telephone number is published in Tradewinds article.
    - The city mails a 10-page, highly detailed "Flood Hazard" brochure to all residential property owners at the start of each hurricane season.
    - The city has established a specialized email address *floodzoneinfo@copbfl.com* for people to request their flood zone information.

As noted above, the City of Pompano Beach has commenced a Floodplain/Stormwater Management Master Planning process which mirrors the CRS requirements for a Floodplain Management Plan. The City has created a Floodplain Management Planning Committee (FMPC) by Resolution to manage the preparation of the Floodplain Management Plan. As part of the scope for the Floodplain/Stormwater Management Master Plan, the analysis is being done to determine if/how adoption of the freeboard standard, which requires that new buildings or substantial improvements to existing buildings be constructed 1 foot or more above the flood elevation, could be implemented in Pompano Beach.

The freeboard approach is different from the current regulation which mandates the height of all new residential buildings be 18" inches above the crown of the road and of all new non-residential buildings be 6" inches above the crown of the road (Section 152.24 (C) (1) & (2)).

The City of Pompano Beach current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps and the city is prepared to adopt the 2012 DFIRM maps as soon as they are finalized by FEMA. As of January 2011, the city had 26,710 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 28,297).

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City of Pompano Beach's latest Recertification Document.

### **Sea Ranch Lakes, Village of**

The Village of Sea Ranch Lakes has been a participating NFIP community in good standing since 1977. Sea Ranch Lakes has an approved Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that continues to reflect the current FIRM maps. The designated Floodplain Manager is the Chief of Police. Permitting in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) is issued by the Village Clerk.

The Village's last Community Assistance Contact was conducted on February 9, 2006, at which time FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies. As of November 2011, the Village had 252 flood policies in force (in 2009, this count was 265).

### **Southwest Ranches, Town of**

The Town of Town of Southwest Ranches has been a participating NFIP community in good standing since November 2004. In 2004, the Town passed a Floodplain Management Ordinance that continues to reflect the current FIRM maps. The new designated Floodplain Manager will be the Town Engineer. Permitting in Broward County Emergency Management Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) will also be issued by the Town Engineer.

The Town's last Community Assistance Contact (CAC) was conducted on February 7, 2006, at which time the FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies. As of January 2011, the Town had 54 NFIP policies in force (in 2009, this count was 47); however, because the Town's jurisdictional boundary lines are not shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) currently in effect, dated October 2, 1997, the policies are being written on the Community identified on the FIRM unless an owner submitted a new elevation certificate showing the Town's CID# 120691. Once the FIRM maps have been updated showing the Town's jurisdictional boundary lines, those policies can be migrated to the Town's CID.

### **Sunrise, City of- (CRS Community)**

The City of Sunrise has been a CRS Community since 1996. Sunrise is currently a Class 7. The City has designated the City Engineer as the CRS Coordinator and Assistant City Engineer as Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Review of Development Plans for consistency with City Code. Review and approve Elevation Certificates related to final construction, for compliance with City Code.
- As requested, provide Flood Insurance Rate Map information and copies of available Elevation Certificates to residents, lenders, insurance agents, and real estate offices.
- Provide bi-annual outreach to all property owners, including residents within the flood plains, receiving a water bill.
- We inspect and maintain all of our private and public stormwater facilities per the City's program requirements.
- We continue to implement our drainage system maintenance program.
- We continue to enforce our stream dumping regulations.
- We continue to preserve 1,064 acres of open space within the floodplain.

The City of Sunrise's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of July 2011, the City had 17,849 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 22,031). The last CAV occurred in October 2011 and the City is awaiting the results of the program evaluation.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G for the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **Tamarac, City of - (CRS Community)**

The City of Tamarac has been a CRS Community since 1992. The City of Tamarac is currently a Class 6. The City has designated the Chief Building Official/Director, Claudio Grande as the CRS Coordinator and the Assistant Building Official, Pat Richardson, as Floodplain Manager. Claudio Grande and Pat Richardson are both ASFPM Certified Flood Plain Managers. CRS activities undertaken in the past 5 years include:

- Print and mail out to all residents and business owners a Flood Protection Brochure twice a year where explaining to all property owners' things to know such as, the National Flood Insurance Program, the Benefits of having Flood Insurance in each property, Flood Plain Development Permit Requirements, Flood Warning Systems, and Flood Hazard Information.
- Provide copies of Elevation Certificates when available and Make Flood Zone Determinations with the FIRM map, and the Special Flood Hazard Area Map.
- The City continues to preserve approximately 1,352 acres in the Special Flood Hazard Areas as open space.
- The City continues to enforce the requirements that all new buildings must be elevated above the crown of the road as required in our City Ordinance.
- The Public Works Department has a Drainage System Maintenance Program for the entire City.
- The Public Works Department provides site visits regarding Flooding, Drainage, and Storm Water related problems in order to address any issues and correct them as required.
- The City also has an Outreach Program to the Community thru Neighborhood Meetings, Homeowners Association meetings, and information in The City's Website to help and alert the residents and the business community about The City's Flood Programs.
- On March 10, 2010 the Tamarac City Commission approved Resolution 2010-29 adopting the December 2009 Revision of the Broward County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy Plan.

The City of Tamarac current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011 The City had 14,379 flood policies (in 2009, this count was 15,557). The last Community Assistance Visit was on November 3, 2010 at which time the Insurance Service Office, Inc. found no violations or other program deficiencies. (See attached copy) The response letter dated April 7, 2011, addresses the questions raised from the ISO office on their original CAC of March 22, 2011.

On October 24, 2011, the City of Tamarac received a letter from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) determining that the City of Tamarac will increase to a Class 6 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) effective October 1, 2011.

