



ABOUT THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) is one of ten regional planning councils in Florida and the largest by population served. The Council supports collaborative planning and strategic development across public, private, and nonprofit sectors to create a more resilient, sustainable, and prosperous Southeast Florida. Its membership includes county and municipal elected officials, gubernatorial appointees, and ex-officio representatives from key state agencies.

Our Mission

The SFRPC's mission is to support Florida's local, state, and federal leaders in building a better future for South Florida through regional planning, coordination, collaboration, and technical assistance.

As Florida's only multi-purpose regional entity, regional planning councils help develop and implement solutions to growth-related challenges that cross local boundaries. Our work aims to foster resilient communities, a healthy environment, and a dynamic regional economy—now and for future generations.

Our Region

The SFRPC serves three counties—Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe—encompassing 70 municipalities and approximately 4.9 million residents, with projected growth to more than 5 million residents by 2030. The SFRPC's activities are guided by the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), which outlines 22 regional goals addressing the most pressing challenges and opportunities in the region.

WHAT WE DO AT THE SFRPC

The South Florida Regional Planning Council provides planning, coordination, and technical support to local and state governments, agencies, private, nonprofit, and educational institutions across key issue areas.

Regional Collaboration & Convenings

- Hosts Monthly Council Meetings and Special Topic Meetings with federal, state, and local officials and other regional stakeholders
- Convenes annual South Florida Regional Conferences on topics of regional importance
- Partners with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for annual Joint Council Meetings and Southeast Florida Regional Conferences engaging the full seven-county region from Monroe to Indian River counties

Revolving Loan Programs & South Florida CDFI

- Provides Small Business Financing through its Traditional Revolving Loan Fund and CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund
- Operates a Brownfields RLF Program to secure funds for environmental cleanup and redevelopment
- Supports the Southeast Florida Community Development Fund (SFCDF) to expand access to capital, affordable housing, and job creation in underserved communities
- Provides capital assistance for condominium associations and rental property owners

Economic Development / Data Research and Analysis

- Develops and implements the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for South Florida
- Provides data research and economic analysis services
- Provides technical assistance, develops, and supports grant applications to further economic development
- Finances brownfields cleanup and redevelopment through its Brownfields RLF Program

Transportation Planning & Clean Energy

- Provides planning support and conducts studies to advance mobility and transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Promotes fuel independence and alternative fuels through the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition
- Partners with the SFRTA and Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization to advance planning and mobility solutions

Emergency Preparedness

- Provides operational support to the South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Facilitates planning for emergency preparedness and hazardous materials exercises
- Participates in the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF)

Resiliency Planning & Projects

- Coordinates planning for sea-level rise, flooding, and coastal resiliency
- Conducts vulnerability assessments, environmental planning, and resilient infrastructure analysis
- Developed and implements the Resilient Infrastructure Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool
- Conducted South Florida Military Installation Resilience Review
- Conducts planning and advocacy for restoration of Florida's Coral Reef

Regional Planning

- Reviews local government comprehensive plans and large-scale development proposals with regional impact
- Provides intergovernmental coordination and technical assistance
- Convenes regional meetings to advance regional planning on topics of special concern



The SFRPC is proud to be a 2026 recipient of the Aliceeann Wohlbruck NADO Impact Award, recognizing three initiatives: Affordable Housing, Regional Transit-Oriented Development Planning, and development of the Resilient Infrastructure Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool for local governments.

SFRPC DELIVERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESULTS FOR MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD, AND MONROE COUNTIES

Chapter 186, F.S. (2024)

(5) The regional planning council shall have a duty to assist local governments with activities designed to promote and facilitate economic development in the geographic area covered by the council.



The SFRPC successfully operates robust revolving loan fund programs that support business expansion and job creation; brownfields remediation and redevelopment; the creation of much needed affordable housing as part of the SFRPC's Affordable Housing Initiative; and economic development planning efforts undertaken by the SFRPC as the U.S. Department of Commerce designated Economic Development District for South Florida. Additional financial resources are secured by the SFRPC through grant development to provide technical assistance and project support to local governments.

