



South Florida Regional Planning Council

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SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE SFRPC

WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON

As we move through the second quarter of 2025, the South Florida Regional Planning Council continues to advance key regional priorities. This year is marked by meaningful progress from welcoming our new Executive Committee and hosting recurring Council meetings to co-hosting a successful Joint Meeting with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. At the February Joint Council Meeting the Council Members discussed issues of importance to the seven-county Southeast Florida region including Florida's Coral Reef, SFRTA / Tri-Rail Update and Future Plans; and Southeast Florida Restoration & Flooding Studies underway by the South Florida Water Management District and Army Corps of Engineers.

We are also preparing for a major regional conference this fall which will explore "The Business Case for Transit-Oriented Development and Affordable Housing in South Florida." We hope that you will join us and the region's policymakers, developers, urban planners, business leaders, investors, and community advocates as we explore strategies to enhance and increase regional mobility and affordable housing in Southeast Florida.

SFRPC staff remains focused on core initiatives across a wide range of program areas including economic development, transportation planning, affordable housing, emergency preparedness, and waste management. The Council continues to support economic development and job creation with small business revolving loan programs and brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. Taken together the Council's programs and initiatives help strengthen and safeguard communities, the environment, enhance regional mobility, promote a vibrant economy, and enhance the quality of life in South Florida.

Thank you for staying engaged!

“SAVE THE DATE” SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

THE BUSINESS CASE FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SOUTH FLORIDA



Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 11, 2025 for “The Business Case for Transit-Oriented Development and Affordable Housing in South Florida” Conference. At this event participants will explore and discuss collaborative solutions, funding strategies, and the economic benefits of transit-connected development and affordable housing. Location to be announced soon.

WEST PARK WELCOMES THREE NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES



We are delighted to announce the completion of three new single family homes in the City of West Park through the "West Park In-Fill Lot Affordable Housing Development Program."

This project reflects the SFRPC's ongoing commitment to housing access and neighborhood revitalization. In partnership with the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc. (SFCDFI), the City of West Park, and the Housing Foundation of America, these energy-efficient homes expand home ownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income families in Broward County.



RESILIENT SOUTH FLORIDA WEBINARS



In partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, we are proud to host the Resilient South Florida Webinar Series throughout June 2025. This three-part series will highlight innovative resilience strategies implemented by South Florida communities to protect residents, enhance infrastructure, and adapt to extreme weather events.

Upcoming Webinars:

- Parks, Trails, and Urban Resilience – June 12, 2–3:30 PM
 - Dune Systems and Living Shorelines – June 17, 12–1:30 PM
 - Innovative Stormwater Fees for Resilience Projects – June 26, 2–3 PM
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LEPC TEAM JOINS REGIONAL HAZMAT DRILL

Members of the South Florida Regional Planning Council's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) recently participated in a multi-agency HAZMAT drill hosted by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue at the Publix Distribution Center in Deerfield Beach.

MORE FROM LEPC



The regional training focused on anhydrous ammonia leak response and brought together teams from across Southeast Florida to strengthen coordination and sharpen emergency response strategies.

Thank you to Publix for hosting, along with Airgas, The Response Group Inc., and all the individuals who contributed to making this training a success. The Council's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) plays a key role in fostering regional coordination and preparedness through training, planning, and community outreach.



BANKUNITED COMMUNITY PARTNERS ROUNDTABLE OF BROWARD COUNTY



We recently hosted the BankUnited Community Partners Roundtable of Broward County to bring together community organizations and service providers working throughout Broward County. Katrina Wright, SVP, CRA/Community Development Officer, along with Isabel Cosio Carballo, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, welcomed more than 30 local community partners representing non-profit organizations that provide housing solutions, elder care, family services, community lending, food for families and individuals who cannot afford it, disability services, and small business consulting. The discussion focused on identifying key needs and challenges facing these organizations and the clients they serve.

"BIKENOMICS" IN ACTION



Supported by the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, the South Florida Regional Planning Council, is conducting a comprehensive study exploring the economic and public health benefits of bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

VIEW TOD INITIATIVES

The Study includes a literature review of national and local research, a cost-benefit analysis measuring the return on investment of non-motorized infrastructure (or "bikeconomics"), and a Health Impact Assessment to quantify benefits such as improved air quality, reduced mortality, and accident prevention.

Initial findings show that investments in walkability and cycling infrastructure promote safer, healthier communities and support long-term economic growth. The study will be completed in the coming months.

**PROGRESS ON OUR REGIONAL TRANSIT -ORIENTED
AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUSINESS CASE**

We are advancing a major initiative to address South Florida's housing shortage through Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). This report, developed with input from more than 50 regional stakeholders, explores how TOD can improve affordability, reduce congestion, and support economic growth as part of our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Stay tuned for findings from the study at our upcoming September 11, 2025 Conference.



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