For additional NFIP/CRS activities, please refer to Appendix G of the City's latest Recertification Document.

### **West Park, City of**

The City of West Park has been participating in the NFIP community since 2006. In 2005, the City passed a Floodplain Management Ordinance. As of September 30, 2011, The City had 7 NFIP flood policies in force (in 2009, this count was 5).

A Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC) has not been conducted. The City has designated the Public Works Superintendent as the Floodplain Coordinator and consultant Calvin, Giordano & Associates as the Floodplain Manager. The City intends to become a CRS Community, as soon as possible. To this end, the City has already started by completing the following:

- Stormwater Management Program adoption
- Drainage System Maintenance Public Outreach & Education
- Storm Drainage Cleaning and Maintenance
- Twin Lakes Maintenance
- Retention Pond Maintenance
- Tree Planting
- Map Information Service
- Open Space Preservation
- Adherence to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Requirements
- Adoption of Capital Improvement Plan (2011)
- Streamlined Illegal Dumping Ordinance
- Floodplain Management Plan is being Updated

The City is constantly monitoring drainage system and catch basins. Staff trainings are also being conducted to include Swale Maintenance and proper Tree Removal.

The City of West Park will continue to be an active member of the Broward County Local Mitigation Strategy.

### **Weston, City of**

The City of Weston has been a CRS community since May 1, 2009. (Refer to Appendix G for Approval Letter and Verification Report) Weston is currently a Class 8. The city has designated the Director of Public Works as the CRS Coordinator and consultant Calvin, Giordano & Associates as Floodplain Manager. CRS activities undertaken in the past year include:

- Review and Maintain Elevation Certificates on all new and substantially improved buildings in our Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Provide Flood Insurance Rate Map information to the public, lenders, insurance agents, and real estate offices.
- Provide Flood protection assistance to inquirers and maintain a "records of service".
- Provide an annual outreach project to the community.



- Provide a copy of the community's flood Insurance Rate Map and an explanation of their use in our public library.
- Enforce storm water management provisions through our Zoning, Engineering, Building, and local Code Ordinances.
- Preserve open space in the Floodplain
- Provide a copy of property protection for repetitive loss areas
- Exercise an outreach program that informs the public of flood warnings and safety measures.
- Mandate a drainage system maintenance program.

The City of Weston's current Floodplain Management Ordinance reflects the latest FIRM maps. As of January 2011, The City had 3,637 NFIP policies in force (in 2009, this count was 3,957).

The last CAV was on August 21, 2007, and the City's ISO Community Rating Visit was on March 4, 2008, at which time the State and FEMA found no violations or other program deficiencies.

### Wilton Manors, City of

The City of Wilton Manors has been a participating NFIP community in good standing since 1987. In 1987 (amended 2005), the City passed a Floodplain Management Ordinance that continues to reflect the current FIRM maps. The designated Floodplain Manager is the Director of Community Development Services. Permitting in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) is issued by the Director of Community Development Services. The last Community Assistance Visit (CAV) was conducted on March 24, 2005, at which time the FEMA found no violations, while some program deficiencies regarding permit applications, flood prevention ordinance, and elevation certificates have all been satisfactorily resolved.

The most recent contact with FEMA was on October 1, 2010 by a telephone interview to assess the City's flood prevention and protection program. Based on the results of the interview, FEMA determined that there existed only minor issues with the City's floodplain management regulations. The ordinance was missing certain required language. Definitions were added for the following terms in accordance with Title 44 CFR59.1: "Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision", "Substantial Damage", and "Violation". Ordinance No. 978 approved on March 8, 2011 ratified the required modifications to the City's Flood Prevention and Protection regulations. As of January 2011, The City had 4,046 NFIP policies in force (in 2009, this count was 4,163).

### Continued Compliance

Broward County and all its jurisdictions are committed to continued participation and compliance with the National Flood Insurance program (NFIP). A major mitigation priority of the LMS is the reduction of repetitive flood loss properties<sup>66</sup>. The County and its CRS participating municipalities track repetitive loss properties countywide on an ongoing basis using data gathered annually from FEMA.

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<sup>66</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.1

For mitigation, planning, and strategy development purposes, the LMS maintains updated GIS maps and informational databases of repetitive loss property locations relative to historical flood areas and designated Special Flood Hazard Areas. Repetitive loss properties are an ongoing discussion and planning priority for the LMS. All committees of the LMS are encouraged to develop and promote mitigation project ideas and strategies.

Specific prioritized actions for continued compliance with the NFIP for the next 5 years cycle include:

- Promote and continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program
- Identify and reduce the number of repetitive loss properties in each jurisdiction
- Provide additional support to the Community Rating System (CRS) to increase Class Ratings
- Establish a CRS Subcommittee to address reduction in CRS Class ratings
- Identify and implement storm water projects that would eliminate flooding in urban and residential areas
- Implement new maps

### Countywide Flood Loss Reduction Strategy<sup>67</sup>

Flood is consistently the most recurrent and costly hazard to the residents, businesses, and government operations. Therefore, an important part of the ELMS was to place special emphasis on addressing and mitigating the flood risk. A new chapter, Economic Vulnerability, described in great detail the flood risk and potential loss scenarios for key economic areas in the County. Renewed emphasis has been placed on active participation in CRS and SFWMD has become an active partner in the LMS. By 2013, Broward County will have updated digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (dFIRMs).

