



**AGENDA**  
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

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- B. IF YOU MUST SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE, PLEASE SPEAK SOFTLY OR GO OUT INTO THE ATRIUM, IN ORDER NOT TO INTERRUPT THE MEETING.

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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA:**

INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO MAKE ANY "CITIZEN'S COMMENTS" UNDER THAT PORTION OF THE CRA BOARD AGENDA, OR WHO OTHERWISE WANT TO ADDRESS THE CRA BOARD, MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED WITH THE CRA SECRETARY (CLERK) (FORMS ARE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER AND MUST BE GIVEN TO THE CLERK BEFORE THE MEETING). OTHERS WHO WANT TO ADDRESS THE CRA BOARD ON ANY MATTERS MUST FIRST BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR. ALL SUCH PERSONS MUST USE THE PODIUM IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER. NO MORE THAN ONE PERSON AT A TIME MAY ADDRESS THE CRA BOARD FROM THE PODIUM. COMMENTS ARE ONLY TO BE MADE TO THE CRA BOARD AND ARE NOT TO BE DIRECTED TO THE AUDIENCE OR CRA STAFF.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

*Addressing the Commission: A thirty (30) minute "Citizen Comments" period shall be designated on the agenda for citizens and interested persons to speak on matters whether or not scheduled on that day's agenda. Individuals wishing to speak on a matter not included on the "Public Hearing" section of the agenda, which matter pertains to an item before the City Commission which requires a decision of the City Commission, may do so by signing in and submitting a form to that effect with the City Clerk prior*

*to the meeting. Speakers at Public Hearings shall also submit such a form. Each speaker shall be limited to 3 minutes for his or her comments. If more than ten (10) speakers express a desire to speak, the Commission shall determine on a meeting by meeting basis whether to (a) extend the time allotted for citizen comments to accommodate all speakers, or (b) whether to limit the number of speakers or amount of time per speaker. A speaker's time shall not be transferable to another speaker.*

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. CRA Executive Director Administrative Report

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

1. 2025 End of Year Update by Fruitful Fields

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes: December 9, 2025 CRA Board Meeting Minutes
2. Travel Requests: None
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-CRA-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRUITFUL FIELDS, INC. FOR THE CONTINUED MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE PEOPLE’S ACCESS TO COMMUNITY HORTICULTURE (PATCH) PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **6. PROPOSALS AND BIDS: None.**

### **7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: None.**

### **8. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Martin Luther King Day of Service Flyer

### **9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**



## City of Dania Beach Memorandum

**DATE:** 1/13/2026

**TO:** Chair and Board Members

**FROM:** Candido Sosa-Cruz, ICMA-CM, CRA Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** CRA Executive Director Administrative Report

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### 1. CRA INITIATIVES

The CRA is excited to welcome **Emilee Adams as our new Administrative Assistant!**

Emilee has been with the City for a year and a half, serving in the Community Development Department, where she quickly distinguished herself as a valuable and dedicated team member. Prior to joining the City, she gained strong professional experience working with law firms and insurance companies, further strengthening her organizational and administrative expertise. We are thrilled to have Emilee join the CRA team and look forward to the energy, knowledge, and support she will bring to the CRA.

- Rebuilding Together Update(for the year through December 31st)
  - Home Beautification Program
    - Total number of homes completed: 40
    - Number of homes approved and in line for services: 0 (contract completed and annual contract renewed for 2026)
    - Number of homes being vetted for qualification: 10+
  - Safe At Home Program
    - Total number of homes completed: 40
    - Total number of homes in-process (under const): 8+
    - Number of homes approved and in line for services: 10+
    - Number of homes being vetted for qualification: 5+

### 2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **2025 Broward County Resilience Roundtable** highlighted regional progress and continuing challenges related to climate impacts such as sea-level rise, flooding, and extreme heat, emphasizing the importance of coordinated action among municipalities, agencies, and the business community. For the City of Dania Beach and its Community Redevelopment Agency, the Roundtable reinforces the value of the City's ongoing work in developing a local resiliency plan, ensuring that countywide strategies are translated into targeted, place-based actions that address Dania Beach's coastal and redevelopment-related vulnerabilities. As the plan is

developed, it will help align CRA redevelopment efforts with regional resilience priorities, protect public and private investments, improve infrastructure planning, and strengthen the City's ability to leverage funding opportunities while supporting long-term economic stability and community well-being. **(2025 Broward Leaders Resilience Roundtable Report attached)**

- Conducted a business site visit to **Anglers Bait & Tackle, located at 230 E. Dania Beach Blvd.**, to discuss the Commercial Property Improvement Grant program. Met with the business owner, RJ, and completed a walkthrough of the property to review potential grant-eligible improvements. Eligible enhancements discussed included façade upgrades, parking lot improvements, exterior painting and repairs, installation of impact windows, landscaping improvements, signage, and awnings. Anglers Bait & Tackle is situated along a major commercial corridor and would significantly benefit from participation in this grant program.

### 3. **PATCH**

- **PATCH General Operation / Performance**

- Number of monthly visitors: 200 (Total Month)

- New walk-in visitors: 40
- Number of monthly volunteers: 70
- Program Visitors: CW Thomas (3 weeks) - 90, XTMAS Market: 40

- Weight of crop harvest: 251 pounds

- Individuals/institutions to whom unsold produce was donated: 46 pounds was donated to Saratoga Seniors Group

- **Past month activities/events**

- Christmas Market on Dec 13
- Workshop: No Workshop in Dec.
- Farmers Market held every Sat

- **Upcoming events**

- **PATCH Shop with Your Grower**

Sat., January 03

- **PATCH Veggies & Herbs Taste and Garden Tour**

Sat., January 10

- **PATCH Farmer's Market**

Sat., January 17/ 24/ 31

- **PATCH Fermentation Class**

Sat., January 24

## Upcoming Events with the City of Dania Beach

### 1. **Dania After Dark – Taste of Dania Beach**

Saturday, January 10, 2026

### 2. **Wellness Fair**

Thursday, January 29

- PATCH News/info
  - The City of Dania Beach, in partnership with the Community Redevelopment Agency, invites residents, volunteers, and community partners to come together in the spirit of service to honor the legacy and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This special Day of Service will take place on **Monday, January 19th, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Participants will gather at **1200 NW 1st Street**, on the north side of the **PATCH Community Garden**, where volunteers will take part in meaningful projects including **landscaping, painting, and cleaning up the NW 1st Street corridor**. These efforts aim to beautify the neighborhood while promoting unity, service, and positive community pride in the true spirit of Dr. King's message.



BROWARD LEADERS  
RESILIENCE ROUNDTABLE  
REPORT  
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2025



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# 2025 Broward Leaders Resilience Roundtable Report Summary

On October 15th, 2025, Broward County Mayor Beam Furr and Senator Nan H. Rich, co-chairs of the County’s Climate Change Task Force, convened the 2025 Broward Leaders Resilience Roundtable (“Roundtable”) at Long Key Nature Center in Davie. This year’s annual event brought together 82 participants, with representation from 22 municipalities and the Seminole Tribe. Attendees included:

- Broward County administration and senior staff
- 15 municipal elected officials
- 6 municipal managers or assistant municipal managers
- 22 municipal staff
- 2 representatives from the Seminole Tribe
- 2 representatives from the South Florida Water Management District
- 1 representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 10 business community representatives

In recent years, the Roundtable has benefitted from consistent dedication and engagement from local governments. The 2024 Roundtable hosted 81 participants, including representatives from 22 municipalities. In 2023, attendance included 81 participants, including 45 representatives from 28 municipalities and the Seminole Tribe. This was an increase from 76 individuals in 2021, with 48 representatives from 24 municipalities. Comparatively, the convening in 2018 was attended by 32 municipal representatives from 21 municipalities, with 14 municipal officials elected.



# Overall Themes

**The 2025 Roundtable convened municipal leaders, agency partners, and members of the business community to discuss local and regional progress in advancing climate resilience.**

This year's event underscored the County's continued leadership in climate adaptation, the importance of intergovernmental collaboration, and the growing role of public-private partnerships in achieving resilience goals.

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Broward County's Chief Resilience Officer and Deputy Director of the Public Works & Environmental Services Department, opened the session with a State of the County update inclusive of global climate trends and key County resilience initiatives. Emphasis was placed on intensifying rainfall, global temperature rise, and key County initiatives addressing these challenges. An example includes the Extreme Heat Collaborative Campaign, launched in advance of the 2025 heat season, that featured a pilot municipal coordination effort, the establishment of cooling centers, and a public outreach and social media campaign. This campaign is to provide awareness and minimize impacts of extreme heat on Broward County residents with an emphasis on our County's most vulnerable populations. In addition to these efforts, there has been enhanced coordination with the County's medical examiner and first responders to better track heat-related public health incidents and deaths.

Dr. Jurado and Mayor Furr provided an update on the County's solid waste and recycling initiatives, noting the release of the draft of the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Master Plan this summer, which outlines strategies for waste reduction, organics management, and regional coordination. Dr. Jurado shared updates on the Countywide Resilience Plan, including the launch of the plan website, Resilience

Dashboard, Scenario Viewer, and Project Tracker, all designed to support local governments in project planning and prioritization. In addition, she discussed new funding opportunities and the County's ongoing collaboration with the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact ("Compact"), announcing the upcoming Climate Leadership Summit hosted by Palm Beach County in December 2025 and Broward County's role as host in 2026 at the newly expanded Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

The Roundtable also featured presentations from key regional partners. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) provided updates on the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Risk Management and Resiliency Study, emphasizing data-driven planning and cross-jurisdictional coordination.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers offered a comprehensive overview of ongoing and planned projects, including coastal storm risk management, Port Everglades navigation improvements, Everglades restoration, and water management operations, reinforcing the integrated approach to resilience across South Florida's water systems.

New to this year's program was the Business Leadership Panel: "Building a Resilient Broward," which brought together private sector leaders to discuss the economic implications of climate change and the value of investment in resilience. Panelists shared insights on risk management, business continuity, and opportunities for collaboration with local governments to strengthen community and infrastructure resilience.

As in previous years, the event concluded with municipal updates, offering cities the opportunity to share their ongoing resilience initiatives. Municipalities highlighted a range of projects, including stormwater infrastructure upgrades, coastal adaptation measures, urban tree canopy expansions, electric vehicle charging installations, municipal composting projects, and community outreach programs.

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DETAILED REPORT

# Opening Remarks

**Mayor Beam Furr** opened the 2025 Roundtable by welcoming both familiar faces and new participants to another year of collaboration and progress. He expressed how much he looks forward to this annual gathering, noting it offers an important opportunity for cities and the County to share updates, align priorities, and strengthen regional partnerships.

Reflecting on the past year, Mayor Furr acknowledged the challenges faced at all levels of government, including recent setbacks in national renewable energy development. He cited the cancellation of what would have been the largest solar project in the United States as a reminder of the uncertainty surrounding federal and state support for climate initiatives. In light of this, he emphasized that local collaboration and innovation have become even more essential for advancing resilience efforts.

“Resilience isn’t achieved by one city or one county alone,” he said. “It requires all of us working together.” He expressed how regional cooperation is similar to constructing a seawall; if one property owner neglects to build their section, the entire system becomes vulnerable.

Mayor Furr highlighted several key accomplishments from the past year, including the formal adoption of the Countywide Resilience Plan, a significant milestone multiple years in the making. Looking ahead, he previewed the day’s agenda, noting that participants would hear updates from Eva Vélez, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and from John Mitnik, with the SFWMD, on one of the most significant flood mitigation and resilience projects in County history: the C&SF Section



*Broward County Mayor Beam Furr*



*Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County.*



*Monica Cepero, Chief Executive Officer of Broward County.*

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203 Study. The County played a key role in accelerating the project by supporting half of the necessary funding with the SFWMD to transition from a federal-led Section 216 Study to a partner-led Section 203 Study, ensuring urgent progress and positioning for upcoming congressional funding.

He also previewed the Business Leadership Panel and its insights on building a more resilient Broward. Mayor Furr underscored that having private sector support for major environmental initiatives is critical to Broward’s long-term success. He credited the Broward Workshop for challenging the County to develop measurable economic indicators, which was a significant component of the Countywide Resilience Plan.

Mayor Furr closed by urging continued unity and focus among regional leaders: “the challenges are steep, but the opportunities are greater.”

In her opening remarks, **Senator Nan H. Rich** built on the mayor’s message of collaboration. Senator Rich emphasized that achieving resilience requires everyone – from local governments to community members, to partners – working together. She highlighted the human side of resilience, noting that it is not an abstract concept but a deeply personal one that affects every resident of Broward County.

