

WALTON COUNTY FLOOD MITIGATION POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish protocol and procedures for addressing flooding on public property including, but not limited to, buildings, bridges, roadways and public easements in Walton County and to provide limited assistance to residents during flood events.

During a flood event, Public Works staff will take preventative measures to avoid or minimize flood damages to County owned or maintained properties. The County will take reasonable steps to promote public safety, health and welfare within its jurisdiction. However, private property owners must bear primary responsibility for the protection of their property and should not rely on Walton County to assume that obligation. Owners of properties that are susceptible to flooding are encouraged to check with their insurance agent to determine if they have adequate flood coverage, and to take such other precautions and preparations as deemed appropriate.

During extreme flooding events or as determined by the Walton County Public Works Director, Walton County Public Works is at its greatest need to have all resources, employees, and equipment deployed protecting public infrastructure. In an effort to assist private property owners to the greatest extent possible, the County will provide the following services, as available manpower allows, and after the County has adequately protected all affected public areas and facilities.

The County will:

- Attempt to provide residents with information regarding potential or on-going flooding in the areas in a timely manner via Emergency Management, County website and the e-notify email system.
- Provide sand for sand bags, at no cost, to County residents and business owners. The sand will be available for resident pick-up at the Walton County Public Works Department designated areas during normal working hours.
- Provide mutual aid to requesting municipalities as resourced.
- Reserve the right to initiate pumping operations on private property when county assets are being threatened as a direct result of a natural emergency. Pumping operations will cease once the threat to County assets has been alleviated. Pumping operations will require the express consent of the property owner and a suitable location is available to pump discharged flood waters that

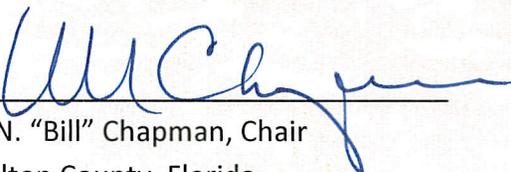
will not cause damage to adjacent property or environmental resources such as wetlands or Coastal Dune Lakes.

The County will not:

- Provide pumping services for any private property, unless County assets are being threatened.
- Provide sandbags, fill sandbags or place sandbags on private property.

Approved this 22 day of April 22, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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