The items below, which may be repetitive of other sections of the plan, have been grouped here to show the overall recently invigorated effort to reduce the County's flood risk:

- Encourage all municipalities to participate in CRS and encourage currently participating communities to implement activities that will accrue more CRS credit points.
- Activate LMS Flood/CRS Committee and include sea level rise issues
- Leverage public-private partnerships to mitigate flood vulnerabilities identified in the Economic Vulnerability Chapter of the ELMS
- Integrate flood mitigation measures and policies into other community planning processes like comprehensive plans
- Consider adopting 500-year flood elevation standard
- Continue the partnership with Climate Change Government Operations group to address sea level rise
- Continue frequent communication with the SFWMD through the District's Broward Intergovernmental Representative (who in 2012 was also a member of the County LMS group) to find ways to strengthen partnership in addressing flood hazards

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<sup>67</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.4.5

- Support the SFWMD Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan implementation (in 2012, an activity related to flood mitigation in the O&M Plan was the bank stabilization project for the Hillsboro Canal near the G56 gate to restore the canal's design capacity)
- Support the on-going effort to receive provisional accreditation for the Florida East Coast Protective Levee
- Review the SFWMD's 50-year plan and find out what is relevant to Broward County flood mitigation
- Support the SFWMD's effort to modernize its older facilities in Broward County
  - Consider larger scale flood projects on canal system under FEMA programs like HMGP and PDM
  - Consider sea level rise impacts on water control structures and canals under SFWMD jurisdiction (SFWMD coordinates with the County and municipalities on sustainability actions)
- County EMD mitigation and recovery officials should continue, along with other key LMS representatives, attend the quarterly meetings of the Broward County Water Resources Task Force and Broward Surface Water Coordinating Council (which includes the SFWMD, local water control districts like the South Broward Drainage District (some are also known as '298s' after Chapter 298 of Florida Statutes))
  - Consider use of WebEOC to tie in SFWMD and local drainage districts before and during likely flood events
- Work with SFWMD to scope and pursue project that include mitigation measures from funding sources for stormwater projects (e.g., the Environmental Protection Agency's grant programs). These grant pursuits would likely need to include multiple objectives like water quality.
  - The LMS should coordinate with local elected officials and Broward state legislators to seek state funds for combined stormwater/mitigation projects
  - SFWMD should continue to work with local drainage districts to find solutions to more localized drainage issues (e.g., installation of gates and change in operating criteria in Southwest Ranches)
- Incorporate into the ELMS, the floodplain management best practices suggested in the Florida State University and State of Florida's "Recommended Integration Practices: Strengthening the Floodplain Management Plan Portions of the Local Mitigation Strategy", where relevant and appropriate.

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## Chapter 7 – Plan Maintenance<sup>68</sup>

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### Introduction

This Chapter of the LMS Plan describes the process that will ensure the Plan remains an effective and relevant document over time. This includes continual integration with other community planning processes and input into county financial investment decisions. This chapter also highlights the on-going importance of obtaining state and federal grants to assist with financing mitigation actions. It establishes the method and schedule for monitoring, evaluating, and updating the LMS during a 5-year plan update cycle. In addition, the Chapter describes how the public will continue to be involved in the mitigation planning process.

### Plan Maintenance Approach

- Incorporate hazard mitigation actions into existing community planning mechanisms (e.g., attend comprehensive planning meetings, communicate frequently with community planners on land use issues, on-going meetings with community planners on issues of overlapping interest)
- Provide input and feedback into annual county budget process (e.g., capital improvement spending) for consideration of hazard mitigation measures beyond code
- Partner with the Risk Management Division and the County's property and casualty insurer to coordinate efforts to lower risk and augment mitigation measures at each facility when opportunities present themselves (i.e., through the CIP or other spending)
- Encourage communities to find new ways to accrue CRS credit points or join CRS if not currently in the program
- Coordinate with and engage the County's Climate Change Government Operations group on mutual interests to increase effectiveness of both groups
- Revisit indicators of project/action effectiveness or success and monitor/evaluate projects/actions that have been implemented
- Collect important damage data after storm events when feasible
- Implement the evaluation/revision schedule established in this Chapter to ensure plan is up-to-date at the end of 5-year cycle
- Continue refining the process for public input and community involvement during the entire 5-year cycle

### FEMA Requirements<sup>69</sup>

The LMS Working Group Planning Committee created the plan maintenance strategy consistent with the process and steps presented in FEMA's How-To-Guide: "Bringing the Plan to Life" (FEMA 386-4). The following FEMA requirements are addressed in this section:

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<sup>68</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.2.2

<sup>69</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.2.1

- **Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i):** [The plan maintenance process *shall* include a] section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan with a 5-year cycle.
- **Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(ii):** [The plan *shall* include a] process by which local governments incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, where appropriate.
- **Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii):** [The plan maintenance process *shall* include a] discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan

## Implementation

Each municipality and Broward County is responsible for implementing mitigation actions as prescribed in this plan. Under the direction of the LMS Executive Committee and the coordination of the Broward County Emergency Management Division, funding will be sought from a variety sources to implement mitigation projects in both pre-disaster and post-disaster environments. In addition, each municipality will be responsible for the integration of mitigation actions into the planning processes of their respective communities and providing mitigation input into their respective municipal capital improvement/risk management process. Broward County will act as a catalyst and facilitator to encourage this level of mitigation integration in the municipalities.

Mitigation actions will be integrated into other planning documents of the Broward County Emergency Management Division. Opportunities to integrate the requirements of this Plan into other planning mechanisms shall continue to be identified through future meetings of the Executive Committee and the 5-year review process described herein.

The Director of the Broward County Emergency Management Division, acting as the Local Mitigation Strategy Chairperson, has overall responsibility for implementing the LMS Plan and ensuring the all municipalities participate in the planning process.

