

Hardee County, FL

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2030-04-16. Plan: Hardee County (FEMA plan 110689), approved 2025-04-16.

Since the plan was approved on 2025-04-16: no new hazard declaration and 0 NOAA Storm Events records; details under "What changed since your last plan".

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Strong Wind (\$10,213,328 a year), Hurricane (\$8,799,399) and Inland Flooding (\$2,777,420).

The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.

NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).

NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.

RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).

FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.

PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.

Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.

County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.

FIPS: the federal code for a place; 12049 is this area.

D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).

F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.

kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.

A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).

Dollars: nominal (as reported, labeled with the year), not adjusted for inflation.

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Plan clock

Status:Approved, expires 2030-04-16

Plan:Hardee County (FEMA plan 110689)

Approved:2025-04-16

Days to expiry:1,294

What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-04-16)

New federal declarations:none

Storm Events records since approval:0 records (data through 2026-06-30)

Repetitive loss now:FMA RL 6, SRL 3 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 22

Repeat-flood change:this release sets the baseline count.

Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry negative = days since expiry	Notes
Hardee County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	Hardee County (FEMA plan 110689)	2025-04-16	2030-04-16	1,294	
Bowling Green city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	Hardee County (FEMA plan 110689)	2025-04-16	2030-04-16	1,294	this jurisdiction approved 2025-09-09
Wauchula city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	Hardee County (FEMA plan 110689)	2025-04-16	2030-04-16	1,294	this jurisdiction approved 2025-09-09
Zolfo Springs town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	Hardee County (FEMA plan 110689)	2025-04-16	2030-04-16	1,294	this jurisdiction approved 2025-09-09

State plan status and tribal plans in this state: see the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

- dam failure (incl. upstream dams)
- levee failure
- flash flood as its own subtype
- ice jams
- debris flows
- erosion (riverine and coastal)
- land subsidence and sinkholes
- expansive soils

The 18 National Risk Index hazards, ranked by expected annual loss (EAL)

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year; not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Strong Wind	Very High	Very High	\$7,259,501	\$2,759,189	\$194,637	\$10,213,328	42	Includes 3 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
2	Hurricane	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$6,507,450	\$2,075,397	\$216,551	\$8,799,399	17	
3	Inland Flooding	Very Low	Very Low	\$2,677,221	\$99,306	\$893	\$2,777,420	29	
4	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$46,297	\$1,159,948	\$15,231	\$1,221,476	43	Includes 40 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
5	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$433,598	\$7,106	\$419,405	\$860,109	18	
6	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$392,960	\$9,145	\$102,812	\$504,917	0	Declared 4 times; no Storm Events record of this type.
7	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$10,962	n/a	\$464,151	\$475,113	6	
8	Drought	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	n/a	\$299,407	n/a	\$299,407	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
9	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$10	\$238	\$153,906	\$154,154	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
10	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$1,476	\$111,309	\$2,293	\$115,078	23	
11	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$6,830	n/a	\$3,403	\$10,233		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
12	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$9	n/a	under \$1	\$10	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).

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13	Coastal Flooding	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	\$0	n/a	\$0	\$0	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Winter Weather	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).

NRI risk rating combines expected annual loss with social vulnerability and community resilience; EAL rating rates expected annual loss alone. Both compare this county with all U.S. counties.

Local data needed: state and local wildfire and landslide records (Storm Events records these hazards only in part).

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: avalanche, ice storm, tsunami and volcanic activity. That is the evidence for leaving them out of the plan.

The state hazard mitigation plan also lists hazards for this county; FEMA asks the plan to explain any hazard it leaves out.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

Affects the whole county (national data give no location within it): Cold Wave, Drought, Hail, Heat Wave, Lightning, Strong Wind and Winter Weather.

Coastal Flooding and Inland Flooding: The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov>) for this county.

