

Agenda Item #: **3X1**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 5, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: PUBLIC SAFETY

Submitted For: Emergency Management

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to: **ADOPT** a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida adopting the revised Palm Beach County Countywide Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan dated August, 2006.

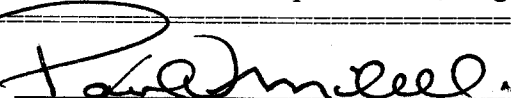
Summary: Florida Administrative Code Section 9J-5.012(3)(b)(8), requires that all Florida coastal jurisdictions provide for the creation of Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans (PDRPs) through the Coastal Management Element of their respective Comprehensive Plans. The County's original PDRP, adopted in 1996, has been totally revamped, rewritten, updated and expanded to be fully compliant with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, to better adhere to revised state guidelines, and to reflect "best planning practices." The scope and content of the plan have been expanded to address critical issues not addressed in the original document, especially as they relate to catastrophic disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf and to certain multi-jurisdictional issues. The revised PDRP dated August 2006 is intended to serve as a single reference for guiding pre and post disaster actions and decisions necessary to facilitate and expedite long-term recovery, land-use, reconstruction and economic redevelopment and otherwise create a more sustainable, disaster resilient community. It has been written for county-wide multi-jurisdictional use. The revised PDRP has been reviewed and approved by the County's PDRP Executive Committee and the Florida Department of Community Affairs. County-wide (DW)

Background and Policy Issues: Palm Beach County's original PDRP was written in 1996 when guidance for such plans was scarce. Enactment of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and experience gained from several major disasters underscored the need for significant PDRP enhancements. Palm Beach County's revised PDRP is the product of a highly participative planning process under the guidance of a PDRP Executive Review Committee. Research, planning workshops, public forums, and plan preparation efforts were led by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and underwritten largely by a state Emergency Management and Preparedness Assistance (EMPA) grant, a supplementary grant from the Public Entity Risk Institute and corporate donations. Leadership Palm Beach County and the League of Cities provided invaluable voluntary assistance to the project. A broad cross section of the public and private sectors contributed to plan development. Outside expertise was drawn from key advisors who are assisting Katrina long-range recovery efforts in the Gulf region in the areas of urban planning, economic redevelopment and post disaster housing. The PDRP is intended to be a "guide" to assist decision makers in the chaotic and stressful post disaster environment rather than a policy document.

Attachments:


1. Resolution adopting the Plan
 2. Executive Summary of Plan's Goals/Objectives and Executive Review Committee
 3. Countywide Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan, August 2006
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Recommended by:


Department Director

11/9/06
Date

Approved by:


Assistant County Administrator

11/22/06
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes No

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Agency _____ Org. _____ Object Reporting Category

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

Eugene Julanich

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Elizabeth Boese 11/15/06 N/A
 OFMB 11/15/06 Contract Administration
 11/14/06 11-14-06 11/15/06

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 11/20/06
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY COUNTYWIDE POST DISASTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN DATED AUGUST 2006

WHEREAS, Florida Administrative Code Section 9J-5.012(3)(b)(8), requires all Florida coastal jurisdictions to include provisions for the development of Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans (PDRP) in their Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County developed and adopted a Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan in 1996; and

WHEREAS, since the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was subsequently enacted, significant changes in PDRP guidelines have been developed and important lessons have been learned from recent disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf and the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County applied for and was awarded an Emergency Management and Preparedness Assistance grant from the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and a supplemental grant from the Public Entity Risk Institute, to prepare a state-of-the-art county-wide PDRP, with special attention to Long-term Recovery, Reconstruction and Economic Redevelopment decisions and actions in the aftermath of catastrophic disasters; and

WHEREAS, the revised plan is consistent with the policies, objectives and guidance outlined in the County's Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and the Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, development of the Palm Beach County PDRP involved a highly participative planning process and the final revised plan was reviewed and approved by the County's PDRP Executive Committee and by the Division of Emergency Management, Florida Department of Community Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the revised Countywide Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan dated August 2006 in its entirety, as a reference document to guide post disaster decisions and actions at the County and city levels.

Section 2. Under the direction of the PDRP Executive Committee, the County will continue to pursue the pre-event actions and initiatives outlined in the Plan.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the appropriate County Officials to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of proposals designated therein, and will, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the actions contained in the Plan.

Palm Beach County Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Palm Beach County, like all communities, is vulnerable to disaster. Despite a long period of relative calm, Palm Beach County has a storied history of major disasters, including the infamous 1928 hurricane which still ranks as the second most deadly in U.S. history. Now during the current period of increased hurricane activity and after recent events in the Gulf States, a major hurricane hitting the county has become more conceivable, albeit just as frightening. Rather than simply hope a disaster never happens here, Palm Beach County has been proactive in increasing its ability and capacity to withstand and recover from a catastrophic disaster event.

Palm Beach County was one of the first jurisdictions in Florida to draft a Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) in 1996. Now, having become more sophisticated in emergency operations and hazard mitigation, the county decided it was also time to strengthen its post disaster planning. The 2006 Countywide Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan is the product of extensive research of best planning practices, lessons learned from recent catastrophic disaster events, and information gathered from participative public workshops. The purpose of the plan is to act as a single reference for guiding decision-making and action during the difficult disaster recovery period, as well as detailing actions that can be taken before a disaster strikes to speed the recovery process. It addresses disaster recovery and redevelopment issues with long-term implications. It does not address pre-disaster mitigation or immediate response and emergency operations, as those are already excellently covered by the Local Mitigation Strategy and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, respectively.

The PDRP is action-oriented and outlines a countywide implementation approach. Through an Executive Committee representing county, municipal, non-profit, and private stakeholders and a flexible Working Group structure, actions outlined in the plan can be implemented as needed regardless of jurisdictional boundaries and possible staffing fluctuations in a post-disaster environment. Pre-disaster actions and annual maintenance of the plan allow the PDRP Executive Committee and Working Groups to actively prepare for a possible disaster. Post-disaster actions create a strategy for dealing with minor, major, or catastrophic disasters and are activated by the county's Executive Policy Group in concert with the PDRP Executive Committee and Recovery Branch Chief. The format of the plan allows new actions to be easily included and new participants to become involved immediately through the Working Groups. The success of the plan relies on the ease of implementation in the aftermath of a disaster and on the participants' commitment to continually strengthen it by performing "blue skies" preparations. A disaster event, while tragic, also presents a window of opportunity for strengthening communities and working toward disaster resilience. With a strong plan in place, Palm Beach County can take advantage of those opportunities and more quickly recover from a disaster should it experience one.