## Monitoring

Periodic revisions of the LMS Plan will be monitored by the LMS Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will meet at least twice a year for the purpose of monitoring the Plan implementation. The LMS Executive Committee shall keep a detailed inventory and report of:

- Information, including high water marks, damage figures, and pictures, on disaster events impacting Broward County and its municipalities (residential/commercial/public buildings and infrastructure) during the year. The County shall work with the municipalities to collect this information post-event, where feasible, using a data collection worksheet
- Mitigation actions that have been completed including actions required by the County's property and casualty insurer (FM Global in 2012), actions that go beyond the insurer's requirements, and the actions funded by FEMA mitigation grant programs
- Record the date and timeframe of completion of each ELMS action
- Document any obstacles encountered and lessons learned from this experience

- Lessons learned from integrating mitigation into community planning and capital improvement processes
- Lessons learned in applying for and implementing federal mitigation grants
- Mitigation success stories (e.g., record information like high water marks or wind speeds at completed project sites for purposes of calculating a return on the investment)
- Projects currently in progress
- Use of Loss Estimation Tool to screen potential projects and an assessment of this process
- Projects/Activities unchanged or deferred (Status of projects are reflected in listing found in Appendix C)

The LMS Coordinator of the Broward Emergency Management Division will monitor and document hazard events, note changes in the risk environment, capture damage and loss data, and maintain and update hazard and vulnerability data on an ongoing basis.

The LMS Coordinator will organize meetings of the Executive Committee and coordinate committee meetings to address issues of interest, provide LMS members with meeting summaries and action items, and retain meeting results in LMS files. The LMS coordinator will monitor grant opportunities and advise LMS member organizations of deadlines and application requirements.

The above activities outline general plan maintenance during the 4 years leading up to the fifth year of the planning cycle. Beginning in the July before the revision year (the 4th year of the planning cycle), the Executive and Planning committees will lead a more intensive planning effort to update the Plan, obtain approvals, make necessary revisions, and complete the FEMA crosswalk for review and approval by the State and FEMA.

An annual report by each committee is required by February of each year to summarize the previous years' activities and accomplishments. In turn, a full report will be submitted to the Broward County Emergency Coordinating Council to be included in the Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners. This report will also be submitted to ISO for continuing CRS credit. These reports will be placed in Appendix E. Projects status will be reflected in future project lists (Appendix C).

## Evaluation

The LMS Plan will be evaluated biannually and after significant disasters to review the effectiveness of its projects, programs, and policies. After 6 months, the LMS will undergo an initial review of effectiveness. Areas needed for update will be noted for changes at the end of the year. As part of the annual review process, each chapter will be reviewed and analyzed for accuracy. The LMS Working Group reviews the hazard mitigation goals to ensure that they continue to comply with County and municipal goals. The goals will also be reviewed to determine if changes are necessary.

The LMS Working Group will determine if any significant events have occurred in the County to warrant any considerable changes in the ELMS Plan. In the event of a disaster or when deemed necessary by its members, the LMS Working Group and its committees may meet more frequently.

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## Update/Enhancement

### 5 Year Plan Review

The Planning Committee will thoroughly review and analyze each Chapter of the LMS Plan during the 4th and 5th years of the 5 year Plan cycle to determine whether there have been any significant changes countywide that would necessitate revisions in the types of mitigation actions proposed: 1) new development in identified hazard areas; 2) an increased exposure to hazards; 3) the increased or decreased capability to address hazards; 4) changes to county comprehensive planning and capital improvement funding policies; and 5) changes to federal or state legislation are examples of factors that may affect the necessary content of the Plan. The committee will also assess and consider recommended changes provided by the State and FEMA in the previous 5 year plan revision cycle. Input from each Committee will also be incorporated into the Plan.

The plan review provides the LMS Working Group an opportunity to evaluate those actions that have been successful and to explore the possibility of documenting potential losses avoided due to the implementation of specific mitigation measures. The plan review also provides the opportunity to address mitigation actions that may not have been successfully implemented. The LMS Coordinator will be responsible for convening the Planning and executive Committees and conducting the 5-year review.

During the 5-year plan review process, the following questions will be considered as criteria for assessing the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Plan:

- Do the goals address current and expected conditions?
- Has the nature or magnitude of risks changed?
- Are current human and capital resources appropriate for implementing the Plan?
- Are there additional partnering opportunities for evaluating risk and implementing mitigation?
- Are there new opportunities to implement, fund or integrate mitigation?
- Are there implementation obstacles, such as social, technical, administrative, political, legal, economic environmental issues, or coordination issues?
- Have the outcomes occurred as expected?
- Did the identical departments, individuals, and/or other partners participate in the plan implementation process as volunteered or assigned?
- Are there potential mitigation actions that would require a longer time horizon to realize (10 to 20 years out) for which it is important to starting laying the groundwork?

Upon completion of the review and update process, the LMS Chairperson and the Executive Committee will do a final review of the revised Plan and approve the Plan to be submitted to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer at FDEM for final review and approval in coordination with FEMA.

After FEMA has approved the County Plan, the LMS Coordinator will submit it to the Board of County Commissioners for formal adoption. Once the Plan is formally adopted by the County, each of the 31 municipalities will follow suit.

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### *Local Adoption*

Once the LMS Plan is adopted by the County, all participating municipalities must also adopt the plan. Copies of resolutions must be submitted to the County LMS Coordinator for filing with the State and FEMA, to ensure eligibility of mitigation grant programs administered by FEMA. Appendix F contains local adoptions.

### *Post-Disaster Plan Review and Update*

In the event of a disaster, findings from the Mitigation Assessment Teams (e.g., damage data collection, success story reporting) will be reported to the LMS Planning Committee. These findings will in turn be reviewed and the plan will be updated to reflect lessons learned, or to address specific issues and circumstances arising from the event, regardless of the 5 year interval. Data collection worksheets, when collected, will be kept by the County. Any future revisions of the plan will be posted on the County's website.

