

TOWN OF SHALIMAR LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY RESOLUTION 2005-06

Whereas, Okaloosa County and the Town of Shalimar were awarded funds by the Florida Department of Community Affairs for the development of a Revised Local Mitigation Strategy during fiscal years 2003 – 2005. The Local Mitigation Strategy is a plan that the community can use to promote hazard mitigation and manage post-disaster recovery. The plan addresses specific mitigation goals of the community and their specific vulnerabilities to hazards; and

Whereas, the Revised Local Mitigation Strategy for the Town of Shalimar will include modifications to establish compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). The DMA2K changes the original scope of the Local Mitigation Strategy by ensuring that the public, neighboring communities, local and regional agencies are given an opportunity to comment on the plan. It also includes descriptions of all possible types of natural hazards that can affect the Town of Shalimar and descriptions of mitigation goals to reduce or avoid long-term vulnerabilities to identified hazards; and

Whereas, the Local Mitigation Strategy provides for linkage between many disparate local government documents such as the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Capital Improvement Plans, the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Building Codes, Land Development Regulations. These plans address mitigation individually whereas the Local Mitigation Strategy integrates mitigation initiatives established through these plans into a single planning document; and

Whereas, this Strategy also allows a forum for addressing mitigation needs and projects of a community under "blue skies." Discussions of mitigation needs immediately following a disaster can be counterproductive, as tensions are high and activities are chaotic; and

Whereas, a prioritized list of projects is included in the Local Mitigation Strategy. Communities (cities and county) were asked to identify needs, and all needs were prioritized based on the merits of the project, without regard to political boundary. When funding for mitigation projects is made available from various agencies in the future, the Town of Shalimar and the municipalities of the County will be able to consult their list of projects and secure funds more effectively and efficiently; and

Whereas, an important feature of the Local Mitigation Strategy for the Town of Shalimar is its comprehensive approach to hazard mitigation and all of the municipalities in the county have agreed to participate in the program. Formulated in

this strategy is a prioritized list of programs and projects that have been identified as having a need for mitigation of possible damages. As such, the strategy will enable the entire county to pursue mitigation efforts in a unified manner, thus reducing the potential damages and recovery time; and

Whereas, the state will require an additional review after this adoption of the plan by resolution, the Regional Planning Council is hereby authorized to make corrections to the document based on comments from the State and FEMA after receiving such comments, in order to complete the planning contract.

Passed and adopted by the Town of Shalimar, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2005.

ATTEST:

Gary Combs, Mayor

Tina Smith, Deputy Town Clerk