She outlined the ways in which residents are already experiencing these impacts, through increased flooding, rising insurance premiums, public health risks, and mounting pressure on affordable housing. For many, she said, resilience is about navigating everyday challenges: getting to work, ensuring children can safely get to school, or accessing medical care when flooding or extreme heat interferes with daily life.

Senator Rich drew attention to critical concerns, asking what happens when extreme heat shortens work hours or drives up cooling costs beyond what families can afford. “Resilience and community inclusivity are



*John Mitnik, Assistant Executive Director South Florida Water Management District.*



*Eva Vélez, Chief, Ecosystem Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Jacksonville District.*



*Broward County Commissioner and former State Senator, Nan H. Rich.*

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inseparable,” she said, underscoring that resilience means keeping people in their homes, protecting public health, and strengthening neighborhoods.

To address these challenges, she highlighted the County’s new campaign on extreme heat, a collaborative effort involving the Human Services Department, the Medical Examiner’s Office, health care practitioners, and the Office of Emergency Management. The initiative focuses on public outreach, coordination, and prevention to mitigate the health impacts of extreme temperatures.

Senator Rich affirmed that collaboration remains essential, especially when federal resources are uncertain or limited. She called on all levels of government, along with the private sector and community organizations, to work together to ensure that resilience strategies benefit not only infrastructure but the people who depend on it.

She also framed resilience as an opportunity to create a Broward County where resilience translates to affordable housing, reliable infrastructure, healthier communities, and green investments that open pathways for all residents to thrive.

While acknowledging Broward’s significant progress, Senator Rich reminded participants that “we are just getting started” and that the County must continue challenging itself each year to build on its momentum. She encouraged the group to make this year’s Roundtable another milestone toward the long-term goal of protecting and uplifting the community for generations to come.

**Broward County Administrator Monica Cepero** opened her remarks by expressing deep gratitude to Mayor Furr, Senator Rich, and the Broward County Commission for their continued leadership and partnership. She noted that the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity is both an honor and a responsibility that she and her team take very seriously. Reflecting on her experience working at the state level, where she interacted with all 67 counties and 411 municipalities, Ms. Cepero shared that Broward County stands apart for its exceptional collaboration and shared sense of purpose. Returning home to Broward, she said, confirmed for her just how unique the County’s approach is.

Ms. Cepero explained that while the County Commission sets policy direction, it is the responsibility of her administration to implement and operationalize those goals, and success depends on collaboration across every level of government. “When it rains, it doesn’t just rain on one part of the County,” she noted. “Everyone is affected, which is why this work must be coordinated and countywide.” She took time to recognize and thank members of her leadership team and key staff who play central roles in advancing Broward’s resilience initiatives. Ms. Cepero commended their dedication to implementing the Countywide Resilience Plan, describing it as a guiding framework that integrates resilience into every aspect of County operations and capital infrastructure planning.

While acknowledging that the County’s most recent budget required difficult decisions, she reaffirmed Broward’s commitment to protecting the resources necessary to keep the Resilience Strategy active and effective. “Even with limited resources, we made sure to keep this work alive because it touches every artery of our community,” she said. Ms. Cepero concluded by thanking all municipal, regional, and community partners for their continued collaboration and shared commitment to building a stronger, more resilient Broward County.

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# Presentations

## **2025 State of the County: Climate Trends, Resilience Planning, and Advancements Overview**

Following the introductions, **Dr. Jennifer Jurado**, Broward County’s Chief Resilience Officer and Deputy Director of the Public Works and Environmental Services Department, opened the program’s presentations with a State of the County, summarizing global climate trends globally and local resilience planning and advancements.

She provided a comprehensive reflection on Broward County’s continued leadership in advancing climate resilience. She revisited the County’s longstanding commitment to regional collaboration, underscoring that the Resilience Roundtable, which is now in its second decade, has served as a cornerstone for uniting municipal, regional, and federal partners around shared resilience goals.

Building on last year’s priorities, Dr. Jurado highlighted significant advancements in implementing the Countywide Resilience Plan, addressed the growing risks of extreme heat, and shared progress on the new Solid Waste and Recycling Master Plan. She also outlined Broward’s progress in flood risk reduction through strong partnerships with the SFWMD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, Dr. Jurado announced the launch of innovative tools, such as the ResilientBroward.com platform and investment in technology with the Rapid Alert and Information Network (RAIN) for real-time flood monitoring.

Reflecting on global and regional climate indicators, such as record CO2 concentrations, ocean temperatures, accelerating sea-level rise, and intensifying rainfall, Dr. Jurado emphasized the pace of climate change continues to accelerate, thus underscoring the urgency of local action. She concluded by highlighting the County’s expanding engagement on climate risk reduction through the Extreme Heat Initiative, its deepening of resilience investments with new resilience mapping and policy tools, and its continued regional collaboration through the Compact, culminating with Broward’s upcoming role as host of the 2026 Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit.

## **Broward Leaders Resilience Roundtable History**

Dr. Jurado reflected on the evolution of Broward County’s resilience efforts, noting that the first regional Climate Action Plan, developed in partnership with Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties, was introduced in 2012 and formally brought to the community through the Roundtable in 2013. Since then, and with minimal exceptions, Broward has convened local leaders annually to advance the regional dialogue on climate resilience. She emphasized the Roundtable has now served as a collaborative platform for more than a decade, drawing together municipal officials, business leaders, and regional partners such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the SFWMD.

## **2024 Resilience Roundtable Outcomes**

Setting the stage for updates during the past year, Dr. Jurado revisited key themes from the previous year’s discussion, including implementation of the Countywide Resilience Plan, expansion of energy initiatives, and progress in regional waste management and flood mitigation projects. She acknowledged the policy and funding landscape has shifted significantly over the past year but emphasized Broward’s adaptability and commitment to advancing progress wherever possible.

Ongoing collaboration with municipalities remains central to regional resilience planning and implementation. It was noted that many cities continue to leverage the Resilient Florida Grant Program to support local vulnerability assessments and resilience planning.

Dr. Jurado also underscored the importance of continued advocacy for the C&SF Section 203 Study, being advanced by the SFMWD in partnership with Broward County, which represents one of the region’s most significant resilience investments to date.

### Global Climate Trends and Local Implications

Transitioning to a broader perspective, Dr. Jurado provided a data-driven overview of global and regional climate indicators. She reported that 2023 and 2024 ranked among the hottest years on record, accompanied by rising ocean temperatures and record greenhouse gas concentrations. She noted we are only seeing accelerations in all of the key climate metrics, despite gains in renewable energy adoption. Global CO2 levels continue to increase by roughly three parts per million annually, a rate that has accelerated over the past 15 years, as was shown from the data at the Mauna Loa Observatory, a Scripps Institution of Oceanography and NOAA Global Monitoring Laboratory in Hawaii.

She highlighted research from the past two years showing the growing intensification of rainfall events, particularly in urban areas where heat and impermeable surfaces amplify localized flooding. Dr. Jurado explained that warmer air holds more moisture, and when combined with oceanic and surface heating, this leads to the heavy rainfall events which are increasingly evident across South Florida and around the globe.

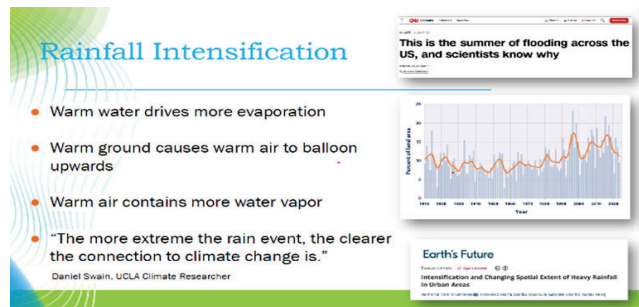


Figure from Dr. Jurado’s presentation showing rainfall intensification.

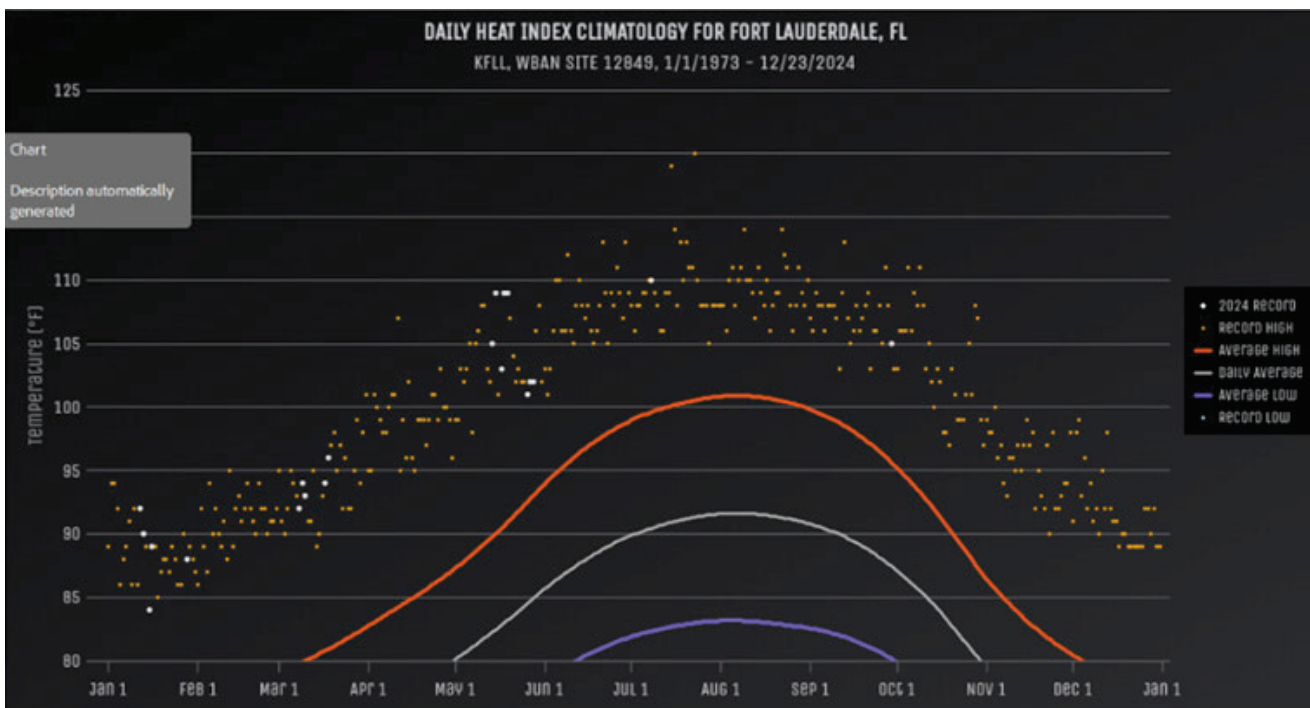


Figure from Dr. Jurado’s presentation showing the daily heat index for Fort Lauderdale, FL.

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## **2025 Initiatives and Progress: Addressing Extreme Heat in Broward County**

A key initiative that was discussed during the Roundtable was the County’s growing focus on extreme heat. Dr. Jurado explained that extreme heat is becoming one of the most serious climate risks in our region, threatening the health and safety of our residents. To respond effectively, Broward County has launched its Extreme Heat Initiative to better understand where heat is negatively affecting communities and how to better prepare and protect these communities. Data presented showed that in 2023 and 2024, the County saw record-breaking high temperatures and more continuous hours of extreme heat than any other period in Florida’s recorded history.

Through this initiative, Broward County has worked closely with the Medical Examiner’s Office, healthcare practitioners, first responders, and municipal partners. Using data on surface temperature, heat-related illnesses, and socioeconomic factors, the County identified several neighborhoods with heightened vulnerability and prioritized those areas for enhanced community outreach on heat awareness, cooling center designation, and emergency preparedness.

It was noted that significant temperature disparities occur between neighborhoods with higher impervious coverage and less tree canopy, essentially the County’s central urban core, where surface temperatures can well exceed predicted temperature extremes, and can trend 14°F warmer than greener areas with more vegetation.

Therefore, Dr. Jurado emphasized the importance of green infrastructure in mitigating heat. Research conducted through the County’s Resilience Plan found that investments in trees, bioswales, and permeable landscapes can provide cooling benefits that extend up to 1,000 feet beyond their immediate footprint. These findings reinforce the need to integrate nature-based solutions into urban planning and redevelopment, reducing heat risk and the demand for cooling.

To further strengthen public health monitoring, Broward County’s Resilience Unit has collaborated with the Medical Examiner’s Office to promote the “Take the Temp” campaign. This campaign seeks more consistent collection and reporting of temperature as part of emergency response and hospital intake, to improve consistency and completeness of data pertaining to heat-related illness and death. County analysis combines temperature data, heat index readings, and body temperature taken from emergency response reports to more accurately attribute heat-related public health impacts. Preliminary findings suggest current reporting significantly underestimates the true scale of heat-related illness, potentially by a factor of four. A historic analysis of temperature trends between 1973 and 2024 and heat-related deaths over the past decade revealed a clear upward trajectory in both the frequency and severity of extreme heat events.

