



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

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SUBJECT: **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact**

The purpose of this LTC is to inform you of the role that the City is taking in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact.

In 2010, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties agreed to work on climate change policy, mitigation, and adaptation planning as a region. This includes:

- Drafting policy statements each year for the State Legislative Session.
- Holding annual Climate Leadership Summits.
- Creating work products to inform implementation of initiatives to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make our communities more resilient to potential climate change impacts including:
 - a Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
 - a consensus on sea level rise projections for southeast Florida
 - an initial vulnerability analysis.

The Compact has also just released the Regional Climate Action Plan that will serve as a framework for the Counties and their municipal and regional partners to work together on these issues. These work products, as well as additional information, are available on the Compact's website: <http://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/>

As part of the evolving development of the Compact, the Counties have been reaching out to better engage municipal partners in this important work. As part of this engagement, each County invited one municipal staff representative to serve on the Compact Staff Steering Committee. Due to the City's leadership on the sea level rise issue in the development of its Stormwater Management Plan, I have recently been selected as the Miami-Dade municipal representative.

The City will also be making an important contribution at the Fourth Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit on December 6th and 7th in Jupiter, Florida. Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director has been invited to speak on the Municipal Case Study panel, and Mayor Matti Bower has been invited to speak on the Final Elected Officials' panel.

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