On July 15, 2026, the SFRPC received notification that it had been selected by the National Association of Development Organizations for three (3) Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Awards for its initiatives:

1. Affordable Housing Initiative
2. Regional Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Initiative
3. Resilient Infrastructure Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Tool

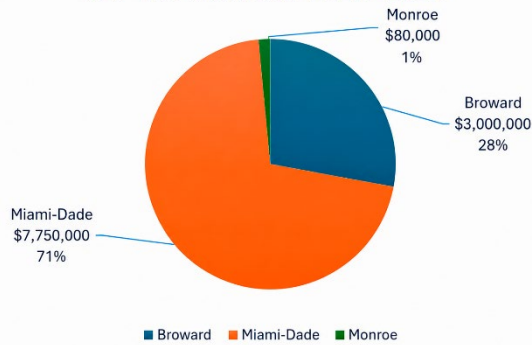
Since 2018, the **SFRPC's Affordable Housing Initiative**, has increased access to capital and construction financing for affordable, Single-Family Homes built for first-time minority homebuyers across Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties, expanding homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents throughout Southeast Florida. These units have an estimated construction cost of \$350,000 per unit.

- Broward County - \$21,350,000 – 61 single-family homes
- Palm Beach County - \$2,100,000 – 6 single-family homes
- Miami Dade County - \$1,400,000 – 4 single-family homes
(City of Homestead)

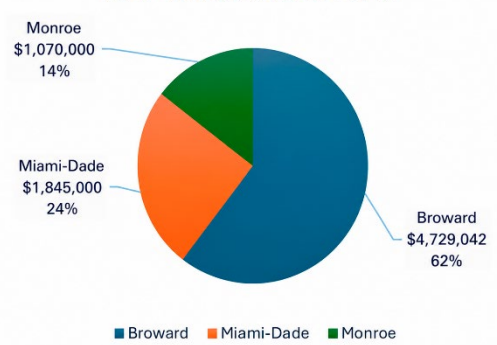


The Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, Inc's (SFCDFI) lending area consists of Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Broward County, the Housing Finance Authority of Broward County, and Urban League of Broward County provide additional funding to the SFCDFI to support the development of affordable housing in Broward County. The numbers of units above reflect completed and in progress units.

RLF Brownfields 2020-2026



RLF CARES 2020-2026



Miami-Dade County: \$7,750,000 (71%)*

79th Street Corridor Neighborhood Initiative: \$800,000 (2021, 2023)

Miami Health District: \$1,750,000 (2023)

City of Homestead CRA: \$500,000 (2023)

Claude Pepper Park, North Miami: \$3,500,000 (2024)

City of Miami / Allapattah Collaborative / South Florida Community Land Trust: \$1,200,000 (2025)

* Prior to 2020, \$1,100,00 in additional Brownfields RLF funds were awarded in Miami-Dade County.

Broward County, City of Hollywood: \$3,000,000 (28%)

Park Road Incinerator: \$2,000,000 (2025)

Park Road Incinerator: \$ 1,000,000 (2026)

Monroe County: \$80,000 + (1%)

Old Baltuff Dump in Middle Torch Key

In progress, estimated SFRPC Assistance \$80,000

Created in 2020, the SFRPC secured \$5.9 million from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration to alleviate sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by COVID-19 in South Florida. The SFRPC CARES Loan Program continues to provide loans to businesses unable to secure conventional finance.

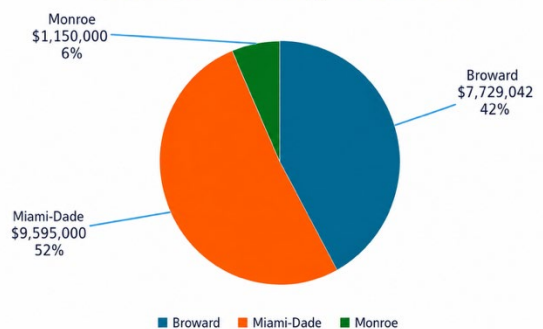
Miami-Dade: 7 Loans

Broward: 23 Loans

Monroe: 5 Loans

Total Lent: \$ 7,644,024

Total RLF Funding 2020-2026



Total CARES / Brownfields RLF Funding = \$ 18,474,042

SFRPC Traditional RLF

29 Years: \$44.9 Million Lent

to Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe small businesses without access to traditional financing.



