



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM # VIII.B

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2021

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK & REGIONAL SCORECARD

Council staff has identified a need to update the data and indicators referenced in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), adopted by the Council in 2004. The horizon year used in the adopted SRPP is 2020 on many of the indicators, necessitating the creation of a Regional Scorecard as a first step in an updating process. A “Regional Scorecard” will show how the twenty-two (22) focus areas in the SRPP have fared within the last twenty years and provide a 2021 snapshot of the region.

The Scorecard can be developed concurrently, and in collaboration, with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process. Council staff will also review and incorporate the policy guidance developed through the Southeast Florida’s Sustainable Communities “Seven50” initiative (2010-2014). The Scorecard will reference the status of regionally important initiatives such as the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP) and Biscayne Bay restoration, among others to be determined. This will provide the Council with an updated regional planning framework.

Regional Scorecard – Focus Areas

The intent of the Scorecard will be to update the data and indicators and distill the twenty-two (22) focus areas in the 2004 SRPP that are detailed below, with a particular focus on the following five (5) areas listed below that are required in regional policy plans by Fla. Stat. § 186.507.

- I. Affordable Housing
- II. Economic Development
- III. Emergency Preparedness
- IV. Natural Resources of Regional Significance Regional Transportation

The SRPP must also identify and address significant regional resources and facilities, including mapping natural resources of regional significance and be consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 187, Fla. Stat).



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South Florida’s Strategic Regional Policy Plan (2004)

The Strategic Regional Policy Plan was adopted by the South Florida Regional Planning Council on June 7, 2004 and became effective on July 12, 2004. The adopted SRPP is the version that is applicable for all project reviews. The SRPP is of particular importance in the Local Government Comprehensive Plan amendment review process, which determines in large part the extent to which the Council can comment on amendments. The SRPP Policies continue to be relevant today. Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of comprehensive plan amendments is limited to 1) adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the SRPP and 2) extra-jurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the Region. This update will allow for a review and update of the SRPP to include emerging issues.

SRPP: <https://sfrgionalcouncil.org/portfolio-items/srpp/>

Seven50 - Regional Prosperity Plan for Southeast Florida (2014)

In 2010, the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils embarked on a far-ranging project to develop a Regional Prosperity Plan for Southeast Florida. The Councils successfully competed for a Regional Sustainable Communities grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) with the support of numerous organizations – public, private, and not for profit- who voluntarily formed the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership. An Executive Committee was formed, representing key interest groups to guarantee a focus on issues relevant to the region. The grant allowed the Councils to secure a professional consulting team, led by Dover, Kohl and Partners, that focused on expanding citizen involvement through the use of innovative outreach tools, four Summits, and active use of social media.

Seven50 Regional Prosperity Plan: <https://sfrgionalcouncil.org/seven50-vision/>

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2022-2027)

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for South Florida is a roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy of Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. The regional CEDS will guide federal and state investment priorities and funding sources and delineate lead organizations’ responsibilities for execution of the CEDS, while bringing together public and private sectors leaders and decision-makers. The CEDS is intended to be a strategy for the communities and businesses of South Florida.





The South Florida Regional Planning Council has initiated work on its 5-year update of the CEDS for 2022 – 2027 and has established a CEDS Strategy Committee to guide and lead the process. The previous CEDS was completed for the period of 2017 – 2022.





CEDS 2017-2022: <https://sfrgionalcouncil.org/portfolio-items/south-florida-ceds-2017-2022/>





CEDS 2022-2027 Update Page: <https://sfrgionalcouncil.org/portfolio-items/economic-dev-district-edd/>





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Sustainability: Investing in Our People		
Education & Workforce Development		
GOAL 1	<i>Invest in the youth and workforce of the Region by providing quality education, workforce training, and targeted job creation.</i>	
Indicator:	Percentage of South Florida's residents with at least a high school diploma.	
Baseline:	Only 74.2% of South Florida's residents had at least a high school diploma in 2000, well below the 80.4% national average.	
Target:	Increase the share of South Florida's residents that have at least a high school diploma to the national average by 2010.	
Wages & Affordability		
GOAL 2	<i>Increase employment opportunities and support the creation of jobs with better pay and benefits for the Region's workforce.</i>	
Indicator:	Average regional poverty rates.	
Baseline:	The average regional poverty rate in 1999 was 15.2% as compared to the national average of 12.4%.	
Target:	Decrease average regional poverty rates to no more than the national average by 2010.	
Human Health, Safety & Welfare		
GOAL 3	<i>Promote the health, safety, and welfare of South Florida's residents.</i>	
Indicator:	Health insurance coverage.	
Baseline:	As of 1999, 20.7% of South Floridians under the age of 65 were uninsured as compared to the state average of 16.8%.	
Target:	Decrease the percentage of South Floridians under the age of 65 without health insurance to no more than the state average by 2010.	
Sustainability: Investing in Our Places		
Infrastructure		
GOAL 4	<i>Enhance the economic and environmental sustainability of the Region by ensuring the adequacy of its public facilities and services.</i>	
Indicator:	Number of residents connected to central water and wastewater facilities.	
Baseline:	As of 2003, there were approximately 1,033,872 connections within the Region.	
Target:	Increase the number of connections to central water and wastewater facilities by 287,000 by 2010; 436,000 by 2015.	

