

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 13, 2006
Agenda Item: Use of Public Schools as Hurricane Shelters

SUMMARY

Cathy Valdes of the Hillsborough County School District, and other school district staff, will give a presentation regarding the use of public schools as hurricane shelters. The Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission is the Local Planning Agency (LPA) per Chapter 163, Florida Statutes and Chapter 97-351, Laws of Florida.

BACKGROUND

As the Local Planning Agency (LPA), the Planning Commission is responsible for maintaining the Long Range Comprehensive Plans for Hillsborough County and the Cities of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace. The Coastal Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan is required to address hazard mitigation including providing adequate evacuation and shelter capacities.

During the January regular meeting, the Planning Commission briefly discussed the use of public schools as hurricane shelters. Questions arose during that discussion that could not immediately be answered. In response to this inquiry, Cathy Valdes of the Hillsborough County School District, and other school district staff, will give a presentation regarding using public schools as hurricane shelters.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only. No action necessary.