REGIONAL PLANNING - SFRPC CONVENES REGIONAL LEADERS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS REGIONAL CHALLENGES THROUGH ENHANCED REGIONAL COLLABORATION

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(4) The regional planning council is recognized as Florida’s only multipurpose regional entity that is in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in each region. A council shall not act as a permitting or regulatory entity.

As a regional convener, the SFRPC brings together public, private, and nonprofit leaders to learn about and discuss the regional opportunities and challenges facing South Florida. Through these collaborative partnerships, South Florida’s leaders are able to speak with a unified voice and take action on issues of regional importance such as transportation, funding for SFRTA / Tri-Rail, affordable housing, flood control, solid waste management, economic development, and restoration of Florida’s Coral Reef.



In addition to monthly Board Meetings with subject matter experts and agency partners including the Miami-Dade TPO, SFRTA, SFWMD, U.S. ACE, and state agencies, the SFRPC partners with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to amplify regional problem solving by convening special topic conferences and other regional meetings for the seven-county Southeast Florida region spanning from Monroe through Indian River County.

SFRPC Annual Conference: “The Business Case for Transit-Oriented Development with Affordable and Workforce Housing” (September 2025)

A Vision for Transit-Oriented Communities in South Florida: A Pathway to a More Robust Regional Economy, Improved Mobility, Enhanced Access to Opportunity, and Increased Housing Affordability



On September 11, 2025, the South Florida Regional Planning Council convened its regional conference ***“The Business Case for Transit-Oriented Development with Affordable and Workforce Housing,”*** at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale. The conference grew out of the work of the SFRPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, chaired by former Chair Senator Steve Geller, together with related planning and economic development efforts led by Council staff.

Elected officials, business leaders, developers, transportation professionals, local governments, and regional stakeholders discussed how Transit-Oriented Development and Transit-Oriented Communities can strengthen Southeast Florida’s economy, improve mobility, expand access to opportunity, and support affordable and workforce housing.

Session panelists explored the economic benefits of development around transit, market demand and development feasibility, county-level approaches to Transit-Oriented Communities, zoning and land use strategies, public return on investment, and innovative financing and partnership models. The program concluded with a leadership roundtable that connected the day’s discussions to practical policy, infrastructure, accessibility, and funding priorities for the region.

The Conference provided an important forum for regional leaders to exchange ideas, share real-world examples, and identify opportunities for stronger coordination across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. It also reinforced the SFRPC’s role in convening regional stakeholders around complex planning challenges and advancing policies that support a more connected, accessible, and economically resilient South Florida.



SFRPC-TCRPC Joint Council Meeting (April 2026)



"The Annual Joint Meeting of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils (SFRPC & TCRPC) is an important opportunity for the Council Boards to come together in a joint strategy session, along with subject matter experts, to discuss the regional opportunities and challenges facing residents, communities, businesses, and the environment in Southeast Florida. Together the two Councils represent more than 6.6 million residents from Monroe through Indian River counties. This collaborative partnership enables us to work together on shared interests with one voice and address challenges such as regional transportation, affordable housing, economic development, solid

waste management, and flooding, to name a few." - *The Honorable Senator René García, SFRPC Chair, Miami-Dade County Commissioner.*

The SFRPC and TCRPC met in Joint Session on April 10, 2026 at the Palm Beach MPO. The meeting was co-chaired by TCRPC Chair Maria Marino and SFRPC Chair Senator René García. The session brought together regional leaders and subject matter experts to discuss key issues shaping Southeast Florida.



Following the conclusion of the regular Florida Legislative Session, Council Members received timely updates on legislation related to biosolids treatment and disposal, data centers, proposals aimed at fast-tracking large scale development throughout the state, the state of Florida's Coral Reef restoration and funding efforts, FDOT's efforts to implement Advanced Air Mobility in Florida, and federal efforts to implement a new wave of Opportunity Zones to advance economic development. The Joint Council Meeting was featured on [WPBF 25 News](#) in a segment titled "The Cost of Growth: How to Balance Progress and Environment Protection." Coverage focused on discussions around data centers and environmental concerns, including commentary from guest speakers and commissioners on key regional priorities addressed during the meeting.