### *Recommendations to Continually Enhance the 5-Year Plan Review Process*

- Track and share mitigation successes and challenges
- Invite State and FEMA mitigation counterparts to periodic meetings to keep them informed on the County's actions, policies, coordination efforts and successes
- Use the LMS meetings as a forum to share best practices to increase the mitigation knowledge of municipalities
- Expand the reach of the LMS meetings with technology to continually increase participation from public and private sector
- Sharpen focus on what mitigation works well in the County (e.g., working with insurer, applying for FEMA grants, working with Climate Change groups)
- Communicate periodically with elected officials to inform them on policy changes and/or funding decisions that would better support mitigation
- Continually search for better sources of risk data to assist with demonstrating cost-effectiveness with proposed projects

### **Incorporation into Existing Planning Mechanisms**

As part of the planning process, the Planning Committee identifies current plans, programs, policies/ordinances, and studies/reports that will augment or help support mitigation planning efforts. The LMS Working Group will be the mechanism for ensuring that entities integrate hazard mitigation into its future planning activities. The subsection below entitled "Plan Integration Efforts" describes the findings from the ELMS process in identifying additional opportunities to incorporate mitigation into existing planning mechanisms.

Presently, the ELMS is integrated into the Broward County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The LMS Coordinator will continue to ensure that policies, programs, and mitigation actions are consistent between the ELMS and the Broward County CEMP. Further, all jurisdictional CEMP's are required to be consistent with the County CEMP.

It should be noted that most municipalities have indicated that the vulnerability assessment section of the ELMS has been incorporated into the CEMP, and is also utilized in the same manner to help develop Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans.



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## **Broward County Comprehensive Plan**

The Broward County Comprehensive Plan serves as the growth management planning document that guides development in Broward County. In the future, the ELMS will strive for greater integration into the Comprehensive Plan in terms of policies governing land uses and/or infrastructure that may be at significant risk (through all its Elements, such as the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element) and in terms of community priorities for investment, i.e. the Capital Improvements Element. The Plan Integration Efforts section below provides greater details on how this integration can be achieved for the Comprehensive Plan, the County Land Use Plan, and other important local plans.

## **Plan Integration Efforts**

A major objective of the ELMS process is to integrate mitigation into other essential community planning processes, including post-disaster recovery. This section provides a summary of the efforts to record where other plans are consistent with the LMS and recommendations to integrate more completely. For the purposes of space in the ELMS, a detailed summary report of how other plans are consistent with the LMS can be found in Appendix H.

## **Strategies to achieve greater mitigation incorporation into existing countywide and regional planning mechanisms**

Mitigation has already been incorporated into several existing countywide and regional planning mechanisms. To achieve more consistency, integration, and effectiveness of mitigation into existing countywide and regional planning mechanisms, the strategies listed in this section, a result of the ELMS process, are recommended. Also discussed is how mitigation can be integrated and incorporated into municipal plans following the lead of the County. The items below can be adopted as mitigation action items.

## ***Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan***

- Include a process and organizational structure for the Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) to transition into short and long term recovery functions to coordinate response, and short and long term disaster recovery decision making, including the identification for mitigation opportunities.

## ***County Recovery Framework***

- Include a timeline for when the various phases occur, and definitions for short- and long-term recovery.
- Identify what can realistically be accomplished during the timeframe for various phases, and key decision points.
- Include specific references to the ELMS for pre- and post-disaster mitigation goals and objectives, and project list.
- Refer to the Capital Improvement list for those projects that involve mitigation, for coordinated disaster recovery efforts.
- Develop Standard Operating Guidelines that identify stakeholders, organizational structure, and recovery guidelines. This effort dovetails with the Long Term Recovery and Redevelopment Strategy (LTRRS) and both documents would become part of the

Broward County Recovery Framework (formerly the Countywide Recovery Process or CRP).

- Identify which funding sources might be required for projects that involve mitigation, and identify the estimated timeline for receipt of funding. Some funding sources may be received sooner (e.g., Public Assistance 406 Hazard Mitigation) than others (e.g., Hazard Mitigation Grant Program). The timeline will help to coordinate building/facility/infrastructure repair schedules.
- Include a list of potential 406 Mitigation projects and make each municipality aware of the timing for requesting 406 (part of the Public Assistance (PA) worksheet) in the recovery process
- Identify what needs to be documented for recovery projects that may be eligible for hazard mitigation funding (e.g., past non-declared disaster damages can be included in determining the benefit cost ratio, and some temporary repair measures can be included in repair versus replacement assessments). Refer to existing documents, as needed (e.g., Damage Assessment SOP).
- Continued mitigation participation Recovery Framework process to insert MAT team members into key processes like including mitigation measures on PA worksheets

### *County Comprehensive Plan*

- Future Unincorporated Land Use Elements
  - Support the designation and implementation of Adaptation Action Areas, which will replace the current coastal high hazard area designations, in vulnerable communities to pursuing appropriations for adaptation infrastructure
  - Brief synopsis of Adaptation Action Areas (more information in Appendix H)
    - **Summary.** “‘Adaptation action area’ or ‘adaptation area’ is an optional comprehensive plan designation for areas that experience coastal flooding and that are vulnerable to the related impacts of rising sea levels for the purpose of prioritizing funding for infrastructure needs and adaptation planning. Local governments that adopt an adaptation action area may consider policies within the coastal management element to improve resilience to coastal flooding. Criteria for the adaptation action area may include:
      - Areas below, at, or near mean higher high water
      - Areas which have a hydrological connection to coastal waters
      - Areas designated as evacuation zones for storm surge”
    - Includes protection, accommodation, and retreat options.
    - **Relation to Hazard Mitigation.** “The actions a community will take to mitigate vulnerability to coastal flooding are very similar to those that a community might take in sea level rise adaptation. The main difference is that sea level rise adaptation assumes a longer time frame for impact and therefore a longer time frame for need and implementation. Sea level rise also assumes an increase in the vulnerability of areas already subject to coastal flooding and therefore adaptation projects take into account the increased vulnerability.”
    - **Statutory Authority**<sup>70</sup>.