Broward County has created a public-facing dashboard and is now working with the Florida Department of Health to secure approval for the public release of this dashboard to improve extreme heat awareness and communications, following successful models in states such as Arizona. This dashboard will display local heat and health data in an accessible and transparent way, helping residents understand how extreme heat is already affecting the Broward community and strengthen community-wide awareness of the risks.

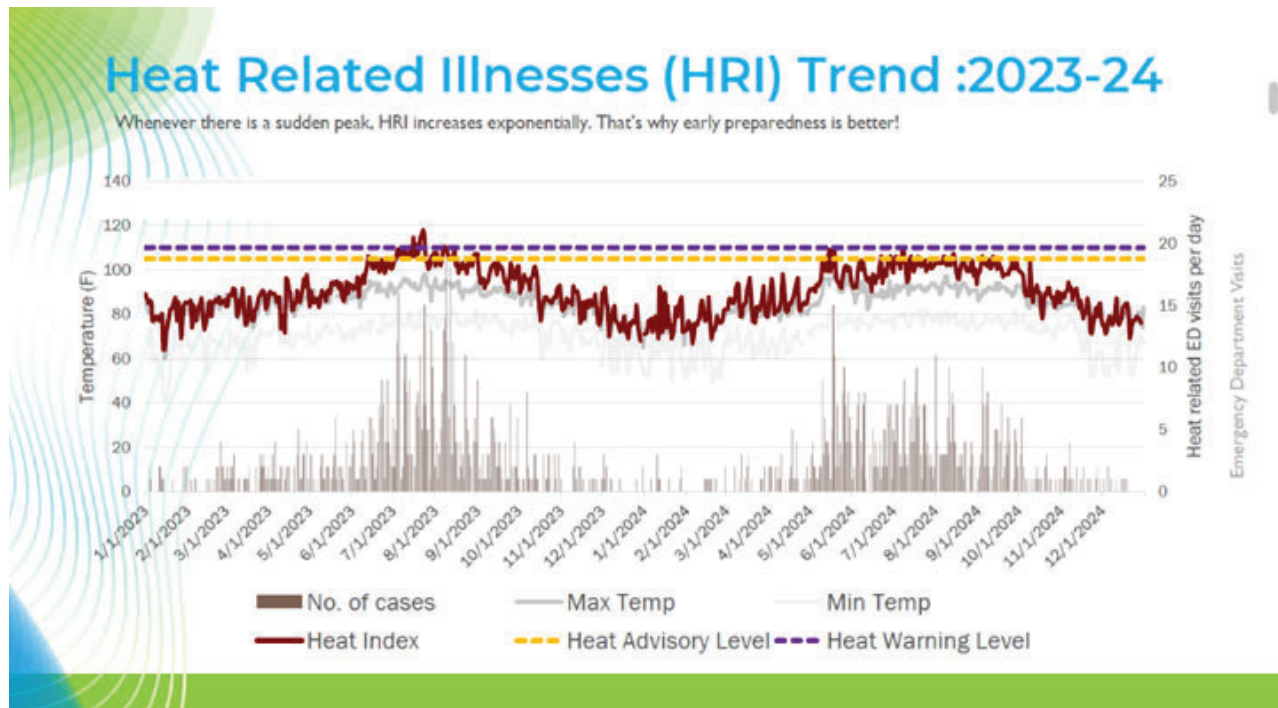


Figure from Dr. Jurado's presentation showing heat-related illness trends from 2023-2024.

## Advancing Solid Waste Management

As part of Dr. Jurado's presentation, Mayor Beam Furr provided an update on Broward County's progress toward a more sustainable and climate-conscious solid waste management system. As Co-Chair of the Solid Waste Authority, Mayor Furr emphasized that addressing landfill emissions, particularly methane, has become a central part of Broward County's broader resilience and climate strategy.

The Broward Solid Waste Authority is comprised of leaders across Broward County who have been working together to advance a comprehensive, long-term Master Plan for managing solid waste in the region, with the goal of achieving a 75% diversion rate from the landfill. A draft Solid Waste Master Plan was released in May 2025 and will go through a public comment period before being presented for approval by County and municipal leadership for implementation.

One of the most significant milestones this year was the decision to expand the County's landfill at Monarch Hill, an action that may appear counterintuitive at first glance but is a strategic step toward enabling future waste diversion. By 2027, the County aims to remove all organic material from the waste stream, redirecting it for compost rather than disposal in a landfill.

Broward County has renewed its contract with Waste Management (WM) to compost organic waste at the Lake Okeechobee site, marking a major step toward reducing methane emissions. Yard waste, which currently accounts for approximately 34% of total waste, or approximately five million tons annually, will now be processed locally at the County landfill. These measures are expected to provide a substantial reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

The Broward Solid Waste Authority Master Plan outlines additional measures to strengthen recycling access, establish flow control, and manage biosolids. These progressive strategies not only support Broward’s climate goals but also serve as a model for other regions seeking to reduce emissions from the waste sector.

Mayor Furr noted that Broward County’s progress has drawn attention from peers nationwide and internationally. Waste management, which was once a peripheral issue in climate discussions, has now become central to global emissions reduction efforts. Mayor Furr shared that satellite imagery showed the significant role of fugitive methane emissions from landfills, elevating the issue in international forums such as the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP) 28 that he and Dr. Jurado attended in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2023.

The County anticipates adopting its finalized Solid Waste Master Plan by August 2026, providing a roadmap for continued innovation, environmental stewardship, and resilience in the waste management sector.

### Advancing the Countywide Resilience Plan

The Countywide Resilience Plan, which was presented in depth at last year’s 2024 Resilience Roundtable, was revisited by sharing key elements of the plan while highlighting newly developed tools and implementation strategies.

The plan represents a multi-year collaborative effort informed by municipal partners, the business community, consultants, engineers, and water management agencies across Broward County. The plan provides a unified framework for addressing extreme heat, sea level rise, stormwater management, and long-term climate resilience.

Dr. Jurado reiterated that the Countywide Resilience Plan presents a strategy for phased implementation, consisting of Tier One (by 2050) and Tier Two (by 2070) improvements designed to prepare Broward communities for two (2) and three (3) -foot sea level rise scenarios, respectively. A key finding from the technical analysis was the need to elevate seawall standards from a target elevation of five (5) to seven (7) feet by mid-century to address a projected 3.3-foot rise in sea level, relative to the year 2000. In several areas, the physical defense of heightened sea walls will need to be coupled with expanded drainage and enhanced stormwater management on the landward side, including the installation of additional stormwater pumps, to actively manage rainfall runoff and maintain stormwater discharges.

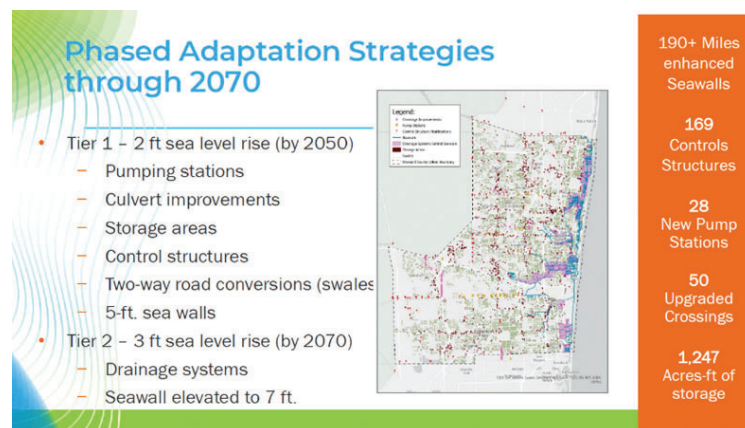


Figure from Dr. Jurado’s presentation showing phased adaptation strategies throughout 2070.

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In addition to discussing flood reduction, mitigation recommendations, and a risk assessment, Dr. Jurado reviewed the economic modeling which provided a solid demonstration of positive comprehensive benefits to be realized with organized resilience investments implemented countywide.

Key strategies outlined in the plan include enhancing conveyance systems, improving culverts and pump operations, expanding water storage capacity, and increasing the use of green infrastructure, such as swales, bioswales, and permeable surfaces, to reduce runoff and lower localized flood risk. Dr. Jurado stressed that the preservation and expansion of swales and stormwater storage areas are among the most fundamental elements for enhanced flood resilience. The loss of natural or engineered storage through redevelopment and practices at the local level, such as the flattening of driveways, undermines the existing water management system and compromises long-term water management capabilities.

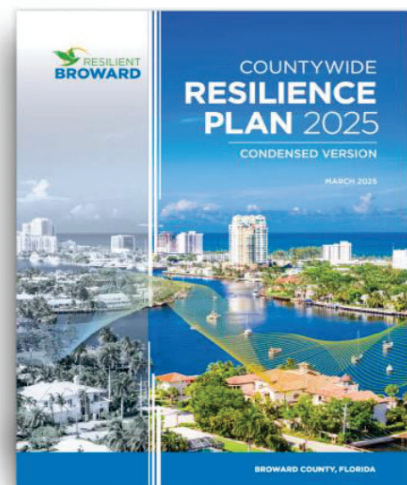
She urged that all new projects and permits incorporate on-site storage considerations, whether through roadway design, parking areas, residential projects, or green retrofits, noting that we need to ensure we have adequate storage, requiring that we work actively to both preserve and achieve required basin-level storage across all projects.

Dr. Jurado shared that all project information, including technical documentation and interactive tools, is now accessible through the newly launched ResilientBroward.com platform. The site also hosts a range of case studies providing examples of proposed resilience strategies at the neighborhood and development scale.

**Featured resources and tools include:**

- Full and summarized versions of the Resilience Plan, including a Full Plan, Condensed Plan, and Executive Summary.
- An interactive Scenario Viewer, which allows users to explore local impacts under different sea level rise, rainfall, and storm surge scenarios, with comparison of flood reductions with and without proposed adaptations.
- An Economic Benefits dashboard that presents the financial benefits of resilience investments for key economic metrics.
- A Web-based Project Tracker measuring and sharing collective progress. All partners are encouraged to post local project information thereby ensuring that completed projects are incorporated into future flood modeling and FEMA mapping updates.

Outreach and engagement efforts surrounding the Countywide Resilience Plan were also shared, including a full workshop with the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on February 4, 2025, a Resilient Broward Business Forum on February 26, 2025, and a presentation with the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors on June 5, 2025, and the Broward County City Managers Association on August 21, 2025. The County also hosted a stakeholder Practitioner Workshop on September 11, 2025, with municipal planners, engineers, capital project managers, consultants, and elected officials to explore the plan’s tools and applications. These collective efforts ensure all 31 municipalities and key partners have direct access to the information, fostering transparency, accountability, and collaboration in advancing local resilience strategies.



*Image of the Countywide Resilience Plan 2025.*

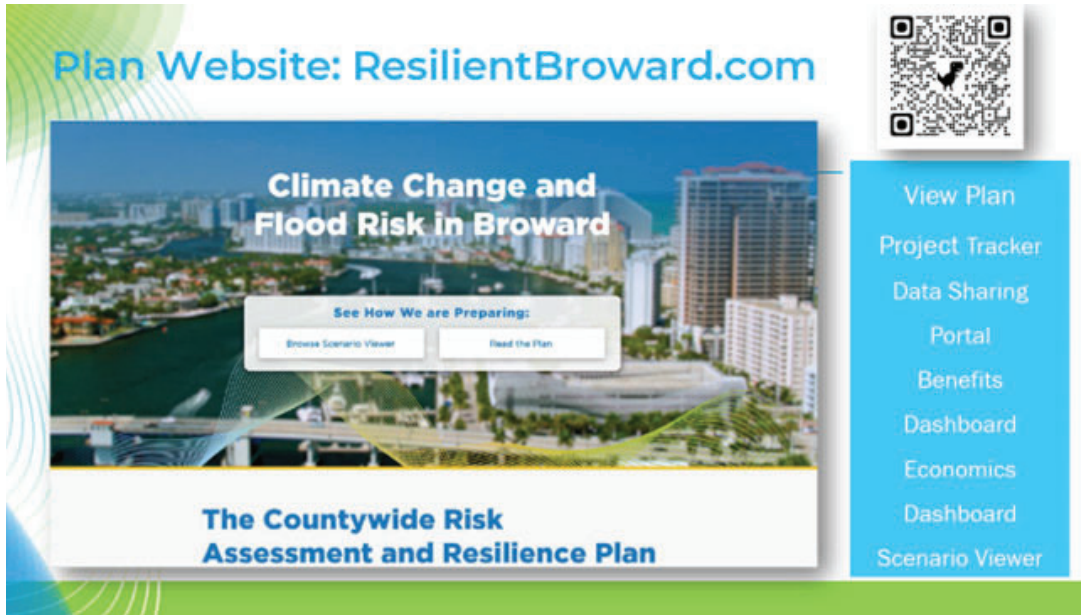


Figure from presentation by Dr. Jurado showing the Resilient Broward website.