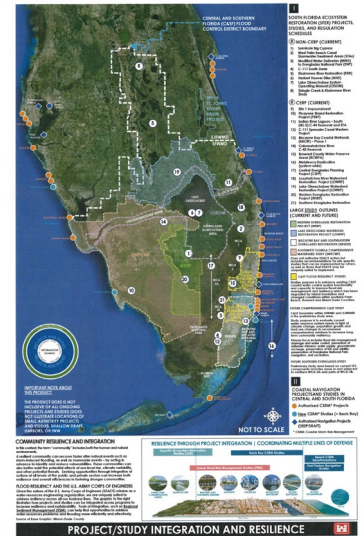
2025 - 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

Throughout 2025 - 2026, the SFRPC at its monthly Council Meetings continued to bring together elected officials, public agencies, industry representatives, and subject matter experts to address issues shaping South Florida's future. Presentations and discussions covered regional demographic and workforce trends, housing pressures, infrastructure investment, economic development, transportation, flood control, resilience planning, and emerging land use concerns. The SFRPC holds its monthly meetings throughout the region and offers meeting participation via Zoom to maximize stakeholder engagement and participation.



SFRPC hosted by the Miami-Dade TPO

During the year the Council received timely updates from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, Broward County, Florida's departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection, and SFRPC Council Members on flood control, resilience planning, solid waste management, and related regional initiatives in South Florida. Council Members received presentations on Opportunity Zones 2.0, the proposed FPL Andytown-Oasis Transmission Project, and the Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool, developed by SFRPC staff and Brizaga, Inc. with support from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, for evaluating infrastructure investments.



**** REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW ****

SFRPC-TCRPC Joint Regional Conference – October 30, 2026

The South Florida Regional Planning Council and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council is hosting a Joint Regional Conference on October 30, 2026, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The Conference will convene elected officials, local governments, business leaders, workforce development partners, researchers, economic development professionals, and other regional stakeholders to examine opportunities to support the growth of Blue Technology industries throughout Southeast Florida.

The program will focus on the policies, investments, workforce systems, land use and regulatory tools, and commercialization pathways needed to translate the region's Blue Tech assets into jobs, business growth, pilot projects, and coordinated public and private sector action. Discussions will also address the role of Blue Technology in strengthening Southeast Florida's ocean economy and advancing shared regional economic development priorities.

Additional information regarding the agenda, speakers, and registration will be announced as planning continues.

Regional Coordination and Technical Assistance

An important part of the SFRPC's service is contributing to numerous county and regional boards and supporting the important work of its partners including, but not limited to:

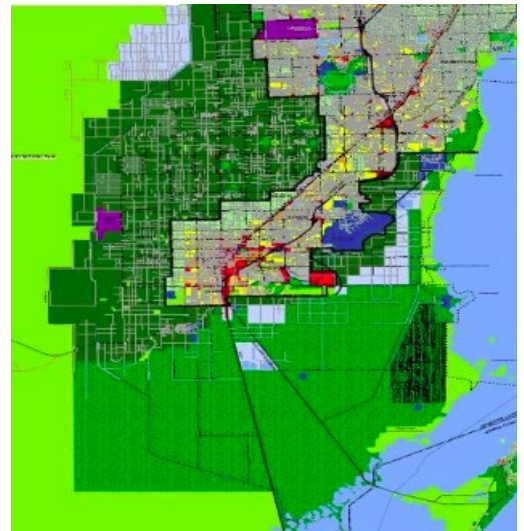
- The Beacon Council
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance
- Coordinating Council of Broward
- Miami-Dade County CDMP / EAR Task Force
- Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization
- Broward County Climate Task Force
- Broward County Water Advisory Board Technical Advisory Committee
- Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact
- SFWMD Resiliency Coordination Forum
- Florida Regional Councils Association
- Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County Special Operations Subcommittee
- SFRTA Planners Technical Advisory Committee
- Southeast Florida Transportation Council / Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
- Florida's Coral Reef Stakeholder Working Group
- South Florida Defense Alliance
- Risk & Resilience Tech Hub
- Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization



City Park Development of Regional Impact

On October 2025, Parkland West, LLC, et al. (the Applicant), submitted a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Application for Development Approval (ADA) for City Park to the SFRPC. Currently under review, issues reviewed as part of the process include, but are not limited to, transportation and mobility impacts; environmental and natural resource impacts; land-use and infrastructure consistency (e.g., water, sewer, schools); affordable housing; school concurrency; and hurricane/emergency evacuation. The SFRPC is statutorily tasked with coordinating and facilitating the review process with partner agencies and governments to determine if the proposed City Park DRI would adversely impact state and regional resources and facilities, and if so, the appropriate mitigation.

City Park is a proposed 954-acre master-planned development located on agricultural land outside the Miami-Dade County's Urban Development Boundary (UDB), requiring concurrent Comprehensive Development Master Plan and zoning approvals. As a Development

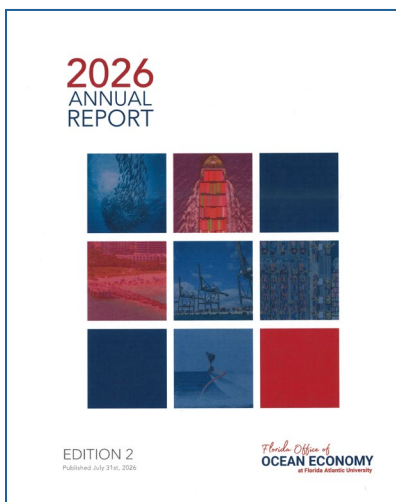


of Regional Impact, the project is subject to coordinated, multi-agency review due to its scale and potential cross-jurisdictional effects. The City Park DRI is currently in its Third Sufficiency Review. Materials are available at: <https://sfregionalcouncil.org/city-park-dri-review-materials-july-2026/>

Although the City Park DRI is outside of the evacuation zones requiring analysis under Hurricane Preparedness Rule 73C-40.0256, FAC, the SFRPC conducted an analysis. Using the Transportation Interface for Modeling Evacuations (TIME) model outputs provided by FDOT Central Office, the SFRPC, in coordination with its consultant Via Planning, assessed whether the proposed development would result in significant adverse impacts to regional evacuation routes. There was no finding of significant adverse impacts to regional evacuation routes. The SFRPC continues to work with Miami-Dade County and other stakeholders on the issues of shelter capacity.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH, AND PLANNING

Florida Ocean Economy Annual Report and Contribution Analysis



Florida's Ocean Economy is a major driver of Florida's economic vitality and prosperity. The SFRPC served as the economic analysis lead for the Florida Office of Ocean Economy's annual assessment of Florida's ocean economy in FY25 and FY26. The work estimates direct industry activity and the indirect and induced activity supported through business purchasing and household spending. The results measure the size and structure of an existing part of Florida's economy.

The 2026 update evaluates trends from 2018 through 2024 and organizes the ocean economy into seven sectors: Marine Living Resources; Marine Transportation and Warehousing; Marine Industries and Shipbuilding; Marine Construction, Utilities, and Minerals; Marine Research and Education; Tourism and Recreation; and National Defense and Public Administration. The work includes employment, employee compensation, labor income, value added, output, wages, productivity, and tax estimates. It also compares the broader Florida methodology with NOAA's narrower

Economics: National Ocean Watch framework. The analysis was conducted with economic-modeling support from Dr. Christa Court of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

South Florida Economic Development District / Blue Tech Jobs Initiative

The South Florida Regional Planning Council is the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's designated Economic Development District (EDD) for South Florida. In this role, the SFRPC helps plan and implement economic development activities in South Florida. These activities include the convening of regional stakeholders to apply for grant opportunities, provision of technical assistance to local governments and regional stakeholders, development of regional grant applications, administration and implementation of grant-funded projects, and undertaking special topic economic development studies and analyses.