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<sup>70</sup> EMAP [2010 Edition] 4.2.1

- Section 163.3164(1), Florida Statutes
  - Section 163.3177(6)(g)(10), Florida Statutes
- That the DERD utilize the development review process to consider the impact of proposed land use plan amendments in flood hazard areas and Adaptation Action Areas.
- Encourage a meeting between the County Commissioners, PRD, and Emergency Management to discuss how to better ensure that Comprehensive Plan policies designed to minimize risk are effectively implemented and that the actual results are reaping the intended benefits. If not, outline corrective actions.
- Include an inventory of historic structures and archaeological sites in the LMS vulnerability assessment, and the various components of the Recovery Framework and update it as structures are added to the Florida Master Site File or National Register of Historic Places.
- Encourage the clustering of new development or redevelopment away from flood hazard areas.
- Drainage and Natural Aquifer Groundwater Recharge Element
  - Consider the use of freeboard to elevate hazard prone structures above the 100-year flood level or base flood elevation to prepare for future risk from sea level rise and potential higher rainfall caused by climate change. Consider going 1 to 2 feet above 500-year flood level.
- Housing Element
  - Provide outreach and education to encourage developers to include hazard mitigation measures for new construction and redevelopment.
  - Promote the acquisition or elevation of repetitive flood loss structures.
  - Continue CRS participation and encourage all jurisdictions to participate.
- Recreation and Open Space Element
  - Include the benefits of pervious surface and open space to mitigate flood hazard vulnerability.
  - Include a policy to review flood hazard areas included in the Land Use Element Map Series for LMS project identification and post-disaster redevelopment. Cross reference these maps in the LMS vulnerability assessment.
- Coastal Management Element
  - Establish a new definition for coastal evacuation areas that is consistent with storm surge evacuation vulnerability along the barrier islands.
  - Establish policy to limit development that will increase evacuation clearance times in the coastal evacuation areas.
  - Restore natural coastal vegetation at the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse to resist coastal erosion.
- Conservation Element
  - Include language in various policies to recognize the benefits of using conservation for hazard mitigation (e.g., flood).
- Urban Design Element
  - Encourage including hazard mitigation measures in architectural design for new structures and in redevelopment scenarios.
  - Expedite permitting for mitigation projects, as is done for 'green' (i.e., LEED) projects.
- Natural Disaster Component
  - Replace CHHA with coastal evacuation areas in Policies 11.1.2, 11.2, and 11.21

- Review recommendations for including the Climate Change Plan referenced Adaptation Action Areas to reduce hazards vulnerability along the coast.

### *County Continuity of Operations Plan*

- Identify the most critical facilities/functions, based on hazards vulnerabilities, for potential hazard mitigation measures. Include these on the ELMS and/or Capital Improvements project lists, and identify whether these are on multiple lists.
- Identify funding sources (e.g., capital improvements and grant opportunities).
- Identify critical lifelines (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)) and IT system issues.
- Evaluate both primary facilities and alternate relocation facilities for potential mitigation options if these facilities/structures are vulnerable.
- Identify which primary and alternate facilities have been mitigated.
- Integrate damage assessment processes from (CEMP and Damage Assessment SOP) that are probably more sensitive to disaster mitigation funding to make sure the damage assessment for COOP takes these into consideration.
- Identify what kinds of temporary repairs can be made without jeopardizing hazard mitigation funding. If permanent repairs start before mitigation funding (e.g., PA 406 mitigation funds or HMGP) is approved, the funds cannot be used.
- Compose narratives documenting support for mitigation projects based on the need to protect facilities and functions.
- For buildings that house multiple departments, have them coordinate to help make the case for mitigating the building.
- Add the benefit cost analysis (BCA) component to show the loss of income/financial impact to services to help make argument for mitigation funding
- Identify assumptions/weak spots and ideas for mitigation (communications/electricity).
- Identify opportunities to submit mitigation grant requests that may need to be submitted in a bundled fashion (e.g., generators alone may not be selected for mitigation but when partnered with other items can be more likely to be selected).
- Work with other emergency management planning processes to identify mitigation actions. For example, the COOP identifies the vulnerability of the facility housing the host agency. The results of this vulnerability analysis may also identify a mitigation action that could mitigate that vulnerability.

### *Climate Change Action Plan*

- Include a representative of the Broward County Climate Change Task Force in the review of the ELMS vulnerability assessment for flood and wind risks based on climate change to ensure consistency. *[completed in 2011-2012]* Also have the Task Force comment on the listed mitigation actions in the ELMS for consistency with the Task Force's efforts. *[completed in 2011-2012]*
- Reference the Climate Change Action Plan in the ELMS, along with 2 additional reports: Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change Plan, which provides updated scenarios and impacts on critical facilities, and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) external report on projected Climate and Sea Level Trends, which has updated projection data. *[completed in 2011-2012]*
- The SFWMD and the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact should participate in mitigation and preparedness exercises to discuss future risk scenarios.

- Discuss with the Climate Change Action Task Force how sustainability/climate change adaptation actions are considered, identified, prioritized, and funded. Have the Task Force consider adding multi-hazard mitigation considerations to this process (e.g., if the airport terminal roof is being renovated, make it more energy efficient, and consider making it more wind resistant also).
- Continued coordination with the Broward County Government Operations Climate Change group, who is preparing modifications to the county comprehensive plan, including the Adaptation Action Areas, is a way to directly impact future growth and redevelopment via the comprehensive planning process.

