



# Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)

*Florida Department of Economic Opportunity  
Office of Disaster Recovery*

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# AGENDA

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- Introductions
- CDBG-Mitigation Overview
- Eligible Communities
- State Action Plan Development
- Activities Eligible for Funding
- Additional Considerations and General Notes
- Questions & Comments

# HUD's MITIGATION DEFINITION

**“Those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.”**

— U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



# CDBG – MIT OVERVIEW

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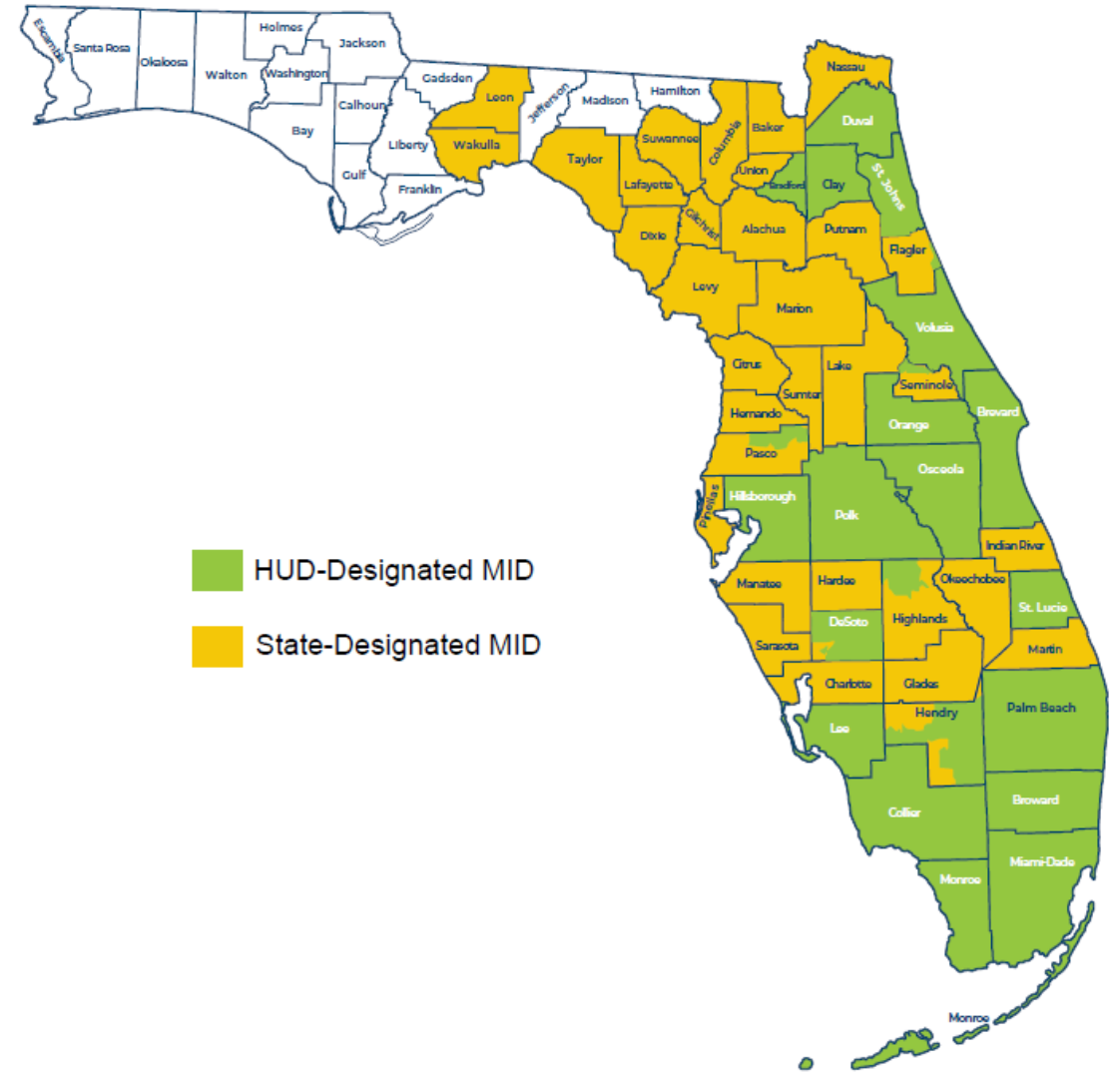
- Funds originally announced: April 2018
- Florida allocation: \$633,485,000
- Federal Register Notice Published: August 30, 2019
- In total, 51 Florida counties are currently eligible for CDBG-MIT funding.
  - Due to 2016 and 2017 (Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, and Irma) disasters
- CDBG-MIT state action plan due to HUD: **February 3, 2020.**