**Announcement of the 2022-2027 CEDS
by members of the CEDS Steering
Committee**

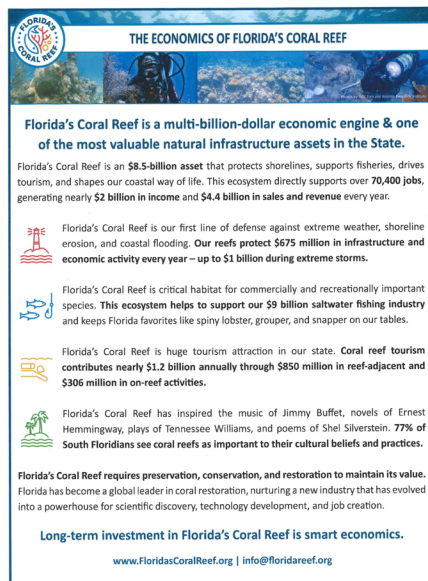
Development with Affordable and Workforce Housing” and SFRPC Regional Conference, this year the CEDS Committee has focused on development of a seven-county **Blue Tech Initiative** in partnership with the Marine Research Hub of South Florida, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, and key economic development, and research partners. The work includes a regional Blue Tech report, an industry survey, and the SFRPC / TCRPC **“Blue Tech Jobs: Policy, Investment, and Workforce Development in Southeast Florida”** Regional Conference scheduled for October 30, 2026, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

The report contains an inventory of the region’s research institutions, ports, marine industries, workforce programs, accelerators, and potential demonstration sites. It identifies gaps in commercialization, pilot deployment, permitting, workforce development, and access to capital. It

presents local governments as customers, conveners, regulators, infrastructure providers, and hosts for

technology demonstrations. Recommended implementation tools include working-waterfront protections, marine innovation or employment-center overlays, pilot-deployment zones, expedited permitting, procurement-linked demonstrations, workforce partnerships, and shared regional asset inventories.

The initiative is intended to inform SFRPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy updates in 2027. Blue Tech should therefore be described as a proposed target cluster and implementation priority. It has not yet been formally adopted as a CEDS target cluster. The report draws lessons from the St. Petersburg Innovation District and its EC-2 Employment Center zoning framework. It recommends locally adaptable ordinance tools rather than a completed ordinance for Broward and Miami-Dade counties.



Tri-Rail Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis

The SFRPC prepared an integrated analysis of Tri-Rail service, investment, and growth scenarios for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. The study examined the regional consequences of maintaining or changing Tri-Rail service across Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties. The analysis connected travel-demand model outputs with transportation and regional economic models. It examined ridership, mode choice, vehicle travel, congestion, traveler benefits, labor-market access, business productivity, station-area development, property values, and fiscal effects. The work provided a broader measure of transit value than fare revenue or passenger counts alone. It demonstrated how commuter rail supports regional mobility, access to employment, development near stations, and the economic integration of the three-county labor market.



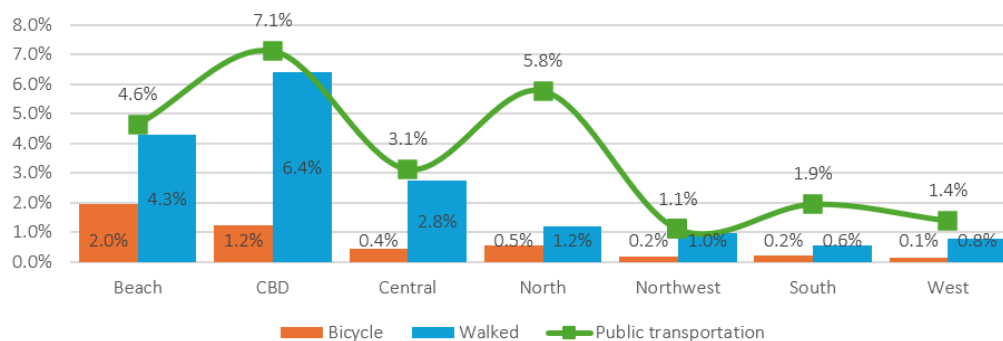
Miami-Dade Modal Split and Accessibility Analysis



Continuing the SFRPC's long-time and productive partnership with the Miami-Dade TPO, the SFRPC contributed to the 2026 Modal Split Study which is nearing completion. The work updated and mapped travel-to-work patterns across Miami-Dade County. It examined driving alone, carpooling, public transportation, walking, bicycling, ride-hailing, and working from home. The analysis identified substantial geographic differences in transportation behavior. It related mode choice to transit availability, employment concentrations, residential development, affordable housing, and access to jobs. The resulting datasets and maps

can support travel-demand modeling, corridor planning, transit investment, and assessments of transportation access for households and workers.