### *Capital Improvement Plan*

See “Link LMS to County and Municipal CIPs” below for additional information

- Include a map of Capital Improvement projects that has hazard overlays to determine if they are in hazard zones and could include hazard mitigation measures.
- Conduct a hazards analysis for Capital Improvement projects in hazard zones.
- Include the Capital Improvement project list by reference in the ELMS, for those projects that include hazard mitigation measures. Specify which projects are already underway.
- Analyze the Capital Improvement projects with the newly developed Loss Estimation Tool and prioritization matrix.
- Develop committee to review projects for hazard mitigation opportunities and have them coordinate with the existing Capital Improvement project review committee.
- Expand the criteria that are used for prioritizing Capital Improvement projects to include hazard mitigation considerations for each investment.
- CIP staff should participate in Broward County EMD exercises focused on how mitigation can better be incorporated into the short-term and long-term recovery process.
- Eliminate or modify Policy 14.2.1 regarding provision of infrastructure in CHHA.

### *Long-Range Transportation Plan*

- Develop a process to explore potential mitigation opportunities whenever there is new construction, renovation, and repairs.
- Include the project list by reference in the ELMS, for those projects that include hazard mitigation measures. Specify which projects are already underway.
- Develop committee to review projects for hazard mitigation opportunities and have them coordinate with the existing transportation project review committee.
- Transportation staff should participate in Broward County EMD exercises focused on how mitigation can better be incorporated into the short-term and long-term recovery process.
- Include reference to the LMS and note that the official Broward County Risk Assessment is located in chapter 4 of the LMS.

### *Vision Broward, a Community Economic Development Partnership*

- Develop a process to explore potential mitigation opportunities for economic development projects.

- Have the members of the public private partnership participate in BC EMD exercises focused on how mitigation can better be incorporated into the short-term and long-term recovery process.
- Include reference in future economic development plans and note that the official Broward County Risk Assessment is located in chapter 4 of the LMS, which includes an economic vulnerability analysis.

### *Broward County Land Use Plan*

- Divide Policy 8.08.02 into two policies and revise in the following manner:
  - Policy 8.08.02(a): Post-disaster redevelopment and hazard mitigation plans shall inventory hazard prone areas, including repetitive loss properties.
  - Policy 8.08.02(b): Local Broward County jurisdictional departments shall implement building codes and development regulations, such as risk-based setback provisions, structural connections, site controls, and overlay zones, to reduce future property damages and losses.

### *EMAP Standards relevant to Mitigation and Long-Term Recovery*

Throughout the ELMS, footnotes mark where this plan's activities in part or the whole meet EMAP accreditation criteria for hazard mitigation (Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the 2010 EMAP Standard). See Appendix K for a tabular listing of the footnotes. More information about how the County meets the requirements of the 2010 EMAP Standard Sections 4.6 and 4.11, the main sections that address aspects of long-term recovery, can be found in the Broward County Recovery Framework (formerly the CRP).

The ELMS subsection in Chapter 5, "Major Government Facilities/Infrastructure Analysis", also addresses the importance of mitigating impacts to key government facilities to better position the County for a more successful, rapid recovery (EMAP Section 4.6.4).

### *CRS Program*

The LMS Flood/CRS Subcommittee should evaluate 2012 changes to the CRS program and identify areas where the County, and municipalities, can get more credit points based on existing activities and potential new ones. Some of the proposed changes have already been added to the ELMS (e.g., Capability Assessment and assessing the impacts of sea level rise and climate change). Below are a few suggested places to review:

- Flood library – 11 publications from FEMA (p.11 -2012 Manual Changes)
- Flood Insurance Promotion (p.14)
- Higher Study Standard – consider for future with sea level rise (p.17)
- Higher Regulatory Standards for South Florida standards already complied with (p. 22)
- Flood Data Maintenance – add flood information to GIS (p.30)
- Communities complete self-assessment checklist on CRS website ([www.crs.2012.com](http://www.crs.2012.com))

### *Link LMS to County and Municipal CIPs*

Since the CIPs are local project funding processes in multiple sectors of local government service, it is both important to first determine where mitigation is occurring (if at all) in current

CIP projects. Second, and more importantly, it is critical to facilitate a process to more fully integrate the potential for mitigation in the full life cycle of the CIP selection and funding process.

The MAT tool process is one that can identify opportunities for proactive mitigation measures to be identified year round. This process is for considering the maximum practicable hazard mitigation protection for any county investment in retrofitting, repairing, upgrading, enhancing, or new construction for facilities or infrastructure. The County's insurer typically requires additional protection above and beyond code under its authority. This additional protection usually pertains to high wind protection to a Category 3 hurricane or greater but does not necessarily pertain to all other likely hazards, namely flood, which is the purview of the federal government.

The MAT tool process should identify additional mitigation opportunities above and beyond what is required under code and the County's insurer's authority. Parameters for investment include practical, cost-effective county investments during a construction process where a facility or infrastructure is being modified or built. Examples include protecting a county critical facility to a Category 5 wind speed and/or 1 foot of freeboard above the 500-year flood level. This process will take into account future risk conditions, like climate change and sea level rise impacts, and an optimal time financially when the modification or new construction is being planned and constructed.