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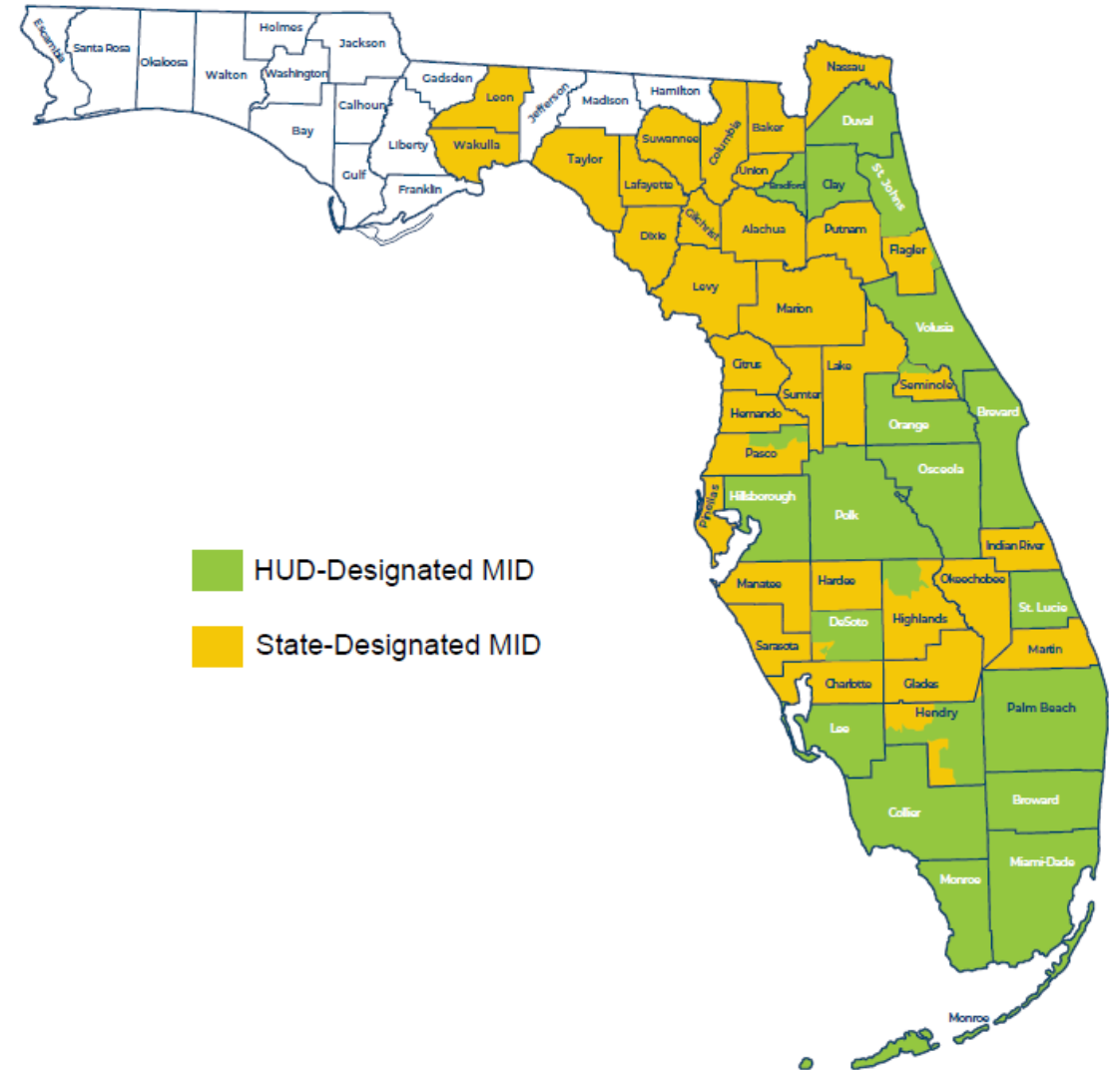
# CDBG-MIT FUNDING