Figure 3- 4: Walking and Bike Commuting Compared to Transit



Resilient Infrastructure Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool

The SFRPC continued development of the Resilient Infrastructure Benefit Cost Analysis tool, a project-level benefit-cost analysis framework for resilient infrastructure investments. The work was conducted with other Florida regional planning councils through the Resilient Florida program. It is intended to help local governments compare gray, green, and hybrid infrastructure alternatives using consistent economic and resilience criteria.

The tool is designed to estimate avoided flood losses and other project benefits that may not be fully represented in conventional engineering analyses. These may include transportation reliability, utility continuity, emergency-service access, recreation, ecosystem services, and regional economic effects. The framework also provides a structured method for documenting project readiness, cost-effectiveness, environmental benefits, regional significance, matching funds, innovative technologies, and benefits to financially disadvantaged communities. The tool should be described as aligned with the current statutory criteria for the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan under section 380.093(5)(g), Florida Statutes. The Legislature revised the scoring framework in 2025.

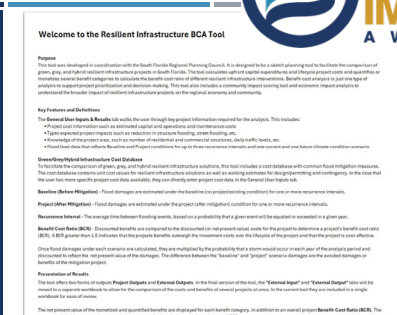
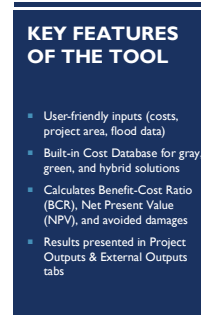


Brightline to Stuart Extension Economic and Fiscal Impact Study

The SFRPC assisted the TCRPC with an evaluation of the potential economic and fiscal effects of proposed Brightline service to Stuart. The work examined construction and operations, visitor spending, property-value effects, and local fiscal impacts in Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties. It combined economic-impact analysis with spatial and fiscal methods to assess how an intercity rail station could affect development, tourism, employment, and public revenue.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Safety and Health Benefit-Cost Analysis

In partnership with the Miami-Dade TPO, the SFRPC evaluated the safety, health, and economic benefits of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The work linked crash exposure and facility design with health-impact assessment and long-range benefit-cost analysis. It compared different facility types and examined the benefits associated with shifting a portion of short automobile trips and commute trips to walking and bicycling. The analysis provides a framework for evaluating active-transportation investments through avoided crashes, improved health, reduced transportation costs, and other public benefits. It supports capital planning and grant applications that require benefits to be quantified over the life of an infrastructure investment.



Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition

Managed by the South Florida Regional Planning Council, the [Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition](#) advances clean transportation, alternative fuels, and regional energy initiatives throughout Southeast Florida.

The Coalition connects local governments, fleet operators, businesses, community partners, and industry leaders with information on alternative fuel technologies, infrastructure, funding opportunities, and strategies to reduce operating costs, strengthen energy independence, and support cleaner communities. Its fuel-neutral approach includes compressed natural gas, propane autogas, biodiesel, hydrogen, and electric transportation. Coalition activities include stakeholder meetings, educational workshops, technical assistance, funding and grant information, idle-reduction resources, specialized training, and regional events focused on clean fleets, energy innovation, and transportation technology.