Dr. Jurado underscored the significance of aligning public and private development standards with resilience objectives, since roughly two-thirds of necessary resilience investments will occur through redevelopment. Without consistent and appropriate standards, she noted, public infrastructure will bear the disproportionate burden of managing runoff and mitigating resultant flood risk.

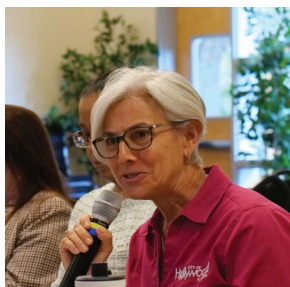
**Tools and Resources: Policy Constraints, Mapping Tools, and Funding Strategies**

Dr. Jurado continued her presentation with an overview of the current policy and legislative context affecting local resilience efforts, noting that state-level preemptions under Senate Bill 180 will remain in place until at least 2027. She acknowledged active legal challenges and pointed attendees to resources shared by 1000 Friends of Florida for ongoing updates.

The County is currently advancing implementation of its Resilience Plan through data-driven tools and regional partnerships. Two critical maps available on ResilientBroward.com illustrate the foundation of these efforts:

- **Future Conditions Water Basin Storage Map:** This tool identifies the volume of water storage required across the County to meet future flood risk and drainage needs, as modeled within the Resilience Plan.

Local governments can use this map to evaluate development proposals, prioritize infrastructure investments, and identify potential community-based solutions to meet storage goals.



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• **Adaptation Action Area Map:** This map highlights the County’s central urban corridor as a priority area for adaptation investments, particularly for green infrastructure. The area represents the intersection of greatest heat and flood risk and economic vulnerability. Dr. Jurado encouraged municipalities to use these tools to support grant applications and to prioritize resilience investments that align with the Countywide Resilience Plan.

**Considerations for Implementation**

Dr. Jurado acknowledged that the overall scale of investment needed for stormwater and flood mitigation infrastructure is substantial, with the estimated cost resulting in the billions, but emphasized the County’s strategy of breaking it into achievable phases.

For example, the County’s resilience plan identifies approximately \$20 million in culvert improvements as a high-impact, lower-cost starting point; the County Commission allocated \$1.5 million in initial funding for this purpose in FY ’26. Dr. Jurado explained that these early investments will provide measurable data on flood reduction and help build the case for additional funding in future years.

The County’s Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital projects represent roughly \$1 billion in identified needs, however through cost-sharing, prioritization, and collaboration with municipalities and partners, progress can be achieved incrementally rather than all at once.

**Concurrent Resilience Initiatives and Investments**

The County’s strong partnership with the SFWMD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues with advancement of the Section 203 Flood Risk Management Study. The Draft Tentatively Selected Plan includes five major pump and conveyance improvements. These are essential for maintaining systemwide water movement and drainage capacity as sea levels rise. Broward County provided \$5 million as a cost-share, and the project is currently on track for Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2026 Authorization.

Regarding additional opportunities for funding, Dr Jurado noted the following:

- Section 219 Authorization -With the support of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the County gained authorization for Section 219 funding as part of WRDA 2024. This authorization provides up to \$50 million in federal cost share for water infrastructure projects which could be used to support Resilience Plan implementation. The County intends to seek an appropriation in 2027 to support local flood infrastructure projects.



- Broward Back Bay Study - A priority recommendation of USACE/South Atlantic Coastal Study, this authorization would address flooding and infrastructure challenges on the coastal side of salinity control structures, an area that currently lacks dedicated water management solutions. This study would build upon Section 203 recommendations to identify preferred coastal flood mitigation projects to benefit the eastern coastal areas of the County.

**Funding Successes and Strategies**

Dr. Jurado reviewed countywide participation in the Resilient Florida Grant Program, which provides competitive state funding for resilience projects. To date, approximately 15% of statewide funding has been awarded to Broward-based projects (inclusive of municipal and county grant awards), compared to about 23% for Miami-Dade. She encouraged local governments to leverage the Countywide Resilience Plan when applying for new funding to strengthen the County’s collective position.

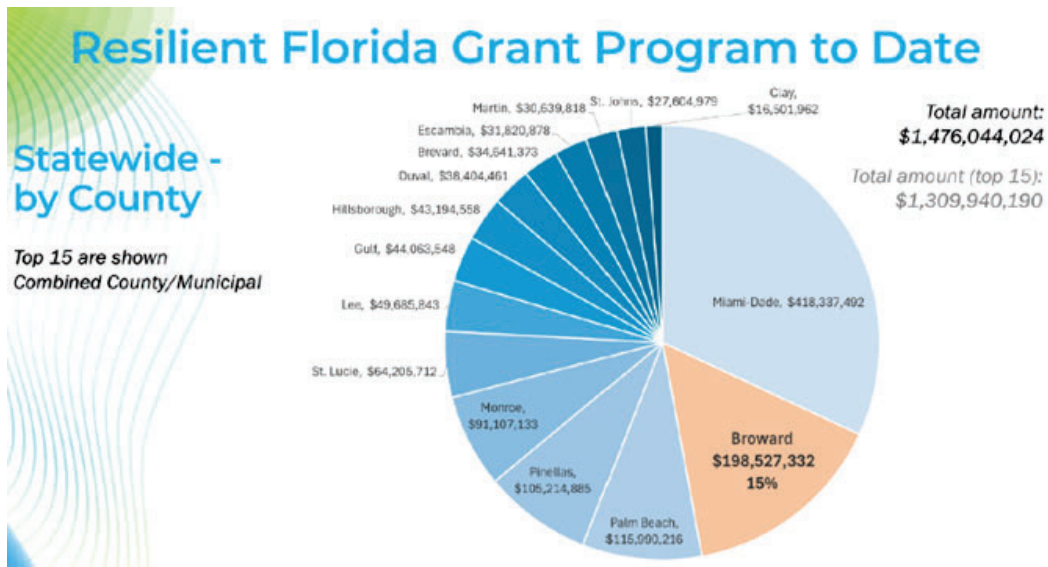


Figure from Dr. Jurado’s presentation showing Resilient Florida grant funding to date.

**Technology, Monitoring, and Real-Time Data with RAIN**

Dr. Jurado shared that the County is also investing in real-time flood monitoring technology. The April 2023 storm left more than 5,000 vehicles damaged and prompted dozens of water rescues. During that event there was no real-time identification of which roads were passable, whether for commuters or first responders. This event spurred the County’s launch of the Rapid Alert and Information Network (RAIN). RAIN will deploy a sensor-based network within the stormwater system using pressure transducers and rainfall data to track evolving flood conditions. This network will support more accurate communication during flood events and guide future infrastructure investments. Interlocal agreements with cities are already being developed to integrate this system countywide.

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## Regional Compact Collaboration

Dr. Jurado highlighted the ongoing importance of regional coordination through the Compact, a partnership among Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties that has served as a national model for collaborative climate action since 2009. The Compact provides a unified scientific and policy framework to guide resilience planning, infrastructure investment, and adaptation across the region.

She noted that maintaining alignment with Compact’s shared scientific foundation remains essential to ensuring consistent, data-driven decision-making. In late 2024, the Compact undertook a review of its 2019 Regionally Unified Sea Level Rise Projection. This review reaffirmed the appropriateness of continued use of the 2019 sea level rise projections, which correspond with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Intermediate-High curve, and are still used by major scientific agencies such as NASA for their own planning.

Dr. Jurado advised that these sea level rise scenarios, and the NOAA Intermediate High Curve, are consistent with observed rates of sea level rise and the federal Task Force recommendations for capital planning. She further noted that the 20% rainfall intensification applied in the Resilience Plan was consistent with recommendation of technical subject matter experts in the review and update of climate indicators for the Compact region.

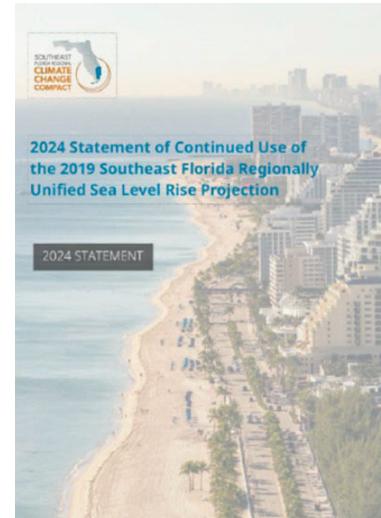


Image of the Compact’s Statement of Continued Use of the 2019 Unified Sea Level Rise Projection.

## Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit

Dr. Jurado’s presentation concluded by encouraging participants to attend the 17th Annual Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit on December 16 and 17, 2025, which will be hosted by Palm Beach County. This year’s theme, “Roots of Resilience: Cultivating a Sustainable Future,” reflects the region’s commitment to advancing innovative, collaborative solutions for a changing climate.

Looking ahead, she announced that Broward County is honored to host the 2026 Climate Leadership Summit, which will take place at the newly renovated Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, on November 4-6, 2026. Dr. Jurado expressed enthusiasm for welcoming regional and national partners to Broward for next year’s event, highlighting it as an exciting opportunity to showcase the County’s leadership and ongoing work in resilience and sustainability.



Image of the forthcoming Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit.

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## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Following Dr. Jurado’s presentation, the SFWMD provided an in-depth regional update on major flood risk and resilience initiatives. **John Mitnik**, Assistant Executive Director, joined by **Dr. Carolina Maran**, District Resiliency Officer, briefed attendees on the status of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Risk Resiliency Studies and several key partnerships underway between SFWMD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Mitnik began by grounding the discussion in the historical origins of the C&SF Flood Control Project. The system was created in response to the devastating 1947 Everglades flood and today moves more than 20 million acre-feet of water annually.

He noted that the system was originally engineered to serve roughly 2 million residents. It now supports a population approaching 11 million, illustrating the level of strain placed on aging infrastructure as South Florida continues to grow. Mr. Mitnik also highlighted the environmental and climate-driven pressures that are compounding this challenge, including sea level rise, and increased rainfall intensity.

Mr. Mitnik shared that the SFWMD’s updated 2025 Sea Level Rise and Flood Resilience Plan was completed and submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This comprehensive document serves as a long-term roadmap for the next 50 to 75 years and includes flood risk assessments across the majority of urbanized areas within the District.

He also provided updates on the ongoing C&SF Flood Resiliency Study, noting the goal to secure Congressional approval of study recommendations in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2026.

A Draft Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) was presented to Broward County stakeholders on September 9, 2025. Mr. Mitnik outlined the upcoming schedule, noting that the team is working toward a November 2025 release of the draft document, followed by the completion of the final report by March 2026. The feasibility study is expected to be fully completed and submitted to Congress by Summer 2026.



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# US Army Corps of Engineers

Joining virtually, **Eva Vélez**, Chief, Ecosystem Branch, representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Jacksonville District, delivered a presentation highlighting the Corps' collaborative efforts with Broward County, the SFWMD, and regional partners to strengthen community resilience across South Florida.

Ms. Vélez emphasized that resilience requires a comprehensive and cooperative approach across all levels of government and the private sector. She noted that the Corps' work in South Florida centers on water infrastructure as the regional connector, with interconnected projects such as coastal protection to inland water management, all working together to reduce risk and build long-term resilience.

USACE's ongoing efforts in Broward County include:

- Coastal Storm Risk Management Projects, which address sea level rise and storm surge impacts along the coast, improving coastal resiliency and reducing the risk of compound flooding.
- Bay Back Studies, focused on the backside of the barrier island and bayfront, designed to protect inland areas from storm surge and sea level rise while reducing the effects of compound flooding.
- Inland Flood Risk Management Studies, such as the C&SF Flood Resiliency Study – Section 203 Feasibility Study, aimed at improving stormwater storage capacity, reducing flood risk, and enhancing overall system resiliency.
- Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), which enhances water quality, increases water storage, and restores natural habitat function.
- Navigation Projects, including work at Port Everglades, which supports regional economic resilience and strengthen the reliability of transportation systems.