Hazards that vary within the county: highest-rated census tracts

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Earthquake	tract 9703.01 (Very Low, 11.6); tract 9702.01 (Very Low, 11.2); tract 9704.01 (Very Low, 9.0)
Hurricane	tract 9701.02 (Relatively High, 97.0); tract 9703.01 (Relatively High, 96.8); tract 9702.01 (Relatively High, 96.7)
Landslide	tract 9703.02 (Very Low, 58.1); tract 9701.02 (Very Low, 45.6); tract 9704.02 (Very Low, 45.1)
Tornado	tract 9703.01 (Relatively Moderate, 73.3); tract 9702.01 (Relatively Moderate, 70.9); tract 9703.02 (Relatively Moderate, 68.2)
Wildfire	tract 9703.02 (Relatively Moderate, 95.7); tract 9701.01 (Relatively Moderate, 94.7); tract 9704.02 (Relatively Moderate, 94.6)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 9703.01 is Census Tract 9703.01). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

Extent: scale, observed range and worst recorded event per hazard

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide	none in data (flood depth: FIRM)	0					Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	3 records, 2003 to 2007 (3 zone-level)	1 day to 2 days (median 1.5 days); 2 with a recorded value	2 consecutive days, 2003-01-24 to 2003-01-25, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	40 records, 1996 to 2018 (40 zone-level)		Frost/Freeze, 2010-01-10, \$6,310,000 crop damage (2010 dollars); NWS zone FLZ056		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	0					Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	29 records, 1962 to 2022	0.75 in to 2 in (median 0.88 in); 29 with a recorded value	2 in hail, 2021-04-11	Hail, 2018-03-20, \$3,000 property; \$0 crops (2018 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wauchula city (9 records), Bowling Green city (6 records), Zolfo Springs town (5 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	0					
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	17 records, 1996 to 2024 (17 zone-level)		Strongest recorded: Hurricane record (NOAA event type 'Hurricane (Typhoon)'), 2017-09-10 to 2017-09-11, category 1, \$1,640,000 property; \$57,500,000 crops (2017 dollars); NWS zone FLZ056		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	29 records, 1997 to 2021 (5 zone-level)		Flood, 2017-09-12, \$1,640,000 property; \$0 crops (2017 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wauchula city (7 records), Zolfo Springs town (7 records), Bowling Green city (1 record). Zone-level records (5) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	0					

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	6 records, 2003 to 2019		Lightning, 2003-07-29, \$30,000 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Zolfo Springs town (2 records), Bowling Green city (1 record), Wauchula city (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	5 records, 2002 to 2020 (5 zone-level)	45 kt (52 mph) to 94 kt (108 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 4 with a recorded value	94 kt (108 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2004-08-13, 6 direct injuries (reported for the zone); NWS zone FLZ056		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	56 records, 1970 to 2022	40 kt (46 mph) to 60 kt (69 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 20 with a recorded value	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2017-08-18; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 2004-06-27	Thunderstorm Wind, 1999-08-02, \$150,000 property; \$0 crops (1999 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wauchula city (18 records), Zolfo Springs town (8 records), Bowling Green city (4 records).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	24 records, 1961 to 2024	F/EF0 to F/EF1 (median F/EF0); 23 with a recorded value	F1 tornado, 2004-06-04, 3 mi within this county, 70 yd wide, \$310,000 property; \$15,000 crops (2004 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wauchula city (8 records), Zolfo Springs town (4 records), Bowling Green city (1 record).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	0					

In event narratives only (local data needed): wind chill, temperature, heat index, acres burned and snow depth; any physical measure of debris flow and lightning.

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records from zones that no NWS zone-county file places in this county (mostly before 2020) are not counted here (the Methods page explains the zone matching).

