



A Partnership for Success with the 79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative, Miami- Dade County

Partnership

The partnership between SFRPC and the 79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative (Initiative), a 501(c)3, community-based agency, began over a decade ago. SFRPC has supported the Initiative with affordable housing and environmental justice efforts, including funding projects under their EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant. The Initiative has been leading the effort to transform Miami Dade County's 79th Street Corridor and three-square mile Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The CRA is also a federally qualified Opportunity Zone, Federal Trade Zone, Empowerment Zone, and Enterprise Zone. The partnership led to the Initiative starting their own Brownfields Program and they acquired FY21 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for \$300,000. This seed money has helped the community achieve simultaneous environmental improvement, economic growth, planning for housing, and community vitality and is acting as an impactful catalyst in propelling local development forward. Successes of the 79th Street Brownfield Program are highlighted below.

Collaborative Success

SFRPC provided funding for the Initiative's initial projects:

- 7 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs)
- Phase II ESA for NW 76th St site
- Cleanup planning for the TOD parcel

SFRPC's critically important funding provided the catalyst for the Initiative's own Brownfield Program, which began in late 2021

- Since October 2021, the Initiative has completed a Community Involvement Plan; a Generic QAPP; a program brochure; and 16 community outreach events
- An interactive community website through SocialPinpoint was launched in 2022 and encompasses a GIS-based Brownfield Inventory
- A Brownfields Visioning Plan was completed in early 2023 guiding the future development of the community
- A Brownfields Funding Matrix (detailing available local, regional, state, federal and private sector resources) was developed in 2022 to identify future funding sources
- Environmental work completed to date includes 12 Phase I ESAs, 4 Phase II ESAs and cleanup/reuse planning on 4 sites.