Schools		
GOAL 5	<i>Overcome school overcrowding in the Region.</i>	
Indicator:	Number of student stations in relation to enrollment.	
Baseline:	A deficit of 72,000 student stations existed within the Region as of the 2003/2004 20 th day enrollment reports.	
Target:	Systematically reduce the gap between enrollment and student stations by 12,000 student stations per year to reach a total reduction of 72,000 by 2010.	
		
Housing		
GOAL 6	<i>Ensure the availability and equitable distribution of adequate, affordable housing for very low, low, and moderate-income households within the Region.</i>	
Indicator:	Region's housing cost burden.	
Baseline:	As of 2003, 34% of households within our Region had a housing cost burden.	
Target:	Reduce the percentage of households with a cost burden in our Region to less than 30% by 2010.	
		
Potable Water, Wastewater & Stormwater		
GOAL 7	<i>Protect, conserve, and enhance the Region's water resources.</i>	
Indicator:	Incorporation of ultra-conserving water saving devices and techniques in new development and redevelopment.	
Baseline:	Projected 2010 baseline without additional water conservation is nearly 1,262 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) annually; projected 2015 baseline without additional water conservation is 1,360 MGD annually.	
Target:	Increase in total water savings by 73 MGD by 2010; 107 MGD by 2015.	
		
Transportation		
GOAL 8	<i>Enhance the Region's mobility, efficiency, safety, quality of life, and economic health through improvements to road, port, and public transportation infrastructure.</i>	
Indicator:	Persons driving alone.	
Baseline:	In 2000, 80% of the drivers in Broward County drove alone, 74% drove alone in Miami-Dade County and 67% drove alone in Monroe County.	
Target:	Decrease the percentage of drivers driving alone by 5% by 2010.	
		

Energy		
GOAL 9	<i>Develop clean, sustainable, and energy-efficient power generation and transportation systems.</i>	
Indicator:	Percentage of alternative fuel vehicles within the overall transportation network in the Clean Cities region (Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties).	
Baseline:	In 2002, .03% of all vehicles in the Clean Cities region were powered by alternative fuels.	
Target:	Increase the number of vehicles powered by alternative fuels among all modes by 20% by 2010.	
Green Infrastructure		
GOAL 10	<i>Increase awareness of the Region's green infrastructure, its significance to the Region's economy, and the public's role in access and use that is compatible with long-term sustainability.</i>	
Indicator:	Extent of greenways within the Region both designated and acquired through the Florida Greenways and Trails program.	
Baseline:	As of 2003, 78,123 acres were designated within the Region. As of early 2004, 6.57 acres were acquired through the Florida Greenways and Trails Program.	
Target:	Increase lands designated under the Florida Greenways and Trails program by 1.5% per year within the Region. Increase lands acquired within the Region through this program by 30 acres by 2010.	
Development & Redevelopment		
GOAL 11	<i>Encourage and support the implementation of development proposals that conserve the Region's natural resources, rural and agricultural lands, green infrastructure and:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>utilizes existing and planned infrastructure where most appropriate in urban areas;</i> • <i>enhances the utilization of regional transportation systems;</i> • <i>incorporates mixed-land use developments;</i> • <i>recycles-existing developed sites; and</i> • <i>provides for the preservation of historic sites.</i> 	
Indicator:	Brownfields redevelopment projects.	
Baseline:	As of 2003, 25 sites have been designated for the Florida Brownfields Program; two have been completed.	
Target:	Complete ten brownfields rehabilitation and redevelopment projects within the Region through the Florida Brownfields Program by 2010.	
Rural & Agricultural Lands		
GOAL 12	<i>Encourage the retention of the Region's rural lands and agricultural economy.</i>	
Indicator:	Net farm income within the Region.	
Baseline:	In 2001, agriculture produced \$20 million in net farm income in Broward County and \$133 million in Miami-Dade County.	
Target:	Maintain or increase net farm income within the Region.	