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 36 declarations covering 26 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2024-10-11	2024-10-05	DR-4834-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Milton	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	\$2,999,335.59	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2024-10-07	2024-10-05	EM-3622-FL	Emergency	Hurricane Milton	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4834
2024-08-10	2024-08-01	DR-4806-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Debby	Hurricane	\$380,508.04	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2024-08-03	2024-08-01	EM-3605-FL	Emergency	Tropical Storm Debby	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Strong Wind, Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4806
2023-08-31	2023-08-27	DR-4734-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Idalia	Hurricane	\$28,184.16	within last 5 years	
2023-08-28	2023-08-27	EM-3596-FL	Emergency	Tropical Storm Idalia	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4734
2022-12-13	2022-11-07	DR-4680-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Nicole	Hurricane	\$45,712.84	within last 5 years	
2022-11-08	2022-11-07	EM-3587-FL	Emergency	Tropical Storm Nicole	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4680
2022-09-29	2022-09-23	DR-4673-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Ian	Hurricane	\$27,173,586.98	within last 5 years	
2022-09-24	2022-09-23	EM-3584-FL	Emergency	Tropical Storm Ian	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4673
2021-07-04	2021-07-04	EM-3561-FL	Emergency	Tropical Storm Elsa	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
2020-03-25	2020-01-20	DR-4486-FL	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$61,804.55		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3432-FL	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4486
2019-08-30	2019-08-28	EM-3419-FL	Emergency	Hurricane Dorian	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
2017-09-10	2017-09-04	DR-4337-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Irma	Hurricane	\$8,051,390.40		
2017-09-05	2017-09-04	EM-3385-FL	Emergency	Hurricane Irma	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4337
2008-08-24	2008-08-18	DR-1785-FL	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Fay	Hurricane; Inland Flooding	\$212,810.30		
2008-08-21	2008-08-18	EM-3288-FL	Emergency	Tropical Storm Fay	Hurricane; Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-1785

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2005-10-24	2005-10-23	DR-1609-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Wilma	Hurricane	\$103,558.12		
2005-09-05	2005-08-29	EM-3220-FL	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2004-09-26	2004-09-24	DR-1561-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Jeanne	Hurricane	\$2,268,773.89		
2004-09-04	2004-09-03	DR-1545-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Frances	Hurricane	\$2,306,552.44		
2004-08-13	2004-08-11	DR-1539-FL	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley	Hurricane	\$25,028,584.81		
2003-07-29	2003-06-13	DR-1481-FL	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$190,209.42		
2001-09-28	2001-09-13	DR-1393-FL	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding Associated with Tropical Storm Gabrielle	Hurricane; Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$2,503,881.08		
2001-04-18	2001-04-17	FM-2358-FL	Fire management	FI - Myakka Complex Fire	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded		
2001-02-05	2000-12-01	DR-1359-FL	Major disaster	Severe Freeze	Cold Wave	PA not declared for this county		
1999-10-15	1999-10-14	EM-3150-FL	Emergency	Tropical Storm Irene - Florida	Hurricane	\$2,990.02		
1999-04-27	1999-04-15	EM-3139-FL	Emergency	FI-Fires 04/15/99	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded		
1999-04-23	1999-04-13	FM-2260-FL	Fire management	FI-Fires 04/13/99	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded		
1998-09-25	1998-09-25	EM-3131-FL	Emergency	Hurricane Gorges	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
1998-06-18	1998-05-25	DR-1223-FL	Major disaster	Extreme Fire Hazard	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded		
1998-01-06	1997-12-25	DR-1195-FL	Major disaster	Severe Storms, High Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1990-01-15	1989-12-23	DR-851-FL	Major disaster	Severe Freeze	Cold Wave	PA not declared for this county		
1985-03-18	1985-03-18	DR-732-FL	Major disaster	Severe Freeze	Cold Wave	PA not declared for this county		
1977-01-31	1977-01-31	DR-526-FL	Major disaster	Severe Winter Weather	Cold Wave	PA not declared for this county		

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
1995-08-03	1995-08-02	EM-3116-FL	Emergency	Hurricane Erin	Hurricane
1964-09-10	1964-09-10	DR-176-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Dora	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1964-09-08	1964-09-08	DR-175-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Cleo	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1962-12-17	1962-12-17	DR-141-FL	Major disaster	Abnormally High Tides	Inland Flooding
1960-09-12	1960-09-12	DR-106-FL	Major disaster	Hurricane Donna	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1960-03-23	1960-03-23	DR-97-FL	Major disaster	Severe Weather Conditions	Other, not an NRI hazard; not counted
1953-10-22	1953-10-22	DR-12-FL	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county, so they are listed on every county page in the state and not counted with county rows. Local data needed: whether each one affected this county.