- At least 50% of funds must be spent on mitigation needs in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- Remaining funds can be spent in State-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- 50% minimum spending to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities
- 50% minimum required funding expended in 6 years
- 100% must be expended in 12 years



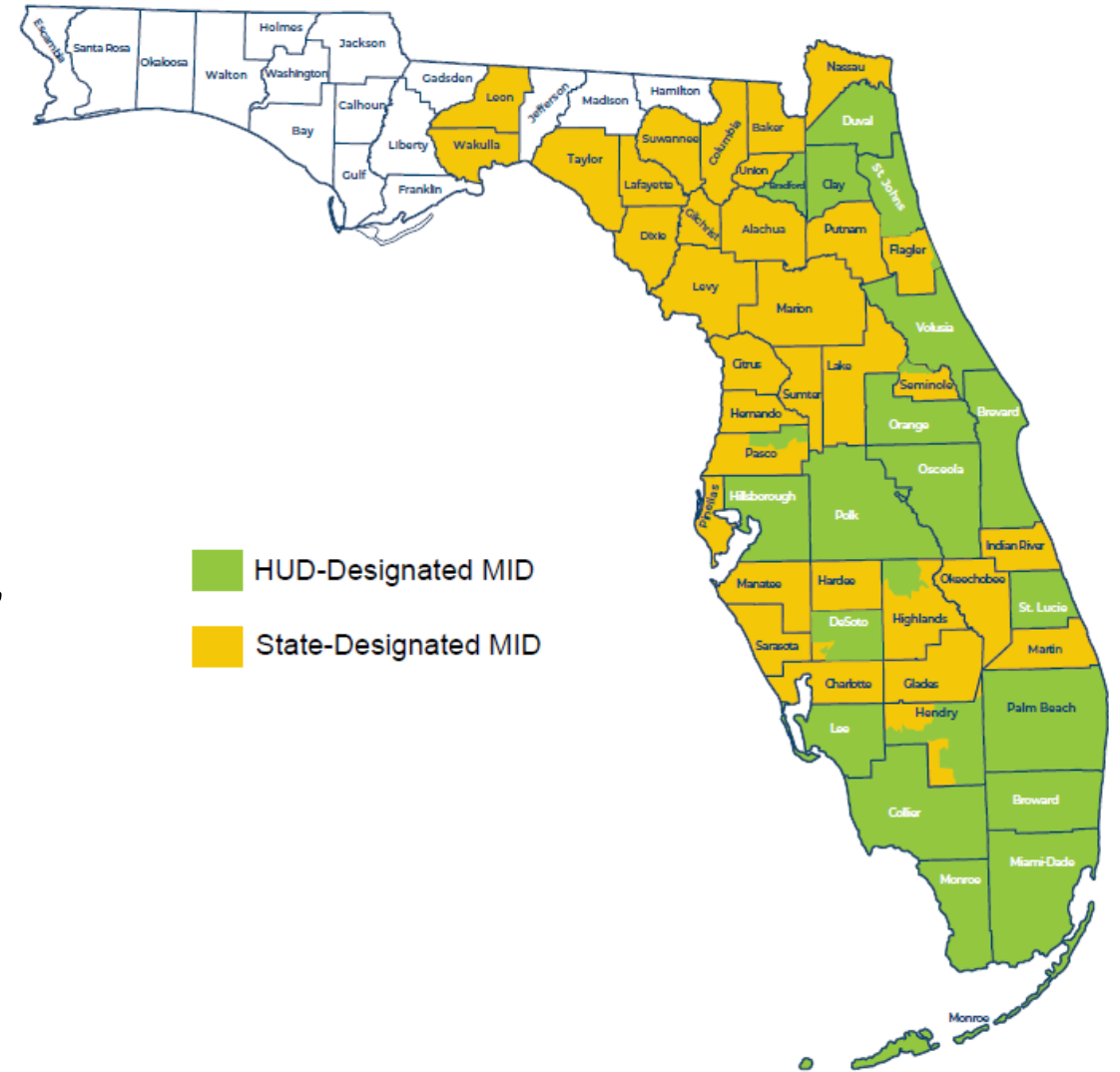
# HUD MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED (MID) AREAS