Historic Preservation		
GOAL 13	<i>Preserve, restore and rehabilitate South Florida's historic structures, landmarks, districts, neighborhoods and archaeological sites.</i>	
Indicator:	Number of historic sites within the Region listed on the National Register of Historic Places.	
Baseline:	As of 2002, there were 225 historic sites within the Region listed on the National Register of Historic Places.	
Target:	Increase the number of historic sites within the Region listed on the National Register of Historic Places by 25% by 2010.	
Natural Resources		
GOAL 14	<i>Preserve, protect, and restore Natural Resources of Regional Significance.</i>	
Indicator:	Conservation and restoration land acreage acquired within the Region.	
Baseline:	As of 2000, 118,091 acres had been acquired by various entities for the Save Our Rivers projects within South Florida.	
Target:	Increase the acreage acquired for the Save Our Rivers program within the Region by 15,000 acres by 2010.	
The Everglades		
GOAL 15	<i>Restore and protect the ecological values and functions of the Everglades Ecosystem by increasing habitat area, increasing regional water storage, and restoring water quality.</i>	
Indicator:	Acreage acquired within the Region for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).	
Baseline:	As of 2003, approximately 36,658 acres have been acquired for CERP within the Region, reflecting 46% of the total acreage required.	
Target:	Increase the acreage acquired for CERP within the Region to 60% by 2010; 85% by 2015.	
Marine & Coastal Resources		
GOAL 16	<i>Enhance and preserve natural system values of South Florida's shorelines, estuaries, benthic communities, fisheries, and associated habitats, including but not limited to, Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay, tropical hardwood hammocks, and the coral reef tract.</i>	
Indicator:	Number of beach advisories issued within the Region on an annual basis.	
Baseline:	Since the initiation of a statewide coastal water quality-monitoring program in August 2000, there have been 230 beach advisories issued within the Region.	
Target:	Decrease beach advisories within the Region by 25% by 2010.	

Sustainability: Investing in Our Future		
Economic Expansion & Diversification		
GOAL 17	<i>Maintain a competitive, diversified, and sustainable regional economy.</i>	
Indicator:	Annual average earnings per job for each county within the Region.	
Baseline:	In the year 2001, annual average earnings per job in all 3 South Florida counties lagged behind the national average: by 7.6% in Broward, 3.8% in Miami Dade, and 27.3% in.	
Target:	Increase average weekly wages on an annual basis to narrow the gap between South Florida Counties and the nation.	
Emergency Planning		
GOAL 18	<i>Ensure regional coordination, preparation, and response to emergencies.</i>	
Indicator:	Shelter satisfaction for vulnerable population choosing to use public shelter.	
Baseline:	As of 2003, 92% of the vulnerable population choosing to use public shelter within the Region would be accommodated in the event of an emergency.	
Target:	By 2010, provide shelter to support 100% of the vulnerable population choosing to use public shelter within the Region.	
Coastal High Hazard Areas		
GOAL 19	<i>Direct future development away from areas most vulnerable to storm surges.</i>	
Indicator:	Evacuation clearance times.	
Baseline:	Evacuation clearance times are route specific; therefore, a single baseline is not available for the Region.	
Target:	Evacuation clearance time as described in the <i>South Florida Regional Hurricane Evacuation Study</i> is maintained or reduced on each evacuation route by 2010.	
Connectivity: Providing linkages between People, Places & Opportunities		
Connecting People, Places & Opportunities		
GOAL 20	<i>Achieve long-term efficient and sustainable development patterns that protect natural resources and connect diverse housing, transportation, education, and employment opportunities.</i>	
Indicator:	Ratio of vehicle miles traveled to growth in population.	
Baseline:	From 1982 to 1999, the region's population increased 42% while the average number of miles driven by each driver increased 62%.	
Target:	Decrease the ratio of vehicle miles traveled to growth in population on an annual basis.	

Responsibility: Conducting Business for the Benefit of our Region		
Coordinated Planning & Regional Cooperation		
GOAL 21	<i>Enhance regional cooperation, multi-jurisdictional coordination, and multi-issue regional planning to ensure the balancing of competing needs and long-term sustainability of our natural, developed, and human resources.</i>	
Indicator:	Regional infrastructure financing mechanisms.	
Baseline:	As of 2003, four entities provided regional financing for infrastructure improvements within South Florida.	
Target:	Implement regional wastewater and potable water infrastructure financing mechanisms that support a regional development strategy.	
Cultural Competence		
GOAL 22	<i>Create a regional environment that is aware of and sensitive to cultural diversity, and that provides opportunities for all to become successful regional citizens.</i>	
Indicator:	Regional index of gender and race/ethnic balance of elected and appointed boards in South Florida.	
Baseline:	2003 Gender Index = 2.04; 2003 Race/Ethnicity Index = 1.72.	
Target:	Increase the regional index of balance for both gender and race/ethnicity.	