



ANTHONY FAJARDO

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After earning a graduate degree from Florida Atlantic University, Anthony started his professional career in conservation nearly 25 years ago working for the Army Corps of Engineers, the South Florida Water Management District, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on several projects, including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project. He then entered the planning field working in the Zoning Department and later the Long-Range Planning Department for Palm Beach County where he developed an appreciation and passion for the Planning field. Anthony came to work for the City of Fort Lauderdale in 2005 as a Planner, being promoted to Zoning Administrator in 2011, and serving as Director of Development Services from 2016 to 2022, at which point he was promoted to Assistant City Manager overseeing Development Services, Transportation and Mobility, Information Technology, Public Works, and Neighbor Support at various point during his tenure in the City Manager's Office. In 2025, Anthony returned to his role as department director for Development Services, a position he has a strong passion for. During his tenure with the City, he has acquired considerable experience working on multiple municipal code amendments covering a wide variety of topics, management and supervision of large city-wide planning projects, historic preservation, code enforcement, liaison duties to multiple quasi-judicial boards, served on various committees and boards, and worked directly with multiple outside agencies and internal resources to establish solution driven approaches to complex problems. Anthony recognizes the importance of sound leadership and leading by example.