



April 29, 2026

RE: Local Mitigation Strategy Annual Report and Progress of City Mitigation Projects.

Dear Council President, Honorable Mayor, and Members of the Council:

For informational purposes, I am attaching the 2025 annual report for the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).

On the 2025 LMS Prioritized Project List, 2021-03, the Drainage Retention Area (DRA) 222 Flood Relief project is listed for the City of Ocala. The City has procured the parcel for the expansion of DRA 204, and the project is currently in the design phase. We have met with residents of the adjacent neighborhoods, discussed the design, and incorporated their concerns into the final design. We expect to start the project this summer and complete construction in the fall.

Following Hurricane Irma in August of 2018, the City of Ocala received funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Public Assistance Hazard Mitigation Grant for the construction of the following LMS projects:

- Northeast 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage
- Lift Station Generators and Manhole Lid Improvements
- Fisher Park Lift Station Generator and Flood Project

Construction on the Northeast 16th Avenue Drainage project began on July 15, 2024, and was completed in October of 2024. A final inspection by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) was requested in April 2024. The grant closeout phase is underway.

Construction of the Lift Station Generators and Manhole Lid Improvements project began on April 16, 2023, and substantial completion was issued in March of 2025. TECO Peoples Gas is currently providing gas service to the last four natural gas generator locations. Once the gas service is installed and the generators are commissioned, the project will be complete.

The Fisher Park Lift Station Generator and Flood Project started construction on March 11, 2024, and was completed on September 1, 2025. The grant agreement is currently in the closeout phase.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Lanier".

Sean Lanier, P.E., CFM  
City Engineer/Director