



AGENDA ITEM # V.C

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2023
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Attached are brief descriptions of some ongoing programs and activities of the Council.

Recommendation

Information only

CITY OF PLANTATION COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTED TO CHAIR FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

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The Florida League of Cities, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, announced that the City of Plantation Councilmember Denise Horland was recently appointed to serve as Chair of the Florida League of Cities 2023-2024 Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works Committee, one of the League’s five Legislative Policy Committees.



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SOUTH FLORIDA MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE REVIEW

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Over the last 18 months, the South Florida MIRR Project Team, comprised of Council Staff, Jacobs Solutions, and the South Florida Defense Alliance, has been working diligently in partnership with South Florida’s Military Commands and other key stakeholders to identify risks, hazards, and vulnerabilities of concern “outside of the fence line” that potentially adversely impact the missions of the installations. This review was then followed by the development of resilience-enhancing investments and policy approaches to address vulnerabilities that benefit both the installation and the community.



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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA COUNTY MAYORS’ AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONVERSATION

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This meeting was a continuation of the September 2022 conversation held with Mayors, elected officials, and professional staff from Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an opportunity for each County to share the progress that has been made over the last year, the challenges that they are working to overcome, what opportunities have presented themselves, what they have learned over the past year, and what legislative changes or additions to statutes would be helpful during the upcoming state legislative session.



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RECYCLING RIGHT: TRANSFORMING SOUTHEAST FLORIDA'S WASTE LANDSCAPE

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At last year's SFRPC / TCRPC regional conference on [Solid Waste Management Challenges and Opportunities](#) in Southeast Florida, elected officials and solid waste managers told the Councils that recycling, and recycling correctly, is a critical regional issue particularly with several landfills approaching capacity. In response to this need, this year the Councils hosted on October 20th in Fort Lauderdale "Recycling Right: Transforming Southeast Florida's Waste Landscape." The Southeast Florida region for the purpose of this conversation consists of Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties.



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SFRPC BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND AWARDED 2023 NADO IMPACT AWARD RECIPIENT

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Congratulations to the 2023 Aliceann Wohlbruck NADO Impact Award recipients! The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) is a 501c4 membership association that represents the interests of regional community and economic development practitioners. Established in 1967, NADO advocates for federal policies and programs that promote equitable community development, economic competitiveness, rural development, economic mobility, and quality of place. NADO represents a national network of more than 500 Regional Development Organizations (RDOs) across the country.



The annual Impact Awards program honors NADO members for their creative approaches to advancing regional economic development and improving quality of life. These projects have made significant impacts on their regions and demonstrate the diversity of services and program delivery provided by regional development organizations across the country.

The 2023 class of awardees consists of 107 projects from 71 organizations spanning 28 states. These projects will be recognized at NADO's Annual Training Conference in Cleveland, OH in November 2023. The South Florida Regional Planning Council was recognized for its Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund.

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SOUTH FLORIDA CLIMATE RESILIENCE TECH HUB DESIGNATION

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On October 23, 2023, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced that the South Florida Climate Resilience Tech Hub, led by Miami-Dade County, has been designated as one of 31 Tech Hubs in the country, selected from a competitive pool of nearly 200 applicants across the United States and its territories. This designation will elevate and accelerate South Florida’s advances in climate action and resiliency and unlocks access to tens of millions of dollars in potential funding. The [Tech Hubs Program](#) is a federal economic development initiative designed to drive regional technology and innovation-led growth by strengthening the capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy key climate technologies.



The Tech Hub Designation serves as an unmistakable testament that South Florida is not only a leader in sustainable and resilient infrastructure (SRI) innovation but is also primed for rapid technology-led economic development. The South Florida Regional Planning Council, in its role as the Economic Development District for South Florida, convened a consortium of local governments, businesses, universities, and organizations that includes Miami-Dade County (lead applicant), City of Miami, 1Print, Blue Frontier, Carbon Limit, MasTec, Titan Florida, Watsco, Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact, Miami Waterkeeper, Broward County, Monroe County, Palm Beach County, Florida Atlantic, Florida International, Miami Dade College, Nova Southeastern, Univ of Miami, Florida Memorial, Northeastern University (Miami), Florida Power & Light, I Squared, Merrimac Ventures, Mission One Capital, Ken Griffin/Citadel, Knight Foundation, Beacon Council, eMerge Americas, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Marine Research Hub, Miami-Dade Innovation Authority, Seaworthy Collective, South Florida Defense Alliance, Techstars, IUOE 487, Miami Tech Works, CareerSource, CodePath, OIC So Florida, among others to apply for the initial designation. A two-step process, a more complete proposal from the Consortium is due in February 2024.

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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC. (SFCDFI)

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The SFCDFI is proud to share that as of October 1, 2023, the Council and SFCDFI have assisted in the construction of 24 affordable housing projects. Five projects are currently in progress. The SFCDFI targets small businesses and start-up businesses in disadvantaged areas with capital and development services. The SFCDFI’s initial capitalization was provided by the Urban League of Broward County (ULBC) and its affiliate CDFI, Central County Community Development Corporation (CCCCDC). Development services have been provided by agreement through ULBC/CCCCDC’s Entrepreneurship Center.

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As a Senior Regional Planner with the South Florida Regional Planning Council, you will be at the forefront of critical regional planning issues and solving complex challenges that will define South Florida's growth for years to come. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

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This position is responsible for providing high-level administrative support to the Director of Administration in accomplishing the objectives and goals of the Council's Executive Director, finance, and planning staff. Specific duties vary depending on current projects. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