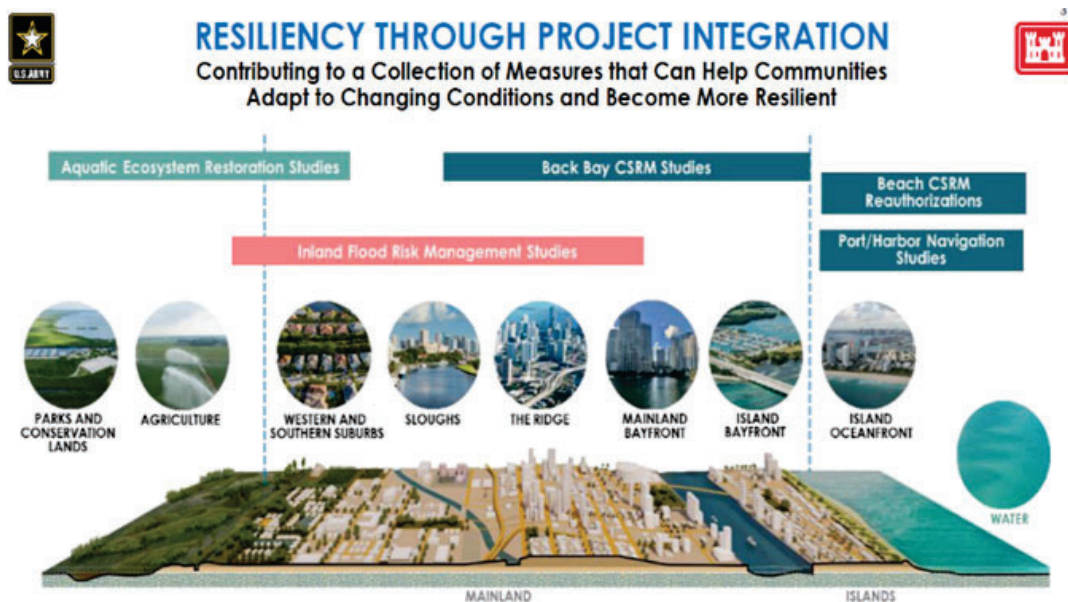


Figure from the presentation shared by Eva Vélez, USACE, Jacksonville District.

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Ms. Vélez explained that these efforts are designed to function as a connected and integrated system that links inland and coastal protections, stormwater management, navigation, and ecosystem restoration to create a more resilient South Florida.

She also provided updates on several ongoing projects within Broward County, including:

- The Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM), which helps balance water supply and flood protection for surrounding communities.
- The ongoing update to the Greater Everglades Water Conservation Area Combined Operations Plan, which coordinates water flow and management across key conservation areas.
- The Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Operations Plan, which redistributes inflows within Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A to enhance flows into Everglades National Park.

Ms. Vélez also referenced several resilience-focused projects with navigation and beach protection currently underway in Broward County, including:

- Port Everglades Navigation Dredging Project
- Broward County Shore Protection Project – Segment II
- Broward County Shore Protection Project – Segment III

In closing, Ms. Vélez highlighted two significant opportunities that will help advance the region's resilience goals:

- Comprehensive Central and Southern Florida Study – A federal authority was granted by Congress in 2022 to conduct a regional feasibility study for multipurpose resilience projects across South Florida. Although the study has received authorization, it is still awaiting federal appropriation.
- USACE Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) – A small-projects program that allows local governments to plan, design, and implement smaller-scale water resource projects in partnership with the Corps without requiring additional congressional authorization.

Ms. Vélez concluded by expressing her appreciation for the strong and ongoing partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Broward County, the SFWMD, and local municipalities. She emphasized that continued coordination among federal, state, and local entities will be critical to build long-term community resilience throughout the region.

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## Business Leadership Panel: Building a Resilient Broward

A feature of this year's Resilience Roundtable was the Business Leadership panel, which brought together leaders from the private sector to discuss how climate change, economic pressures, and infrastructure challenges are shaping the landscape for businesses in Broward County. The conversation underscored how deeply climate impacts intersect with economic development, talent retention, insurance markets, and long-term business planning, and why public-private collaboration is essential for moving the region forward.

The panel was moderated by **Ken Morris**, Senior Vice President, JLL and the panelists included **Dan Lindblade**, President and CEO, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, **Ron Drew**, Executive Vice President, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, **Peter Moore**, Co-Chair of the Community Resilience Committee, Broward Workshop.

Panelists repeatedly described the April 2023 flood as a community-wide turning point. This flood event was referred to as a “wake-up call,” that fundamentally changed perceptions of risk across industries. Businesses saw firsthand how a single extreme rain event could shut down transportation corridors, damage office spaces, and disrupt operations for days. Perhaps most concerning for economic development was the national visibility of a flooded downtown Fort Lauderdale, images and videos that circulated across major news outlets and social media. Panelists noted that scenes like this travel far beyond local borders and can affect everything from tourism to business recruitment.

Throughout the discussion, participants raised several pressing concerns. One of the most significant was the question of how the region will finance the expensive but necessary infrastructure projects required to respond to accelerating climate impacts. Panelists also emphasized the risk to South Florida's long-term economic competitiveness as young professionals leave the region due to the high cost of living, rapidly rising insurance premiums, and housing affordability challenges. Businesses increasingly struggle to recruit talent, as many prospective employees' express hesitation about relocating to South Florida under current conditions.

There was also an underlying worry that “business as usual” may not be sustainable in the face of increasing uncertainty. Panelists described there are concerns from companies that they may face insurance denials, diminished property values, or challenges securing loans, all tied directly to climate exposure. They stressed that “businesses do not run on uncertainty,” underscoring the need for a predictable path forward that safeguards economic stability.

Despite these challenges, the panel highlighted significant opportunities for South Florida to become a national leader in resilience innovation. Speakers noted the emerging economic potential in resilience-focused infrastructure, engineering, construction, and technology, including the specialized workforce needed to build seawalls. With demand already exceeding capacity, panelists emphasized the importance of growing this expertise locally to strengthen the region's economic base.

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Panelists pointed to models like Greentown Labs in Boston, an incubator that brings together entrepreneurs and companies focused on climate and resilience solutions. They described the potential for Fort Lauderdale and Broward County to cultivate a similar hub which will position the region as an epicenter for resilience innovation, job creation, and economic diversification. As one panelist noted, “There is an opportunity for us to become the national leaders in resilience, and we should keep drawing attention to it.”

The discussion culminated in a clear call to action. Business leaders stressed the need for a unified, accessible narrative that communicates why resilience investments are essential to the region’s future, not just environmentally, but economically. They urged partners to make use of available communication tools, share consistent messaging across sectors, and identify champions who can help elevate the importance of long-term resilience planning.

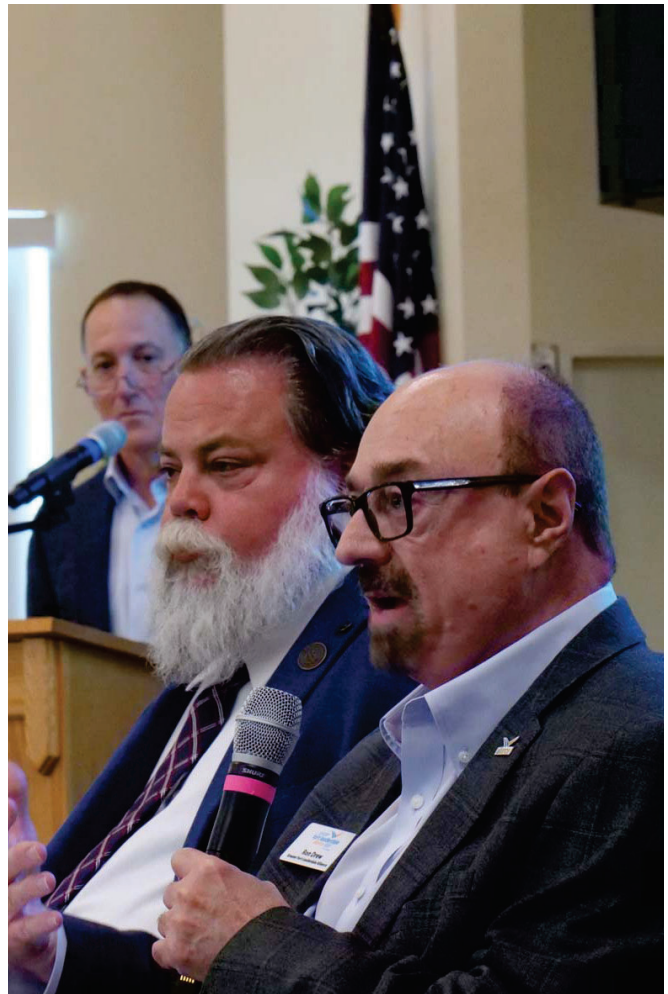
Panelists also emphasized the need to fund pilot projects that demonstrate success, build community confidence, and accelerate broader implementation. Their message was direct: to protect property values, ensure economic competitiveness, retain talent, and safeguard quality of life, the region must commit to resilience infrastructure and “play the long game.” As one participant summarized, “Let’s make the investment. Let’s look to the future. These challenges are solvable – if we act together.”



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# Municipal Resilience Updates

Representatives from municipalities across Broward County shared updates on local resilience initiatives, infrastructure projects, and community engagement efforts that align with the Countywide Resilience Plan. Twelve municipalities and the Seminole Tribe of Florida shared their highlights with the roundtable; eleven municipalities submitted a supporting PowerPoint slide. Those who shared a supporting slide presented first.

**City of Miramar- Rasheed McCallum, Energy Resource Manager**, provided an update highlighting the City of Miramar’s significant progress in advancing local climate and sustainability initiatives. This year, the City Commission adopted Miramar’s Climate Action Plan, developed through a “piggyback” contract from Broward County, marking a major milestone in the city’s pathway toward net-zero emissions by 2050. Miramar launched its first commercial solar project, a 200-kilowatt system at the wastewater treatment plant. The city also leveraged Energy Efficiency Block Grant funds to purchase six EV chargers and ten Ford F-150 Lightning electric vehicles, advancing efforts to transition the municipal fleet to hybrid and fully electric vehicles. To engage the community, Miramar introduced a “Sustainable Living” educational campaign, promoting sustainability tips through outreach events, and implemented an LED bulb exchange program, distributing 284 LED bulbs and collecting 300 incandescent ones. The city also continues to expand its community garden initiatives, with new composting workshops planned for 2025.

**City of Oakland Park- Molly Ferch, Sustainability Manager**, shared that the City Commission unanimously approved (5-0) their Joint Climate Action Plan update, reaffirming Oakland Park’s strong commitment to climate action. She also shared that infrastructure improvements are underway, including the North Andrews Gardens stormwater pump station, scheduled for installation in December 2025, to help reduce neighborhood street flooding. The city’s vulnerability assessment is expected to be completed in early 2026, and work is progressing on a joint adaptation plan with Wilton Manors, funded through a Resilient Florida grant. Oakland Park also received a Broward County Youth Climate Action Grant to enhance the Sand Pine Preserve Trail, supporting youth engagement and local environmental restoration. Additional sustainability milestones include the mayor signing the National Wildlife Federation’s Monarch Pledge, as well as integrating sustainability as a strategic performance area in the city budget with \$70,000 allocated for FY2026 and hiring a Sustainability intern to further support the city’s expanding environmental initiatives.

**City of Plantation- Mayor Nick Sortal**, discussed how the city is prioritizing drainage and water management improvements, through swale enhancement projects and the integration of advanced drainage features in new developments. A key initiative includes the North Acres Park project, which incorporates innovative stormwater design elements to reduce local flooding. Mayor Sortal also highlighted active youth engagement, noting that high school and college students are advocating for walkable communities, bike paths, sustainable development, and parking maximums in the city’s comprehensive plan. The city’s Sustainability Committee continues to play a vital role by providing ideas and guidance to advance green initiatives across Plantation.

**City of Pompano Beach- Jean Dolan, Sustainability Coordinator**, shared that the city has completed its vulnerability assessment and is now initiating an adaptation plan with support from a Resilient Florida grant. The city received \$164,000 through the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), which funded lighting and HVAC upgrades at five community facilities, though federal reimbursement has been delayed due to staffing reductions. Pompano Beach has updated its sustainable development code standards and joined a lawsuit challenging Senate Bill 180 to restore local control over resilience planning. Infrastructure improvements include the installation

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of seven new backflow prevention valves, bringing the total to 57. The City has also expanded its reuse water infrastructure, including last year's Hillsboro Harbor Reuse System (28,000 LF), serving approximately 500 additional properties, and it is currently in initial planning for the Lighthouse Point Reuse Expansion Phase 4 (6,500 LF), which will provide services to about 100 more properties. The City has maintained its Community Rating System (CRS) Class 6 flood rating and has adopted a policy designating aquatic centers as free cooling centers during heat advisories in collaboration with Broward County's Extreme Heat campaigns.