17 Fire Management declarations (1985-05-17 to 1998-06-28) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Public Assistance filed under this county for declarations that do not list it: 1 row, \$128,015.96

Sources: 2, 3

FEMA number	Declared	Title	Applicant	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>
DR-4828-FL	2024-09-28	Hurricane Helene	Peace River Electric Cooperative, Inc	\$128,015.96

FEMA's Public Assistance summaries file these applicants under this county, but FEMA's declaration rows for these disasters do not designate it (an electric cooperative or district serving several counties, for example). Not in any declaration row above and not counted.

Public Assistance not placed in any Florida county: 4 rows, \$9,327,951.42; listed on the Florida state page.

Source: 3

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Coastal Flooding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	43	0	0	0	4	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 40 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	29	0	0	1	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	

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Heat Wave	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Hurricane	17	0	2	5	16	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	29	0	0	0	6	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Lightning	6	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	61	0	0	2	2	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 3 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	24	0	2	3	3	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	4	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 4 federal declared incidents (see declarations table)
Winter Weather	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2022-09-28	Hurricane (NOAA event type 'Hurricane (Typhoon)')	category 1	\$1,000,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2022 dollars)	4, 0	NWS zone FLZ056 (HARDEE), zone-level	within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2021-04-11	Hail	2 in	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2021 dollars)	0, 0	WAUCHULA		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2017-09-12	Flood		\$1,640,000 property; \$0 crops (2017 dollars)	0, 0	TORREY to WAUCHULA		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2017-09-10	Hurricane (NOAA event type 'Hurricane (Typhoon)')	category 1	\$1,640,000 property; \$57,500,000 crops (zone total, 2017 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ056 (HARDEE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
2017-08-18	Thunderstorm Wind	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust	\$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2017 dollars)	0, 0	WAUCHULA		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2010-01-10	Frost/Freeze		\$0 property; \$6,310,000 crops (zone total, 2010 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ056 (HARDEE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Frost/Freeze
2004-08-13	High Wind	94 kt (108 mph) measured gust	\$177,000,000 property; \$75,000,000 crops (zone total, 2004 dollars)	0, 6	NWS zone FLZ056 (HARDEE), zone-level		deaths or injuries recorded
2004-07-05	Lightning		damage not reported	0, 2	FT GREEN		deaths or injuries recorded
2004-06-04	Tornado	F1, 3 mi within this county, 70 yd wide	\$310,000 property; \$15,000 crops (2004 dollars)	0, 0	FT GREEN		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
2003-07-29	Lightning		\$30,000 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars)	0, 0	ZOLFO SPGS		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2003-01-24	Extreme Cold/Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ056 (HARDEE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
1999-08-02	Thunderstorm Wind	speed not recorded	\$150,000 property; \$0 crops (1999 dollars)	0, 0	BOWLING GREEN to WAUCHULA MUNI ARPT		B1-c most damaging: Thunderstorm Wind

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (209 rows).

Location is the place NOAA recorded, as written in its data; it need not be a jurisdiction in this plan.

Local data needed: state-declared emergencies, from your state emergency management agency (federal data do not include them).

Tribal and special-area declarations in this state are listed on the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-e: probability of future events

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Coastal Flooding	0	events per year at a location (modeled)	none modeled		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Cold Wave	3.74	event-days per year	about 3.74 days per year	Possible	Storm Events event- days in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	71	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	16.7	event-days per year	about 16.7 days per year		Storm Events event- days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	504	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	No Storm Events drought record, 1996 to 2025
Earthquake	0.000284	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0284%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	1.68	events per year	about 1.68 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	63.7 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	3.32	event-days per year	about 3.32 days per year		Storm Events event- days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	53	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No Storm Events heat wave record, 1996 to 2025
Hurricane	0.241	events per year	about 1 in 4 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	72	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Inland Flooding	0.786	event-days per year	about 0.786 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 9 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (30%)	22	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.0704	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 14 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	97.4	days per year with a strike	about 97.4 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	0.765	events per year	about 0.76 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	30	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Tornado	0.652	events per year	about 0.65 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.00842	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.842%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Winter Weather	0	event-days per year	none modeled		Storm Events event- days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	0	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No Storm Events winter weather record, 1996 to 2025

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) is the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025) estimate of how often a hazard affects this county in a year; it is not recorded events divided by years, and its unit differs by hazard (events, event-days, or days with a lightning strike per year). For earthquake, wildfire, coastal flooding and tsunami the value is the chance (or number of events) at a location in the county, not across the county, so no "1 in N years" is given and the descriptor comes from Storm Events where it has a record (none for earthquake). The Methods page gives each hazard's method, from FEMA's National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20.