The MAT tool process will consider all potential funding sources but typically it is geared toward finance through County Capital Improvement funds. Therefore, it is essential that the identification process begin when capital improvement projects are first being considered in the CIP budgeting process. This typically occurs ten years in advance of when they are expected to be funded. The process will work roughly like this:

- When a new project is first considered in the CIP budget process at the Division Level (5-8 years in advance for a general project and 2-5 years in advance for a specific project), the MAT will review it for mitigation potential. If the team agrees that some form of mitigation is appropriate and cost-effective, it will provide a description of the mitigation idea with the scope of the CIP project and factor in the mitigation cost into the overall project cost. The MAT may use a worksheet with pre-identified actions to guide the process. The mitigation funding will likely be from the Alternative Financing process.
- As the date of actual funding and design gets close (1 to 2 years out), the MAT will help justify the need for the project to the County commission. The Finance team will help organize the alternative finance application. The MAT will also help draft the Request for Proposals (RFP) to make sure that the scope of services has a clear description of the mitigation measure.

The MAT tool process discussed above links the LMS's goals, principles, and strategies to the County Capital Improvement Plan. To provide a link between the LMS and the local CIPs, each municipality should consider replicating this process at the community level. Appendix E includes a survey developed during the ELMS process to coordinate with the community planners of the Broward County municipalities on how to better integrate mitigation into the municipal comprehensive plans.

The Plan Integration/Mitigation into Recovery Kickoff Meeting was held during the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 LMS meeting at the Broward County EOC. The draft Vision /Comprehensive Plan was provided to the attendees as well as a Mitigation Integration "Best Practices" handout (see

Appendix H). Also in Appendix H is the “Broward County Hazard Mitigation Planning Integration Report”.

### Continued Public Involvement<sup>71</sup>

Broward County and the LMS Working Group are dedicated to continued public involvement in the hazard mitigation planning and review process. As described earlier in this chapter, significant changes or amendments to this Plan shall require the public, as deemed appropriate, to participate in the planning process prior to formal adoption procedures. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Review Draft of the 2012 ELMS was placed on the Broward County Emergency Management ftp site during March and April 2012. Instructions on access to the ftp site, which is <ftp://eoc-ftp.bc-eoc.org>, was distributed via normal communication channels and on the agendas at important meetings like the April 12, 2012 HSEEP-compliant mitigation workshop.

As part of the ELMS process, dedicated webpages or websites were being developed for the following: 1) to provide the general public guidance materials on mitigation projects for their homes; and 2) to provide a secure website whereby subapplicants can submit LMS projects.

Additional efforts to involve the public in the Plan maintenance, evaluation, and revision process will be made as necessary. Per the Florida Sunshine Law, all LMS meetings are open to the public. Focused and continual public involvement efforts may include:

- Advertising meetings of the LMS Working Group with invitations for public participation
- Use technology to show LMS Meetings live on-line
- Conduct periodic webinars on single focus subjects
- Utilizing the Broward County website to advertise any maintenance and/or periodic review activities taking place
  - Consider the taping LMS meeting and other important events and make available on Broward County website
- Keeping available copies of the ELMS at the Broward Emergency Management Division
  - E.g., post updates and annual evaluations of plan on Broward County website
- Utilizing newspaper, TV, Cable, and Radio whenever possible
  - Inform newspaper reporters on key meetings; ask them to highlight County planning activities in feature articles
  - Invite TV and radio reporters for interviews
- Community Bulletin Boards
  - Post results of recent meetings and key ideas
- Participate in state, county and local conferences, workshops, and preparedness fairs as deemed appropriate
  - Present information on county plans as often as possible (e.g., information on the ELMS was presented at both the 2011 and 2012 Governor’s Hurricane Conference)

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# Appendices

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## **Appendix A – Project Prioritization Matrix**

## **Appendix B – Proposed Mitigation Project Form**

## **Appendix C – Mitigation Project List**

*Appendix C contains the latest update of Broward County’s LMS Mitigation Project List. The list of projects is ever changing as projects completed through self-funding or with grant assistance are dropped and new proposed and planned projects are added. Jurisdictions and other potential project sponsors, particularly those not having projects on the current list, are encouraged to submit projects. The expectation is that all eligible applicants are represented on this list with projects that address identified local hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation strategies.*

*The status for each project is included.*

## **Appendix D – LMS Membership List**

## **Appendix E – Planning Process Support Documents**

*A binder containing this information is maintained at the Broward Emergency Management Division’s office.*

## **Appendix F – Resolutions**

*This appendix will contain the Resolution by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners adopting this Plan and all municipal resolutions supporting the LMS Plan.*

## **Appendix G – CRS/NFIP Supporting Documentation**

*This appendix contains NFIP supporting documentation for CRS communities as follows:*

- Attachment 1 - Unincorporated Broward County*
- Attachment 2 - Coconut Creek*
- Attachment 3 - Cooper City*
- Attachment 4 - Coral Springs*
- Attachment 5 - Dania Beach*
- Attachment 6 - Davie*
- Attachment 7 - Deerfield Beach*
- Attachment 8 - Fort Lauderdale*
- Attachment 9 - Hallandale Beach*
- Attachment 10 - Hollywood*
- Attachment 11 - Lauderdale-By-The-Sea*

*Attachment 12 - Lauderhill  
Attachment 13 - Lighthouse Point  
Attachment 14 - Margate  
Attachment 15 - Miramar  
Attachment 16 - North Lauderdale  
Attachment 17 - Oakland Park  
Attachment 18 - Pembroke Park  
Attachment 19 - Plantation  
Attachment 20 - Pompano Beach  
Attachment 21 - Sunrise  
Attachment 22 - Tamarac  
Attachment 23 - Weston  
Attachment 24 - Hillsboro Beach*

*Note: A binder containing this information is maintained at the Broward Emergency Management Division's office.*

## **Appendix H - Local Enhanced Plan and Mitigation Integration Summary**

## **Appendix I - Critical Facilities**

## **Appendix J - Housing Vulnerability**

## **Appendix K - EMAP Crosswalk and Reference**

## **Appendix L - LET / LAS**

## **Appendix M - Grant Funding Sources Table**

## **Appendix N - HSEEP Workshop Results**