**City of Coconut Creek- Mayor Jacqueline Railey**, shared that Coconut Creek has expanded its composting programs citywide, including staff compost bins at City Hall, which together with community collection diverted 77 tons of material from landfills last year. Seasonal initiatives have also been implemented, including pumpkin composting and holiday lights recycling programs. The city is coordinating with Broward County on extreme heat policy, establishing cooling centers in parks when temperature thresholds are exceeded consistent with county standards. Coconut Creek's new 200-acre development project requires 15 acres of dedicated green space, and the city continues to advance environmental education through partnerships with local schools and community recycling programs.

**City of Coral Springs- Andrea Lemaitre, Sustainability Manager**, provided an update that the City of Coral Springs is near completion of its Stormwater Master Plan and Vulnerability Assessment, funded through Resilient Florida. The city achieved LEED Gold certification, completed an urban tree inventory with USDA support, and expanded its pilot composting program, now serving over 100 households. Coral Springs is applying for a Resilient Florida adaptation planning grant and using the Tree Trust Fund to expand canopy on public property, with a pilot program for residential participation. Additional initiatives include advancing a new water treatment plant for the city's water district and installing solar lights in city parks. The city is also engaged in global resilience initiatives, including the U.S. State Department Middle East Art Initiative, ICLEI leadership programs, and a webinar with Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer Bowen and Mayor Furr ahead of COP30.

**City of Dania Beach- Eleanor Norena, Community Development Director**, provided an update on the millions of dollars of investments in stormwater infrastructure and drainage improvement projects. The City has recently completed a vulnerability assessment study, a stormwater master plan, a watershed master plan, an improved comprehensive plan, and a strategic plan to include resiliency goals and objectives. Looking ahead, the City plans to implement recommendations from these master plans and is developing its first comprehensive Resiliency Master Plan to integrate all existing master plans for future planning. Dania Beach is the first municipality in Broward County to achieve a Class 5 rating under the Community Rating System (CRS) program and is working toward a Class 4 in the next cycle. Partnerships with private developers and the County focus on maintaining stormwater and water storage while requiring developers to mitigate water storage as part of new development projects.

**Town of Davie- Mayor Judy Paul**, highlighted several key updates reflecting the Town's continued commitment to stormwater management, sustainability, and community engagement. Davie is in the second year of implementing its Stormwater Master Plan, supported by a stormwater assessment generating \$2.5 million annually. The Town has cleaned more than 3,300 catch basins and is advancing multiple critical stormwater retrofit projects across the community. The Shenandoah Master Pump Station is currently in the permitting phase, supported by state and federal funding. Davie is also completing a vulnerability assessment and preparing for public outreach efforts to inform next steps. Additional sustainability initiatives include expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure and launching a wildflower pilot program featuring pollinator plantings along public rights-of-way. The Town continues to foster environmental stewardship through its Environmental

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& Agricultural Advisory Board, which recently hosted Garden Matters Day and monthly gardening workshops at Robbins Lodge. In addition, Davie has initiated a water reuse pilot known as the “Magic Wand” project, leveraging new water plant capabilities to advance innovative water management practices.

**City of Fort Lauderdale- Nancy Gassman, Chief Resilience Officer,** shared an extensive overview of the City’s major resilience and infrastructure investments over the past several years. Fort Lauderdale has invested approximately \$10 million in seawalls over the last five years, focusing particularly on evacuation routes and major commuter corridors. Through Phase 1 of their Stormwater Master Plan, implemented over the past three years, the city has advanced stormwater projects ranging from \$10 million–\$40 million per neighborhood, including the transition of neighborhoods to pump-based drainage systems as gravity systems become less viable. The city is also working to bury neighborhood electrical systems and has installed more than 200 tidal valves across 165 miles of waterways to reduce tidal flooding impacts. Additional infrastructure and sustainability milestones include the completion of a citywide LED streetlight conversion and ongoing pipe rehabilitation projects to prevent groundwater infiltration. The city is nearing completion of a \$750 million Category 5 hurricane-hardened membrane water treatment plant, designed as a regional resource, and has elevated the oxygen building at their existing water treatment facility for improved resilience. Fort Lauderdale has included a youth representative to its Sustainability Advisory Board and has recently hired a Resilience Outreach Coordinator. The City is developing an Urban Forestry Master Plan aimed at raising tree canopy coverage from 26% to 33% within 15 years, with a goal of planting 10,000–18,000 trees annually. They are also mapping swales using LiDAR to optimize stormwater management and pursuing a Community Rating System (CRS) Class 4 designation within the next six to eight years. Looking ahead, the City plans to rebuild City Hall within the next five years following the 2023 flood event, adopt its Net Zero Plan on November 4 before their Board of Commissioners, and explore permit incentives to encourage the use of living seawalls along its waterways.

**City of Hollywood- City Commissioner Caryl Shuham,** provided an overview of the City’s major resilience, infrastructure, and sustainability initiatives. Hollywood has completed a \$1 billion, 30-year Stormwater Master Plan, with the first \$40 million pump station currently under construction on the east side of the city. The city has also completed its Citywide Vulnerability Assessment (2024) and advanced a beach renourishment project. Tidal Flooding Mitigation projects for shoreline protection in North Lake, South Lake, and the Intracoastal Waterway are also underway. Hollywood is partnering with Broward County on dune restoration and intracoastal flooding mitigation as part of its Shore Protection Projects for Coastal Resiliency, including beach renourishment and dune enhancement. The city is also collaborating with FDOT to construct additional pump stations along SR A1A to reduce street flooding and is transitioning from septic to sewer systems, beginning with the Washington Park industrial area. Additional infrastructure improvements include burying utilities at Hollywood North Beach, as well as installing permeable pavement and LED streetlights citywide to improve flood resilience and energy efficiency. Sustainability and community engagement efforts include the launch of a community composting pilot program through a public-private partnership, allowing residents to participate individually, and coordination with Broward County’s Extreme Heat Campaign and Net Zero Planning. The City has also established three cooling centers, adopted a single-use plastic ban on City property, and continues to expand its electric vehicle fleet while maintaining a micro transit program.

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**City of Lighthouse Point- Ross Licata, City Administrator**, presented updates on the City’s ongoing Stormwater Master Plan, which encompasses ten stormwater improvement projects designed to strengthen local flood resilience. Priority Area 1 is currently in the design phase, with construction scheduled to begin in FY2026 at an estimated cost of \$1.29 million, while Priority Area 2 is also in design and slated for construction in FY2027 at \$1.1 million. The city has also completed the design of the NE 21st Avenue Stormwater Project, with construction expected to begin in FY2026 at a cost of \$1.6 million. Additional resilience initiatives include a completed Seawall Study, ongoing seawall erosion repairs, and a review of seawall height standards to guide future improvements. Lighthouse Point is also advancing an LED City Lighting Conversion project to enhance energy efficiency. Through a Resilient Florida grant, the City is six months into developing its Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan and is expected to be completed within the next 8–12 months. Lighthouse Point has achieved a two-category improvement in its Community Rating System (CRS) and continues to expand sustainability efforts. The City is launching a new composting compact pilot program within the next 30 days and was recently awarded funds from Broward County’s Tree Preservation Trust Fund to help with tree canopy projects in their city. Also, in partnership with Broward County, Lighthouse Point is expanding its water reuse program to promote long-term environmental resilience.

**Seminole Tribe of Florida- Jill Horwitz, Climate Resilience Officer**, shared that the Climate Resiliency Program has undergone a reorganization and now operates under the Environmental Protection Office, which is expanding from 40 to 80 staff members. The Tribe continues to integrate Indigenous science and expertise into its climate strategies while navigating challenges in accessing federal resources and support, as it remains ineligible for Resilient Florida funding. The Seminole Tribe is currently developing its first Climate Action Plan, which is one-third of the way completed and is anticipated to be finalized within the next year. Additionally, the Tribe is nearing completion of the Hollywood Reservation Vulnerability Study, a comprehensive effort five to seven years in the making. To address increasing extreme heat impacts, particularly in inland communities, the Tribe has adopted the “feels like 105°F” threshold—consistent with Miami-Dade and Broward Counties and is developing public outreach materials to raise awareness and promote safety. The Tribe also expressed strong support for the C&SF and Western Everglades restoration projects, recognizing their importance to regional resilience and ecosystem health.

**Town of Southwest Ranches- Mayor Steve Breitkreuz**, highlighted the new composting program that was launched this past year to support waste reduction and environmental stewardship. Building on the stormwater master plan and vulnerability study completed last year, Southwest Ranches has been able to prioritize key projects and begin implementation. Additionally, the Mayor took the Monarch Pledge, reinforcing the city’s commitment to pollinator habitat and broader sustainability goals.



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## Closing Remarks

Following the conclusion of municipal updates and in recognition of the immense budgetary challenges of today and for the future, Senator Nan Rich emphasized the importance of public education on how local tax dollars are utilized to support essential countywide services using the newly created budget pamphlet. She highlighted how this informational brochure was developed to help residents better understand how property taxes fund critical operations such as public safety, libraries, parks, human services, and environmental programs. Senator Rich underscored that despite recent budget cuts, Broward County continues to prioritize affordable housing and resilience initiatives, with \$27 million dedicated to affordable housing for the second consecutive fiscal year. She praised the County's success as a statewide model for affordable housing partnerships and reaffirmed the County's commitment to collaborative, community-driven progress.

County administrator Monica Cepero echoed Senator Rich's remarks, noting that upcoming legislative discussions on property tax reform could significantly impact local governments' ability to fund resilience and climate adaptation work. She stressed the need for a unified educational effort to inform residents and state leaders about the vital role of ad valorem revenues in sustaining resilience initiatives.

In closing, Mayor Furr expressed appreciation to all municipal partners and participants for their dedication to advancing Broward County's resilience goals. He highlighted the remarkable progress across municipalities, reflecting a shared commitment to innovation, collaboration, and climate leadership.



**For additional information about the Roundtable,  
contact the Resilience Unit at 954-519-6613 or [resilience@broward.org](mailto:resilience@broward.org).**



# RESILIENT BROWARD



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# The Fruitful Field and Dania Beach PATCH





# The Fruitful Field

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Local Nonprofit dedicated to two missions-

- Providing locally grown, nutritious, and sustainable produce to at-risk communities
- Sharing knowledge and resources on Sustainability, Regenerative Agriculture, Nutrition and Health to our local families and youth.

# Our Partnership with Dania Beach

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Expert Program Building- After-School Programming, Student Internships, GrowCity, Science Classes, Art classes

Community Engagement- Farmers Market, Mobile Market, Cooking Classes, Grant and Gifting Opportunities

Fresh Food Distribution

Agricultural Expertise- Irrigation, Composting, Nursery Management, Crop Management





# Program Building

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- Market Sales
- School Garden Classes
- Garden Workshops
- Adult Internship
- Fresh Food Box
- Community Garden Plot
- Garden Tours
- Children's Art Activities
- Food Distribution to Pantries in Dania Beach residents





**PATCH**  
People's Access To Community Horticulture

# Community Engagement

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- Dan Marino Center
- CW Thomas
- Monthly Workshops
- GrowCity Youth- employ two DB youth from GCY
- Adult Internship
- Volunteer Opportunities- Corporate and Local



# Fresh Food Distribution

- Market Sales
- Fresh Food Box programming
- Accept EBT/SNAP (Fresh Access Bucks-50% off)
- Fresh Food Dollars participant (USDA) Distribution to Pantries in Dania





Hands On  
SOUTH FLORIDA



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# BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 24, 2025  
10 AM - 11:35 AM

Dania Beach PATCH Community Garden  
1201 W Dania Beach Blvd, Dania Beach

Contact: 954.983.6001 | [info@patchgarden.com](mailto:info@patchgarden.com)

Logos for Dania Beach PATCH, B12C, and Dania Beach.



**GROW CITY**  
the fruitful field



# PATCH

People's Access To Community Horticulture

# By the numbers

Volunteers: 2024 303 increased to 485 in 2025

Workshop Attendance: averaging 15 attendees per workshop

Community Garden Members: 14 of 23 spaces

Fresh Food Box registrations: 70

University Partnerships: UF/IFAS & NOVA University

Corporate Partners: multiple, including Spirit/Invitation Homes/DHL/Dept. Of Defense (Intell Zumba, Hyatt Place

Market Customers: increasing weekly to over 1,600 walk-ins in 2025

Number of Sales: 2024: 72 Sales //2025: 299 Sales

Food Donations: 500 lbs



# Our Team- Agriculture & Management Expertise

Jaime Castoro- Executive Director

Noah Siegel- Farm Manager

Melek Cokgoren- PATCH on-site staff/After-school

Jordan Gray- PATCH on-site & Market staff

Keya Nuul- PATCH children's programming

Val Del Coro- Admin Support

TFF brings in additional staff as needed.



