

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-332

A RESOLUTION OF THE GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2026 ALACHUA COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; DIRECTING STAFF TO PURSUE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES; PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, areas of Alachua County are vulnerable to natural, technological and societal hazards and the associated community and economic costs; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Regional Utility's governing body realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating these vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Regional Utility's governing body, the Gainesville Regional Utilities Authority ("Authority"), realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating these vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Regional Utilities has been an active participant in the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy Work Group, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process to eliminate or diminish these vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Regional Utilities representatives and staff have identified, justified and prioritized a number of proposed Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) mitigation initiatives needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of Gainesville Regional Utilities' service territory and facilities to the impacts of identified hazards; and

WHEREAS, these proposed HMGP mitigation initiatives (as well as the past five years of completed HMGP mitigation initiatives) are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, these proposed initiatives have been incorporated into the 2026 edition of the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy that has been prepared and issued for consideration by the Authority and implementation by Gainesville Regional Utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY, a unit of city government of the City of Gainesville, Florida, that:

Section 1. Adoption of the Local Mitigation Strategy.

Gainesville Regional Utilities Authority hereby adopts and approves of its designated portion of the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy.

Section 2. Opportunities.

The personnel of Gainesville Regional Utilities are requested and instructed to pursue currently available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated therein and any future opportunities through the HMGP.

Section 3. Implementation.

The agencies and organizations within Alachua County will, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the proposals contained in its section of the strategy.

Section 4. Participation.

Gainesville Regional Utilities will continue to participate in the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy process.

Section 5. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section, or provision of this resolution or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding will not affect the other provisions or applications of this resolution that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared severable.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
this 13th day of May 2026.

**GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

By: _____

Eric Lawson, Chair

Approved as to form and legality:

Derek D. Perry
Utilities Attorney

EXHIBIT “A”

Current Proposed HMGP Mitigation Initiatives –

Initiative Name	Est. Value	Status
• Hogtown Creek Crossing #3	\$618,740	Design Complete – Covid funding
• Hogtown Creek Gravity Sewer Relocation	\$1,949,241	In Process – Idalia funding
• Sweetwater Branch Bank Stabilization	\$9,159,563	In Process – Helene funding
• GRU Lift Station Diesel Pumps	\$136,500	In Process – Helene funding
• GRU KWRF Fiber back-up	\$137,915	In Process – Milton funding
• GRU MSWRF Backup Generators	\$4,200,000	Secondary – 2024 D/H/M funding
• GRU KWRF Electric Feed	\$1,365,000	Secondary – 2024 H/M funding
• Deerhaven Renewable Auxiliary Power Stability	\$8,000,000	Ranked – awaiting funding
• Black Acres Gravity Sewer Main Relocation	\$550,000	Ranked – awaiting funding
• GRU Elizabeth Creek Sewer	\$3,000,000	Ranked – awaiting funding
Total Current Proposed Projects	\$28,498,219	

Past completed HMGP initiatives within the last five years –

Initiative Name	Est. Value	Date Closed
<u>Messenger Cable Removal Projects</u>		
• West Hills and University Acres	\$207,801	2021-11-04
• SW Williston Rd	\$27,000	2021-11-04
• NW 34 St to NW 38 St	\$109,545	2021-11-04
• SW 24 Ave Tower Rd to SW 84 St	\$77,922	2021-11-04
• NE 8th Ave Duval	\$133,206	2021-11-04
• Meadows	\$14,400	2021-11-04
• Coclough Hills	\$75,600	2021-11-04
• NW 8 Ave from NW 13 St to NW 23 St	\$25,977	2021-11-04
• SW 63 Blvd-SW 75 St/Archer Rd/SW 49 Place	\$101,340	2021-11-04
• Golf view	\$162,546	2021-11-04
• NW 77 St north of Millhopper Rd.	\$13,377	2021-11-04
• NW 23 Ave between NW 71 St & 62 Trc	\$88,719	2021-11-04
• NW 43 St-34 St & NW 8 Ave-NW 16th Ave	\$328,635	2021-11-04
• SW 91 St, 8 Ave & 24 Ave	\$37,044	2021-11-04

Past Completed Initiatives – (continued)

Initiative Name	Est. Value	Date Closed
Messenger Cable Removal Projects (continued)		
• W Univ Av/NW 8 Av/NW 34 St/NW 35 Trc	\$64,800	2021-11-04
• Kirkwood	\$160,800	2021-11-04
• Suburban Heights 546	\$148,800	2021-11-04
• SE 39 Terrace south of Hawthorne Rd	\$18,522	2021-11-04
• Forest Ridge	\$205,200	2021-11-04
• Fletcher's Mill	\$123,687	2021-11-04
• Northwood	\$121,407	2021-11-04
• NW 6 St/NW 13 St/NW 30 Ave/NW 39 Ave	\$102,900	2021-11-04
• Suburban Heights 1037	\$156,000	2021-11-04
• Brywood	\$96,000	2021-11-04
• Clear Lake	\$135,822	2021-11-04
• Broadmoor Area	\$51,693	2021-11-04
• NE 9 St E Univ. Ave. to NE 10 Ave	\$168,477	2021-11-04
• Glen Springs Rd	\$60,000	2021-11-04
• SW 35 Drive S Williston Rd	\$54,528	2021-11-04
• Buckingham & Sunningdale	\$96,207	2021-11-04
• Durant Estates	\$17,493	2021-11-04
• NW 34 St-NW 39 Ave & NW 13 Ave.	\$105,000	2021-11-04
• NW 16-8 Av NW 23-34 St Cirt 211&216	\$125,400	2021-11-04
• Creekside Mall	\$49,122	2021-11-04
• Robin Lane off NW 39 Ave & area	\$79,983	2021-11-04
• NW 43-38 ST NW 16 Av Cirt 541	\$160,200	2021-11-04
• NW 39th Av Circuit 542	\$112,200	2021-11-04
Total Completed projects	\$3,817,353	