Where NRI gives event-days, the descriptor comes from the share of years with a Storm Events record; NRI's source records more events, so the two differ.

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
annual probability	Possible	1% to under 10% chance in a given year
annual probability	Unlikely	under 1% chance in a given year
event-days (share of years)	Highly likely	event-days recorded in 90% or more of years
event-days (share of years)	Likely	event-days recorded in 10% to under 90% of years
event-days (share of years)	Possible	event-days recorded in some years but under 10% of years
lightning strike-days	Highly likely	cloud-to-ground strikes on 1 or more days per year

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	8	30	0.267
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	12	30	0.4
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	25	30	0.833
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	18	30	0.6
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

The bands show how often events of each severity were recorded in this county, to profile how severe events have been (FEMA's probability item asks for the range of intensities).

Hail smaller than 1 inch is not counted: on 2010-01-05 the National Weather Service raised its severe-hail threshold from 3/4 inch to 1 inch, so smaller reports became less common after 2009 (NWS Service Change Notice 09-52). NRI hail frequency uses a 0.75 inch threshold.

Optional: future conditions. Not a required item in the 2025 FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide; some states ask for it. The federal Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation (CMRA) site gives county exposure to future climate conditions (<https://resilience.climate.gov/>).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-f: hazards that vary across jurisdictions

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 8				No Rating 8
Cold Wave	8 of 8	29.2	69.0	94.9	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 2
Drought	8 of 8	82.6	92.1	96.0	Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 4
Earthquake	8 of 8	2.9	7.7	11.6	Very Low 8
Hail	8 of 8	24.7	58.0	81.1	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 5, Very Low 1
Heat Wave	8 of 8	7.0	36.0	45.8	Relatively Low 7, Very Low 1
Hurricane	8 of 8	90.5	96.2	97.0	Relatively High 8
Inland Flooding	8 of 8	5.3	29.2	65.1	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 6, Very Low 1
Landslide	8 of 8	14.5	36.2	58.1	Very Low 8
Lightning	8 of 8	64.3	96.8	98.4	Very High 5, Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 1
Strong Wind	8 of 8	99.8	100.0	100.0	Very High 8

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Tornado	8 of 8	42.6	65.8	73.3	Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 1
Wildfire	8 of 8	86.6	93.6	95.7	Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 1
Winter Weather	0 of 8				No Rating 8

Cold Wave: Agriculture is 95% of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Drought: Agriculture is all of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Hail: Agriculture is 97% of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Rated tracts only: No Rating (score 0.0), Not Applicable and Insufficient Data tracts are counted but not used for the minimum, median and maximum.

The score ranks a tract against all U.S. tracts (100 = highest). The rating is FEMA's category for the tract's risk value, computed differently, so the two can disagree.

Frequency data for cold wave, drought, hail, heat wave, lightning and strong wind are county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone), the same for every jurisdiction; the tract range mostly reflects where buildings and people are (crop and livestock value where a line above names agriculture).

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since its plan</i>
Hardee County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	FMA RL 5, SRL 3; any 18	\$28,853,011.77	0 total; 0 since its plan
Bowling Green city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$417,384.20	13 total; 0 since its plan
Wauchula city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$4,421,383.93	43 total; 0 since its plan
Zolfo Springs town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-16	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 2	\$966,558.46	26 total; 0 since its plan

Repetitive-loss counts are for whole NFIP communities, which can extend beyond this county (see the note in B2-c).

County Public Assistance in B1-d also includes applicants filed under the county that are not jurisdictions in this plan (for example state agencies, special districts and nonprofits), so the jurisdiction rows add up to less.