# Special Thanks:

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**CRA Chair & Board Members**

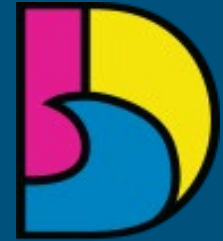
**DB PATCH Team: Bianca Bacarrossi**

**CRA & City Team:**

**Executive Director Candido Sosa-Cruz,**

**Director Nannette Rodriguez & Senior Acct. Tania**

**Stevens**



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**DANIA BEACH**  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Chair:	Joyce L. Davis
Vice-Chair:	Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Board Members:	Lori Lewellen Luis Rimoli A. J. Ryan, IC
Executive Director:	Candido Sosa-Cruz
City Attorney:	Eve Boutsis
CRA Secretary:	Elora Riera, MMC

2. Citizen Comments

None.

3. Administrative Reports

3.1 Administrative Report

Executive Director Sosa-Cruz presented his administrative report that was provided to the Board in their packets. He touched on the following topics:

- Commercial Façade Grant Program Updates:
  - o 102 N Federal Highway
- Rebuilding Together Update:
  - o Home Beautification Program
  - o Safe at Home Program
- Economic Development – RMA Presentation and Follow Up Workshop
- The PATCH Activities and Event Updates

4. Presentations

4.1 Rebuilding Together - Home Beautification Services Presentation for 2025

Robin provided a presentation to the Commission which highlighted the work that was completed over the past 12 months. The Home Beautification Program supported work on 40 homes, along with assistance to 22 additional homes through Area Agency on Aging funding to help seniors safely age in place, and three block rebuilds, including a home owned by a veteran. In addition to CRA-funded projects, other partnerships enabled support for Veteran Post 209. The program's efforts extended beyond painting and landscaping to include safety improvements such as ramps, door frames, landings, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, hurricane preparedness, overgrowth removal, exterior wall and fascia repairs, and addressing code enforcement issues, all aimed at stabilizing neighborhoods and ensuring residents can remain safe in their homes.

Executive Director Sosa-Cruz clarified the scope and funding of the city's housing assistance efforts, noting that the Home Beautification Program focuses on exterior improvements and is currently budgeted for 40 homes, while the Safe at Home Program addresses interior needs and is funded at \$50,000 to serve 50 homes. Expanding the scope or increasing funding would require budget decisions and likely reduce the number of households served.

Vice Chair Salvino emphasized the importance of maintaining current funding levels without raising taxes. He suggested exploring grants and other funding sources as well.

Board member Lewellen recommended revisiting any expansion during next year's budget cycle since the current budget is already approved.

## 5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes: November 18, 2025 CRA Board Meeting Minutes

5.2 Travel Requests: None.

5.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-CRA-\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-CRA-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("CRA"), OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CRA OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE FIRST RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH REBUILDING TOGETHER BROWARD COUNTY, INC., A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, RELATING TO PROVIDING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE "AT HOME DANIA BEACH RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM" IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Board member Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Board member Lewellen which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

## 6. Proposals and Bids

None.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

7.1 2026 CRA Meeting Dates

City Clerk Riera introduced the item.

**Board member Lewellen made a motion to approve the meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Salvino which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

8. Information Items

None.

9. Board Member Comments

Board member Lewellen had no comments.

Board member Rimoli had no comments.

Board member Ryan had no comments.

Vice Chair Salvino had no comments.

Chair Davis had no comments.

10. Adjournment

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY

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ELORA RIERA, MMC  
CRA SECRETARY

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JOYCE L. DAVIS  
CHAIR – CRA



## City of Dania Beach Memorandum

**DATE:** 1/13/2026

**TO:** Chair and Board Members

**FROM:** Candido Sosa-Cruz, Executive Director of CRA

**SUBJECT:** Renewal Agreement with The Fruitful Fields (TFF) for Continued Management and Operation of the People's Access to Community Horticulture (PATCH) program

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**Request:**

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) respectfully requests Board approval of the Renewal Agreement with The Fruitful Fields (TFF) for continued management and operation of the People's Access to Community Horticulture (PATCH) program.

**Background:**

The PATCH program was established in 2012 with the objective of creating an environmentally sustainable urban farm within the community. The program is designed to promote community food access by cultivating a reliable network of healthy, naturally grown fruits and vegetables while advancing environmental stewardship, education, and community engagement.

In 2024, the CRA entered into a partnership with TFF to oversee the operation and management of PATCH. Since the execution of the agreement, the partnership has demonstrated measurable success. TFF has enhanced operational efficiency, reduced overall operating costs, and significantly increased agricultural productivity, while maintaining the program's core mission of sustainability and community benefit.

The original agreement with TFF was executed on February 13, 2024, for an initial term of two (2) years. The agreement includes provisions allowing the CRA to extend the term for two additional renewal periods of two (2) years each, subject to Board approval. Any renewal period will include fee adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) since the previously executed agreement.

Approval of this renewal will ensure continuity of services, preserve the operational gains achieved under TFF's management, and support the long-term sustainability of the PATCH program.

**Budgetary Impact**

TFF's annual contractual fee of \$79,967.36, which equates to \$6,663.95 per month including a 2.7% Consumer Price Index, has been budgeted and is included in the FY 2026 CRA adopted budget. Funding for this agreement will be allocated from CRA Account No. 112-52-09-552-34-10. No additional budgetary impact is anticipated as a result of this renewal.

**Recommendation**

CRA Administration recommends that the Board approve the proposed resolution authorizing the Renewal Agreement with The Fruitful Fields (TFF), thereby allowing the continued successful operation and advancement of the PATCH program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-CRA-\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRUITFUL FIELDS, INC. FOR THE CONTINUED MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE PEOPLE’S ACCESS TO COMMUNITY HORTICULTURE (PATCH) PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the People’s Access to Community Horticulture (PATCH™) program was established in 2012 to create an environmentally and economically sustainable urban farm within the community, promoting access to healthy, naturally grown fruits and vegetables while advancing education, environmental stewardship, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2024, the CRA entered into an Agreement with The Fruitful Fields, Inc. (“TFF”) to provide management and operational services for the PATCH program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement was executed for an initial term of two (2) years and includes provisions allowing the CRA to renew the Agreement for up to two (2) additional renewal terms of two (2) years each, subject to Board approval, with fee adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

**WHEREAS**, since execution of the Agreement, TFF has demonstrated measurable success in improving operational efficiency, reducing operating costs, and increasing agricultural productivity, while maintaining the core mission and objectives of the PATCH program; and

**WHEREAS**, CRA Administration has determined that renewal of the Agreement with TFF is in the best interests of the CRA and will ensure continuity of services and long-term sustainability of the PATCH program; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual contractual amount for the renewal term, inclusive of a CPI adjustment of 2.7%, shall not exceed Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$79,967.36), payable in equal monthly installments, and such funding has been budgeted in the FY 2026 CRA adopted budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed and incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

**Section 2.** That the CRA Board hereby authorizes the renewal of the Agreement with The Fruitful Fields, Inc. for the continued management and operation of the People’s Access to Community Horticulture (PATCH) program, for a renewal term as permitted under the Agreement, with an annual amount not to exceed \$79,967.36, subject to CPI adjustments as provided therein.

**Section 3.** That the Executive Director and other proper CRA officials are hereby authorized to execute the Renewal Agreement and any related documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, in a form approved by the CRA Attorney.

**Section 4.** That funding for this Agreement shall be provided from CRA Account No. 112-52-09-552-34-10, Contractual Services – Fruitful Fields, as appropriated in the FY 2026 CRA adopted budget.

**Section 5.** That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6.** That this Resolution shall take effect ten (10) days after its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION: Unanimous \_\_\_

Yes No

Board member Lori Lewellen \_\_\_\_\_

Board member Luis Rimoli \_\_\_\_\_

Board member Archibald J. Ryan IV \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chair Marco Salvino \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Joyce L. Davis \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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ELORA RIERA, MMC  
CRA CLERK

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JOYCE L. DAVIS  
CRA BOARD CHAIR

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
EVE A. BOUTSIS  
CRA ATTORNEY

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
AND  
THE FRUITFUL FIELDS, INC.**

This is an Agreement (Agreement) entered into on 2/26, 2024, by and between the DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a public body corporate and politic, under Part III, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes (CRA) with an address of 100 West Dania Beach Boulevard, Dania Beach, Florida 33004, and THE FRUITFUL FIELDS, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, with an address of 100 NE 44 Street, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064 (Contractor), to perform farming activities, crop and growing strategies, marketing services, and maintenance services for the CRA's urban garden, "People's Access to Community Horticulture" (PATCH™). The City of Dania Beach, Florida (City) is not a party to this Agreement, but the parties agree it has rights as expressed in this Agreement and is intended to be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

In consideration of the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy and receipt of which are acknowledged and agreed upon, the parties agree to the following:

**1. Scope of Work**

The Contractor agrees to perform the Scope of Work, which is attached as Exhibit "A", and made a part of and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference.

**2. Term/Commencement Date**

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both parties and shall remain in effect for two (2) years unless earlier terminated in accordance with Paragraph 8. The CRA will have the option to extend the Term of this Agreement for two additional two (2) year periods ("Option Period") provided that the CRA notifies the Contractor in writing at least three (3) months prior to the expiration of the Term., with an escalator based on changes in the Consumer Price Index \*CPI) since the previous executed Agreement per each renewal period.

**3. Compensation and Payment**

3.1 The Contractor shall be compensated a total of \$77,865.00 per year, payable in twelve (12) monthly installments of \$6,488.75.

3.2 The Contractor shall invoice the CRA monthly for the upcoming

month's services.

3.3 The CRA shall pay Contractor in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act.

3.4 If a dispute should occur regarding an invoice submitted, the CRA Executive Director may withhold payment of the disputed amount, Upon receiving the written notice of dispute from the CRA Executive Director, the Contractor shall provide written documentation to justify the invoice and propose actions to correct the disputed work. Any disputes and approval of proposed cures shall be decided by the CRA Executive Director, whose decision will be final. In the event of a dispute, the CRA shall pay the Contractor for the undisputed portion of the invoice.

#### **4. Subcontractors**

4.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for all payments to staff and/or any subcontractors engaged by it to perform the services described in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) and shall maintain responsibility for all work related to the services.

4.2 The CRA Executive Director reserves the right to approve or reject any subcontractors used for the performance of services.

#### **s. CRA's Responsibilities**

The CRA will:

5.1 Furnish to Contractor, at the Contractor's written request, all available maps, plans, existing studies, reports, and other data pertinent to the services to be provided by Contractors, in possession of the CRA.

5.2 Arrange for access to and make all provisions for Contractor to enter upon real property as required for Contractor to perform services.

#### **6. Contractor's Responsibilities**

The Contractor shall exercise the same degree of care, skill, and diligence in the performance of the Scope of Work as ordinarily provided by a contractor under similar circumstances. If at any time during the term of this Agreement, it is determined that the Contractor's services are unsatisfactory or fail to conform to the Scope of Work, upon written notification from the CRA Executive Director, the Contractor shall at Contractor's sole expense, immediately correct the work.

#### **7. Conflict of Interest**

To avoid any conflict of interest or any appearance of a conflict, Contractor shall not, for the term of this Agreement, provide any contracting services to any

private sector entities, developers, corporations, real estate investors, etc., regarding any issues adversarial to the CRA. For the purposes of this section "adversarial" shall mean any development application where the City of Dania Beach, Florida or CRA staff recommends denial or denied an application, administrative appeal, or court action in which the City or CRA is a party.

## **8. Termination**

8.1 The CRA Executive Director without cause may terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days' written notice to the Contractor, or immediately for cause. Contractor may terminate with ten (10) days' written notice to the CRA.

8.2 Upon receipt of the CRA's written notice of termination, Contractor shall stop work unless directed otherwise by the CRA Executive Director.

8.3 In the event of termination by the CRA, the Contractor shall be paid for all work accepted by the CRA Executive Director up to the date of termination, provided the Contractor has first complied with the provisions of Paragraph 8.4.

8.5 The Contractor shall transfer all books, records, reports, working drafts, documents, maps, and data pertaining to the Event to the CRA, in a hard copy and electronic format within fourteen (14) days from the date of the written notice of termination or the date of expiration of this Agreement. The Contractor, without cause, may terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days' written notice to the CRA Executive Director.

## **9. Insurance**

The Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the duration of this Agreement insurance of such type and in such amounts as required by the CRA Executive Director. Certificates of Insurance for any required insurance shall be provided to the CRA at the time of execution of this Agreement and certified copies are to be provided if requested. Each policy certificate shall be endorsed with a provision that not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice shall be provided to the CRA before any policy or coverage is cancelled or restricted.