- **HUD-designated MID counties:** Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami Dade, Monroe, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, and Volusia counties;
- **HUD-designated MID ZIP Codes:** 32084, 32091, 32136, 32145, 32771, 33440, 33523, 33825, 33870, 32068, 33935, and 34266.



# STATE MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED (MID) AREAS

- **State-designated MID counties:** Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Charlotte, Citrus, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Leon, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Nassau, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla.





# CDBG-MIT ACTION PLAN

- DEO will lead the state's efforts to create the federally require State Action Plan
  - Provides a high-level strategy for how the funding will be used to address eligible communities' disaster mitigation needs.
  - Will be developed in partnership with state and local partners involved in on mitigation and resiliency efforts.
- **Action Plan is due February 3, 2020**
  - Public Comment = 45 days
  - HUD review = 60 days after submission
- **Requirements**
  - Risk-Based Needs Assessment
  - Community Participation Strategy
  - Eligible and Ineligible Activities

**RISK BASED MITIGATION NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT**

# RISK-BASED MITIGATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Addresses the current and future risks identified in the most impacted and distressed areas
- “...must quantitatively assess the significant potential impacts and risks of hazards...”
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) *must* be utilized in risk assessment. “Grantees must reference these plans and indicate how the risks identified in the Mitigation Needs Assessment have been informed by the FEMA mitigation plan.”
- As mitigation needs evolve over time and conditions change, amendments to the initial assessment will be submitted.
- Seven Community Lifelines Risk Reduction

# RISK-BASED MITIGATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT: HAZARDS

The risk assessment provides the **factual basis** for activities proposed in the mitigation strategy that will reduce losses from identified hazards. It makes a **clear connection** between the **vulnerability** and the **proposed hazard mitigation actions**.

- Flooding
- Hurricanes/Tropical Storms
- Severe Storms
- Coastal Erosion
- Wildfires

Community lifelines enable the **continuous operation** of government functions and critical business and is essential to **human health and safety** or economic security. In our risk assessment, **identifying gaps and vulnerabilities** of these critical services will inform our mitigation strategy.

# RISK-BASED MITIGATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT



# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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- In May 2019, DEO launched CDBG-MIT survey to generate feedback from Florida communities regarding their mitigation needs and priorities.
  - Still available at [RebuildFlorida.gov](https://RebuildFlorida.gov)
- Upcoming regional workshops in MID areas.
- Regular program updates via webinar, conference calls and email blasts.
- Publication of the action plan and opportunity for public comment
- Meaningful access to public commentary to LEP individuals
- Must make the action plan and any amendments accessible online

# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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- Following an approved action plan, DEO “shall form one or more citizen advisory committees that shall meet in an open forum not less than twice annually in order to provide increased transparency in the implementation of the CDBG-MIT funds, to solicit and respond to public comment and input regarding the grantee’s mitigation activities and to serve as an on-going public forum to continuously inform the grantee’s CDBG-MIT projects and programs.”



# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

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- Regional investments in risk reduction from hazards to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure
- Water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific identified risks
- Multi-use infrastructure
- Green or natural mitigation infrastructure development

# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES - PLANNING

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- “Development of modernized and resilient building codes and land use plans.”
- “Integration of mitigation planning with other local and regional mitigation community development, land use and other plans”
- “Upgrade mapping, data, and other capabilities to better understand evolving potential disaster risks.”
- Eligible Plans
  - Local and regional functional land-use plans
  - Master plans
  - Historical preservation plans
  - Comprehensive plans
  - Community recovery plans
  - Resilience plans
  - Development of building codes
  - Zoning ordinances
  - Neighborhood plans

# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES - CDBG-MIT AS MATCH

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- Meeting matching requirements, shares, or contribution for other Federal programs
  - Includes FEMA and \*USACE
    - USACE federal project max is \$250,000

# INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Funding for buildings used for the general conduct of government
- Emergency Response Services (ERS)
  - Funds **may** be used to enhance the resilience of facilities
- Forced mortgage payoff
- Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design
- Assistance to private utilities

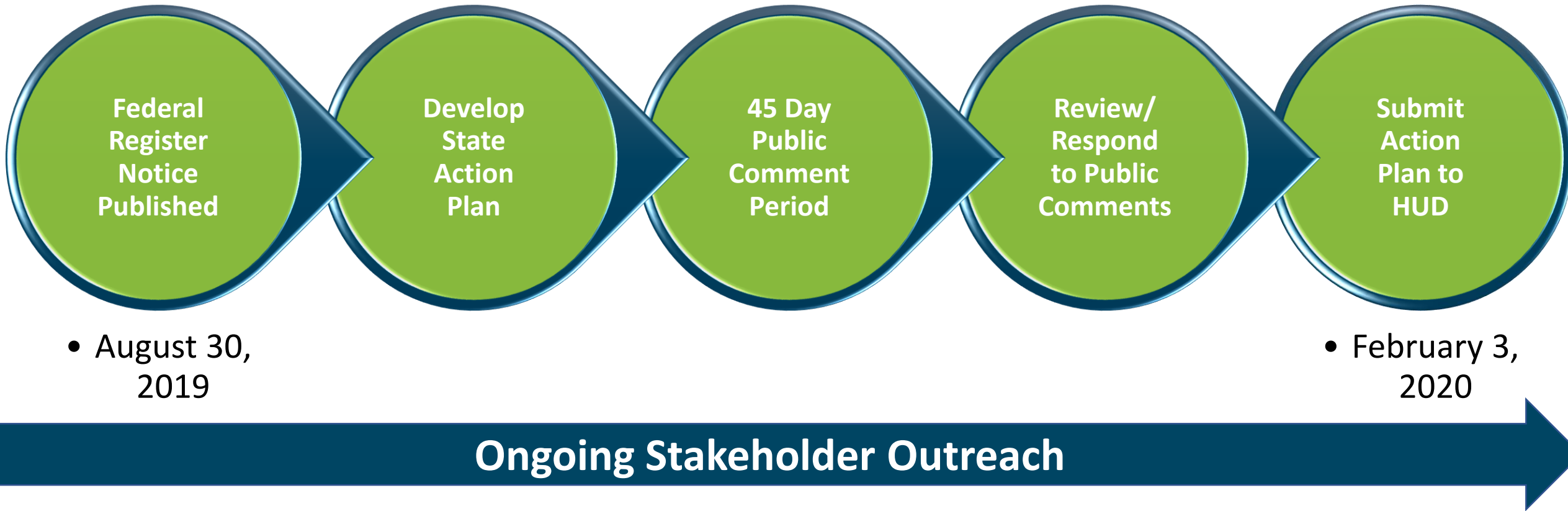


# ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Promote local and regional long-term planning and implementation (including development and enforcement of building codes)
- Promote coordination and leveraging of funds
- Promote natural infrastructure
- Ensure construction standards
- Describe plans for long-term operation and maintenance
- Assure that construction costs are reasonable



# CDBG – MITIGATION ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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- Website: [RebuildFlorida.Gov](https://RebuildFlorida.Gov)
- Mitigation Survey: [RebuildFlorida.Gov](https://RebuildFlorida.Gov)
- Email: [cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:cdbg-mit@deo.myflorida.com)



# LEARN MORE

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To learn more about the DEO Office of Disaster Recovery and programs available to disaster-impacted communities, visit:

[www.RebuildFlorida.gov](http://www.RebuildFlorida.gov)

