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In the event that the City of Tampa, City of Temple Terrace, City of Plant City or Hillsborough County disagree on an issue pertaining to their joint Local Mitigation Strategy, the following process will be utilized to settle that disagreement:

- The Working Group will attempt to resolve the conflict by mutual agreement.
- If no agreement is reached, the problem will surface to the next level, the policy level, for resolution, that is, the City Managers/Mayor and County Administrator.
- If no decision is reached at the policy level, then by mutual agreement and as a voluntary option, the parties may call upon a professional mediator for a non-binding resolution of the issue.
- If this solution is not acceptable to the jurisdictions involved, then they may pursue a binding resolution through the courts, after invoking the Florida Governmental Cooperation Act of 1987, Chapter 164 of the Florida Statutes. This is required before one governing body of a county or municipality may file suit against another county or municipality.