

LOREN PARRA, MBA

Director and Chief Resilience Officer, Department of Environmental Resources Management, Miami-Dade County

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Loren Parra is the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management and Chief Resilience Officer for Miami-Dade County, where she leads countywide efforts to protect natural resources and safeguard public health through science-based policy, regulatory compliance, and community-focused education. Appointed by Miami-Dade County Mayor Levine Cava and subsequently ratified by the Miami-Dade County Commission in February 2026, Parra previously served in the dual roles of Chief Resilience Officer and Miami-Dade County's Chief Bay & Water Resources Officer where she spearheaded critical projects and policy related to the restoration of Florida's Biscayne Bay.

A seasoned organizational leader with deep expertise in environmental policy and science communication, Parra brings more than a decade of wide-ranging experience and expertise in public policy, advocacy, and government affairs, with a strong focus on environmental resilience and community development. Through her leadership, the County has increased state and federal participation in efforts to accelerate solutions to protect Biscayne Bay, including securing $5 million from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restart the Biscayne Bay Southern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration (BBSEER) project. Parra has helped integrate the County's siloed work around flood reduction and improved water quality, championing more efficient investments that protect our neighborhoods and public dollars. She holds a BA in Political Science and Sustainability Studies and an MBA from the University of Florida. Parra resides in Coral Gables, FL.