EV & Battery Incident Response Training

In May 2026, in coordination with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the Coalition assisted in an incident response training covering electric vehicles, battery energy storage systems, and photovoltaic systems. Led by James Russo, Fire Chief, Hollywood, Florida (Ret.); Oscar Rodriguez, Battalion Chief, Margate, Florida; and Doug LeValley, Deputy Chief, Seminole Tribe and Fort Lauderdale (Ret.), the training addressed parking garage and charging station hazards, firefighting tool capabilities, reporting requirements, tactical updates, recent burn study findings, updated case studies, and related response considerations.



REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (SOUTH FLORIDA LEPC DISTRICT 10)

Keeping South Florida Prepared and Safe for more than 35 Years

Since 1988, the SFRPC has staffed the [South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee \(LEPC\)](#) which serves Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties. The South Florida LEPC's membership includes the three county Emergency Management Departments, local government fire departments, law enforcement, the Florida departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection, SFWMD, health professionals, private sector partners, educational institutions, and other regional stakeholders.



LEPCs were established pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA), Title III of the EPA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). EPCRA mandates the establishment of State Emergency Response Commissions (SERC) and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC). The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management contracts with the state's regional planning councils to carry out their mandated responsibilities from the federal government. SFRPC staff coordinates regularly scheduled LEPC meetings, conducts How-to-Comply seminars, responds to public inquiries regarding EPCRA compliance, maintains

chemical inventories for public inspection consistent with the Community Right-to-Know provisions of EPCRA, promotes hazardous materials awareness, and prepares and updates the comprehensive emergency response plan for the Region.

Hazard Analysis (HA)



Earlier this year the South Florida LEPC, through the Florida Division of Emergency Management Hazard Analysis Grant Program, completed the required on-site Hazard Analysis and CAMEO data update for Monroe County's designated Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) facility. The site visit verified facility operations, chemical inventories, emergency contacts, and response planning information, ensuring that current and accurate hazard data is available to local emergency responders. By maintaining and updating this critical planning information, the South Florida LEPC strengthened regional hazardous materials preparedness, enhanced coordination among local, state, and federal partners, and supported Monroe County's compliance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Florida's hazardous materials emergency planning requirements.

South Florida LEPC Leads Regional HazMat Exercise: “OPERATION RED CARD”

CBS Coverage: South Florida Agencies attend Emergency Drill ahead of the FIFA World Cup

On May 27, 2026, the South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), in partnership with the regional Hazardous Materials (HazMat) teams, local fire rescue departments, and a multitude of emergency management partners, participated in a full-scale exercise at Chase Stadium in Fort Lauderdale to evaluate coordinated response capabilities during a simulated chemical exposure incident at a large public event.



Participating agencies managed a complex scenario involving numerous symptomatic patients, requiring the establishment of incident command, hazardous materials assessment, mass decontamination operations, medical triage and treatment, and coordination with hospitals and emergency management partners. Responders practiced zone management, patient care, resource coordination, and regional communications while operating within a unified command structure. The exercise advanced the LEPC’s goals of promoting effective emergency planning, fostering interagency collaboration, and validating response capabilities through training and exercises, and provided a valuable opportunity to assess regional preparedness, identify strengths and areas for improvement, and reinforce the importance of a coordinated, whole-community approach to hazardous materials emergency response.

South Florida LEPC First Responder Training – Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness

Through the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program administered by the SFRPC, the South Florida LEPC continued to enhance regional preparedness for hazardous materials transportation incidents by coordinating specialized training for first responders across South Florida.

In 2025 – 2026, 77 responders completed a Propane Response: 101 to Advanced Tactics course, which combined classroom instruction with live-fire, hands-on exercises focused on propane behavior, tank emergencies, and advanced response tactics. The LEPC also sponsored 30 responders to attend a 24-hour HazMat Basic & Advanced Detection course, strengthening competencies in hazardous materials detection, monitoring, and scene assessment, and supported regional attendance at the 2026 Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium, where responders participated in more than 70 sessions on emerging hazards, response strategies, and industry best practices. These HMEP-funded activities strengthened regional response capabilities, enhanced interagency coordination, and supported EPCRA implementation. Additional HMEP-funded training opportunities will continue through the end of the grant period in September 2026.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL!



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