

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Community Partner Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Seminole County for the National Flood Insurance Program- Map Modernization Project

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works **DIVISION:** Roads - Stormwater

**AUTHORIZED BY:** W. Gary Johnson, P.E. **CONTACT:** Mark E. Flomerfelt, P.E. **EXT.** 5709

<b>Agenda Date</b> <u>10/12/04</u>	<b>Regular</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Consent</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Work Session</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Briefing</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Public Hearing – 1:30</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Public Hearing – 7:00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and authorize the County Manager to execute the Community Partner Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Seminole County for the National Flood Insurance Program- Map Modernization Project.  
District - Countywide; (Mark Flomerfelt)

**BACKGROUND:**

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is administered by FEMA and makes federally guaranteed flood insurance available to property owners in communities that adopt and enforce the NFIP's flood plain management requirements. FEMA has identified portions of the county as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) on the Flood Insurance Rate (FIRM) Maps. These Maps designate areas of 100-year flood and base flood elevations. In recent years, Seminole County has experienced the effects of several tropical storms and of course the recent hurricanes. Because of Seminole County's location on a peninsula between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, and because of its low lying areas, there is always a flood threat from heavy storms and the potential for flood losses in Seminole County will continue to exist.

At this time, FEMA is beginning the process of updating the FIRM Maps for Seminole County in a program called the Map Modernization Program. This important effort is to ensure that the most accurate flood maps will be produced for our community. As a part of this undertaking, FEMA is requesting our assistance and cooperation by sharing data, local knowledge and map review during this process. Attached is FEMA's Community Partnership Memorandum of Agreement, which affirms the County's commitment to assist in this process.

No funding commitment is required as a part of this Agreement.

Attachment: FEMA Community Partner Memorandum of Agreement

<b>Reviewed by:</b> Co Atty: <u>N/A</u> DFS: <u>N/A</u> Other: <u>N/A</u> DCM: <u>[Signature]</u> CM: <u>[Signature]</u>  File No. <u>CPWS01</u>
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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**AGREEMENT** is made on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), by Seminole County and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**BECAUSE** the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), established by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, has several purposes, the significant being:

- To better indemnify individuals from losses through the availability of flood insurance;
- To reduce future flood damages through community floodplain management regulations; and
- To reduce costs for disaster assistance and flood control.

**BECAUSE** a critical component of this program is the identification and mapping of the nation's floodplains to create a broad-based awareness of the flood hazard and to provide the data necessary for community floodplain management programs and to actuarially rate flood insurance;

**BECAUSE** FEMA administers the NFIP and is authorized by § 1360 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4101), to establish and update flood-risk zone data in floodplain areas. Further, the identification of flood-prone areas, FEMA is authorized to consult with, receive information from, and enter into agreements or other arrangements with the head of any State, regional, or local agency in order to identify these floodplain areas;

**BECAUSE** FEMA encourages strong Federal, State, regional, and local partnerships for the purposes of reducing flood losses and disaster assistance; and FEMA and its State, regional and local partners have determined that it is advantageous to encourage and formalize greater cooperation in the flood hazard identification and mapping processes;

**BECAUSE** Seminole County participates in the NFIP and shares flood protection and/or floodplain management responsibilities with communities that participate in the NFIP, and had been deemed by FEMA to be in good standing in the NFIP; and

**BECAUSE** Seminole County has expressed a desire to cooperate with FEMA in the flood hazard identification process and has worked with FEMA to identify and prioritize flood mapping needs and develop a scope of study to produce an updated, digital flood map.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is mutually agreed that the parties enter into this agreement to work together to produce an updated, digital flood map for Seminole County.

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Authorized Representative

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Date

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FEMA Authorized Representative

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