



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**


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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Thomas Campbell, Executive Director, Florida Building Commission  
James Schock, Vice-Chairman, Florida Building Commission

FROM:  Steve Martin, State Floodplain Manager  
State Floodplain Management Office, Bureau of Mitigation

RE: Status Report on FBC Coordinated Floodplain Management Ordinances

As we begin 2019, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, State Floodplain Management Office, would like to take the opportunity to provide a brief summary of actions taken since 2009 when the Florida Building Commission convened the Flood Resistant Standards Workgroup.

A primary recommendation of the Workgroup was to incorporate the flood damage-resistant provisions of the International Codes. Since the 2010 edition of the Florida Building Code, communities have been able to rely on those provisions to satisfy their commitments to the National Flood Insurance Program to regulate buildings in mapped flood zones. Another recommendation of the Workgroup led to a statutory change that, in part, means higher standards adopted by communities as amendments to the Florida Building Code do not sunset when subsequent editions of the code are effective.

The Workgroup also reviewed and discussed a draft model floodplain ordinance written to rely on the flood provisions in the FBC. After extensive review, FEMA approved, the model ordinance in early 2013. FEMA has now approved every local ordinance based on the model.

DEM has committed significant resources to working with Florida's flood-prone communities to transition to the FBC-coordinated floodplain management ordinance. As of early January 2019, nearly 98% of Florida's 467 flood-prone counties, cities, towns and villages have adopted or are in the process of working with the State Floodplain Management Office to tailor the model ordinance. We are contacting the remaining communities this month, and hope to complete this initiative by the middle of this year.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the ongoing responsiveness of Mr. Mo Madani and Ms. Marlita Peters to questions we have asked through the years.

Please let me know if I can provide additional detail on our work to reduce flood losses and increase community resilience to flooding in Florida.

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cc: Miles Anderson, Chief, Bureau of Mitigation  
Mo Madani, DBPR  
Marlita Peters, DBPR