Supports FEMA checklist items B2-a and B2-b: vulnerability and potential impacts

Local data needed

The table below gives county-level starting figures; the plan describes impacts for each jurisdiction and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
- A problem statement per jurisdiction per hazard
- Changes in development in hazard-prone areas since the last approval, or a statement of none (E1-a)
- Future assets

County-level starter: exposure, expected annual loss and damage since the plan

Sources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-04-16 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Coastal Flooding	\$0	n/a	0	\$0	n/a	\$0					building exposure is 0 in NRI
Cold Wave	\$4,283,480,440	\$263,538,958	25,302	\$46,297	\$1,159,948	\$15,231	0.00108%				
Drought	n/a	\$134,788,918	n/a	n/a	\$299,407	n/a	0.222% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$7,672,862,836	n/a	25,327	\$6,830	n/a	\$3,403	under 0.0001%				
Hail	\$4,283,480,440	\$263,538,958	25,302	\$1,476	\$111,309	\$2,293	under 0.0001%				
Heat Wave	\$4,283,480,440	\$263,538,958	25,302	\$10	\$238	\$153,906	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$4,283,225,603	\$263,495,663	25,301	\$6,507,450	\$2,075,397	\$216,551	0.152%				
Inland Flooding	\$4,283,035,889	\$25,171,104	1,026	\$2,677,221	\$99,306	\$893	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$2,438,673	n/a	8	\$9	n/a	under \$1	0.000385%				
Lightning	\$4,283,480,440	n/a	25,302	\$10,962	n/a	\$464,151	0.000256%				
Strong Wind	\$4,283,480,440	\$263,538,958	25,302	\$7,259,501	\$2,759,189	\$194,637	0.169%				
Tornado	\$4,283,480,440	\$263,538,958	25,302	\$433,598	\$7,106	\$419,405	0.0101%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-04-16 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Wildfire	\$585,633,814	\$158,965,025	8,824	\$392,960	\$9,145	\$102,812	0.0671%				
Winter Weather	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0					building exposure is 0 in NRI

Totals since 2025-04-16 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 0 county-coded records, 0 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 0 zone-level records, 0 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: no counted declaration since the plan.

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

NRI computes earthquake exposure on its own basis, so it exceeds the county building value in B2-a.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-a: vulnerability (county context)

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	25,302
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$4,283,480,440
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$263,538,958
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$23,857,361
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$1,573,283
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Moderate
Community resilience rating	Very Low
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; this table gives the property part and the population-equivalence part as separate rows.

Social vulnerability: higher means people are more likely to be harmed and slower to recover. Community resilience: lower means the community is less able to recover. High social vulnerability and low resilience both raise the NRI risk rating.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	6	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	3
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	22	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	3

The state NFIP coordinator's list, the source FEMA's Handbook names, often uses the NFIP insurance definition (second row).

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	6	3	22	3	22	0	6
of which: Hardee County (unincorporated area)	5	3	18	3	18	0	4
of which: Wauchula city	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Zolfo Springs town	1	0	2	0	2	0	2
of which: Longboat Key town (plan jurisdiction listed on the Manatee County and Sarasota County page)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	1	9	0	10	0	1

1 of the county's repeat-flood properties belong to NFIP communities whose plan jurisdiction is not listed on this page (the community rows above name the page that lists it).

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

Repeat-flood properties by jurisdiction in the plan (NFIP community)

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Hardee County (unincorporated area)	120103	5	3	18	3	18	0	4
Bowling Green city	120104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wauchula city	120105	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Zolfo Springs town	120106	1	0	2	0	2	0	2

Counts by occupancy group for each jurisdiction are in the Excel file, sheet "B2-c Jurisdictions".

Jurisdiction rows are whole NFIP communities and need not add up to the county total: a community that extends into another county is counted in full on each jurisdiction row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	6	2	20	2	20	0	6
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
other residential	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
non-residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class; institutional properties are counted in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (FEMA's data date 2026-08-02; file version 2026-08-04). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 16 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

This packet is the federal data for the plan's risk assessment (the summary on page 1 says how it is organized); the plan and FEMA's review decide whether each item is met.

The plan adds what only the community has: local data on assets, critical facilities, development and each jurisdiction's impacts; local hazard history, including state-declared emergencies; the mitigation strategy; and adoption.

How the federal data are built: National Risk Index values are FEMA's model, not counts of events. Storm Events is more complete from 1996; zone-level records are placed by forecast zone, not by location in the county. Public Assistance for a jurisdiction is matched by applicant name. The Methods page gives every rule and the known edge cases.

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