At all times Contractor shall provide, pay for, and maintain in force during the term of this Agreement, such insurance, including General Liability, Workers' Compensation and Automobile Liability insurance as stated below:

9.1 Certificates of Insurance must be delivered to the Risk Manager of the City. All Certificates of Insurance must clearly identify the contract to which they pertain, including a brief description of the subject of the contract. If coverage is not provided, then Contractor is responsible for prompt notice to the CRA Executive Director and the City. Insurance policies for required coverages shall be issued by

companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida and any such companies' financial ratings must be no less than A-VII in the latest edition of the "BEST'S KEY RATING GUIDE", published in the A.M. Best Guide. If the insurance carrier's rating shall drop, the insurance carrier shall immediately notify the City in writing.

9.2 Coverages shall be in force while all services required to be performed under the terms of this Agreement are being performed. In the event insurance certificates provided to the CRA and the City indicate that the insurance shall terminate and lapse during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall immediately furnish a renewed Certificate of Insurance as proof that equal and like coverages for the period of the Agreement is in effect. The Contractor and any subcontractor of the Contractor shall not perform or continue any services pursuant to the Agreement unless all coverages remain in full force and effect. Any delay in the services caused by a lapse in coverage shall be non-excusable, shall not be grounds for an extension, and will be subject to any other applicable provisions described in this Agreement, concerning Contractor or any subcontractor delay.

9.3 Insurance Requirements. The below coverages are minimum limit requirements. Umbrella or Excess Liability policies are acceptable to provide the total required liability limits if the Risk Manager of the City reviews and approves in writing the insurance limits on each of the policies. The City must approve any changes to these specifications and has the right to review and amend coverage requirements. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements. Contractor shall be responsible for any deductible or self-insured amounts.

9.3.1. General Liability Insurance to include bodily injury, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury with limits of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS TO GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE: (to be confirmed or attached to the Certificate of Insurance)**

- The CRA and CITY are to be added as Additional Named Insureds;
- Additional named insured coverage shall be no more restrictive than Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 2037 (07 04);
- Contractor's insurance shall be primary and non-contributory;
- Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the CRA and City;
- Copy of Additional Named Insured Endorsement or other endorsements

may be attached to the Certificate.

9.3.2. Workers' Compensation insurance to apply for all employees in compliance with the "Workers' Compensation Law" of the State of Florida and all applicable federal laws, for the benefit of the Contractor and its employees.

9.3.3. Employers' Liability Part B with minimum limits of no less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), each accident.

9.3.4. Automobile Liability with minimum limit of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) combined single limit.

9.3.5. The Contractor shall provide the Risk Manager of the City Certificates of Insurance for coverage and policies required by this Agreement. Such policies and coverage shall not be affected by any other policy of insurance which the City or the CRA may carry in their own names.

**9.3.6. In no event shall the Contractor be permitted to utilize in the delivery of the services, the following:**

- i) **Any employee, subcontractor, or subcontractor employees, who is exempted or purported to be exempt from Workers' Compensation insurance coverage; or**
- ii) **Any employee, subcontractor, or subcontractor employees, who will be covered by an employee leasing arrangement.**

**to. Nondiscrimination**

During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall not discriminate against any of its employees or applicants for employment because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and agrees to abide by all federal and state laws regarding nondiscrimination.

**11. Indemnification**

11.1 Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, the CRA, and their respective officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all demands, claims, losses, suits, liabilities, causes of action, judgment or damages, arising out of, related to, or any way connected with Contractor's performance or non-performance of any provision of this Agreement including, but not limited to, liabilities arising from contracts between the Contractor and third parties made pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall reimburse the City and the CRA for all its expenses including reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in and about the defense of any such claim or investigation and for any judgment or damages arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with Contractor's performance or non-

performance of this Agreement.

11.2 The provisions of this section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

**12. Notices/Authorized Representatives**

Any notices required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given if transmitted by hand-delivery, by registered or certified mail with postage prepaid return receipt requested, or by a private postal service, addressed to the parties (or their successors) at the following addresses:

**For the CRA:**                    **K. Michael Chen, Executive Director**  
Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency  
100 West Dania Beach Boulevard  
Dania Beach, Florida 33004

**With a copy to:**                **Eve Boutsis, City Attorney**  
City of Dania Beach  
100 West Dania Beach Boulevard  
Dania Beach, Florida 33004

**For The Contractor:**        **Jaime Castoro, Executive Director**  
The Fruitful Field  
100 NE 44th St.  
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

**13. Governing: Law**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Exclusive venue for any litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida.

**14. Attorney Fees and Waiver of Jury Trial**

14.1 All claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between CRA and Contractor arising out of, relating to or pertaining to this Agreement, or the breach of it, or the services of it, or the standard of performance required in it, shall be addressed by resort to non-binding mediation as authorized under the laws and rules of Florida; provided, however, that in the event of any dispute between the parties, the parties agree to first negotiate with each other for a resolution of the matter or matters in dispute and, upon failure of such negotiations to resolve the dispute, the parties shall resort to mediation.

14.2 If mediation is unsuccessful, any such matter may be determined by litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction for any legal action arising out of or pertaining to this Agreement shall be the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, or the federal District Court in the Southern District of the United States. Each party further agrees that venue of any action to enforce this Agreement shall be in Broward County, Florida. In any litigation, the parties agree to each waive any trial by jury of all issues. In the event of any litigation which arises out of, pertains to, or relates to this Agreement, or the breach of it, or the standard of performance required in it, each party shall bear its own attorney fees and costs.

**15. Entire Agreement/Modification/Amendment**

15.1 This document contains the entire Agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior oral or written representations. No representations were made or relied upon by either party, other than those expressly set forth in this Agreement.

15.2 No agent, employee, or other representative of either party is empowered to modify or amend the terms of this Agreement, unless executed with the same formality as this document.

**16. Ownership and Access to Records and Audits**

16.1 All records, books, documents, maps, data, deliverables, papers, and financial information ("Records") that result from the Contractor providing services to the CRA under this Agreement shall be the property of the CRA.

16.2 The CRA Executive Director or his designee shall, during the term of this Agreement and for a period of three (3) years from the date of termination of this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and audit any Records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this Agreement.

16.3 The CRA may cancel this Agreement for refusal by the Contractor to allow access by the CRA Executive Director or his designee to any Records pertaining to work performed under this Agreement that are subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

16.4 All submissions become the property of the CRA and will not be returned to the Contractor. The CRA will hold all submissions in confidence unless otherwise required by law. The Contractor is aware that the CRA is a "public body" as defined in Florida Statutes, Section 119.011(2) and that it is subject to Florida Statutes, Section 119.0701(2)(a), and the related provisions of the Florida Public Records Law.

16.5 Contractor agrees to keep and maintain public records in Contractor's possession or control in connection with Contractor's performance under the Agreement.

Contractor additionally agrees to comply specifically with the provisions of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Contractor shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law, for the duration of the Agreement, and following completion of the Agreement until the records are transferred to the CRA.

16.6 Upon request from the CRA custodian of public records, Contractor shall provide the CRA with a copy of the requested Records or allow the Records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.

16.7 Unless otherwise provided by law, all records, including but not limited to reports, surveys, and other data and documents provided or created in connection with the contract, are and shall remain the property of the CRA.

16.8 Upon completion of the Agreement or in the event of termination by either party, any or all public records relating to the contract in the possession of the Contractor shall be delivered by the Contractor to the Executive Director, at no cost to the CRA, within seven (7) days. All such Records stored electronically by Contractor shall be delivered to the CRA in a format compatible with the CRA's information technology systems. Once the public records have been delivered upon completion or termination of the contract, the Contractor shall destroy all duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements.

16.9 Any compensation due to Contractor shall be withheld until all records are received as provided in this Agreement.

16.10 Contractor's failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this section shall result in the immediate termination of the Agreement by the CRA.

**Pursuant to Section 119.0701(2)(a), Florida Statutes:**

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, THE CONTRACTOR MUST CONTACT THE CRA CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS.**

**Custodian of Records: ELORA RIERA, MMC, CRA SECRETARY**

**Mailing Address: 100 W. Dania Beach Boulevard  
Dania Beach, Florida 33004**

**Telephone number: 954-924-9800, Ext. 3623**

**Email: eriera@daniabeachfl.gov**

**17. Non-assignability**

This Agreement shall not be assignable by Contractor unless such assignment is first approved in writing by the CRA Executive Director. The CRA is relying upon the qualifications and personal expertise of the Contractor, and such firm's familiarity with the CRA's circumstances and desires.

**18. Severability**

If any term or provision of this Agreement shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected, and each remaining term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**19. Independent Contractor**

The Contractor and its employees, volunteers and agents shall be and remain independent contractors and not agents or employees of the CRA with respect to all the acts and services performed by and under the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not in any way be construed to create a partnership, association or any other kind of joint undertaking, enterprise, or venture between the parties.

**20. Compliance with Laws**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities relating to this Agreement.

**21. Waiver**

The failure of either party to this Agreement to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the other which is in violation of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation, breach, or wrongful conduct.

**22. Survival of Provisions**

Any terms or conditions of either this Agreement that require acts beyond the date of the term of the Agreement, shall survive termination of the Agreement, and shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the terms or conditions are completed and shall be fully enforceable by either party.

**23. Prohibition of Contingency Fees**

The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person(s), company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

**24. Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, the parties have executed this Agreement on March 5, 2024.

**CRA:  
DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

ATTEST:

**Elora Riera** Digitally signed by Elora Riera  
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ELORA RIERA, MMC  
CRA CLERK

**Archibald J. Ryan IV** Digitally signed by Archibald J. Ryan IV  
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ARCHIBALD J. RYAN IV  
CRA BOARD CHAIR

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

**Eve A. Boutsis** Digitally signed by Eve A. Boutsis  
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EVE A. BOUTSIS  
CRA ATTORNEY

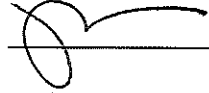
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K. MICHAEL CHEN  
CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**CONSULTANT:  
THE FRUITFUL FIELDS, INC**



Print Name: Jaime Castoro

Title: Executive Director


Address: 100 NE 44th St.

Pompano Beach, FL 33064

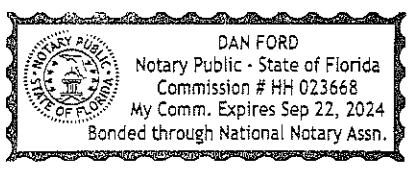
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF BROWARD

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26 day of FEBRUARY  
2024, by Jaime Castoro as Executive Director of The Fruitful  
Fields  who is personally known to me or  who has produced Florida  
Driver License # N/A as identification.

(Seal)

Notary Public: 

Print Name: DAN FORD



State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires: 9/22/2024

**EXHIBIT A  
SCOPE OF WORK  
DANIA BEACH PATCH**

People's Access To Community Horticulture (PATCH™) was established in 2012 by the Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to create an environmentally and economically sustainable urban farm within the community, creating a network of secure healthy food sources of naturally grown vegetables and fruits. This Scope of Work outlines the services provided by The Fruitful Field, Inc (TFF) for the operation of the PATCH and assisting the CRA achieve its mission to improve the health of residents.

**Part 1: Garden Operations:**

- A. Support the PATCH Garden and the Patch Lead Coordinator in developing seasonal crop planning for all garden areas. This includes grow bags, raised beds, fruit trees, permaculture areas, hydroponics, and ancillary activities such as but not limited to composting, soil creation, seed procurement, starting, seedling purchase, planting, weeding, harvesting, and distribution.
- B. Assist with the oversight of the Community Garden plots and record the registrations of interested community gardeners.
- C. Continue working with HandsOnBroward and explore opportunities to increase the volunteer workforce for garden operation support.
- D. Provide a comprehensive list of materials needed to operate the Garden efficiently and safely.
- E. Assist with the development and implementation of a Garden Apprenticeship program and support the ongoing program.
- F. Assist with finding markets for harvested produce, including:
  - Nurturing a Neighborhood Market, a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program supported by a grant awarded to Florida Organic Growers.
  - CSA/PATCH in the Box.
  - Online sales.
  - Mobile and on-site Markets.

Sales will be recorded through the SQUARE point of sale system used by the PATCH. EBT/SNAP sales tracking and reporting will be processed through FM Tracks and Feeding Florida. Produce weights will be recorded for the following:

- Harvested
- Sold
- Donated

Unsold produce will be donated to local senior centers, afterschool programs, and food pantries. A reasonable effort will be made to distribute PATCH fruits and vegetables locally.

**Part 2: Programming and Funding**

The PATCH was designed to encourage interaction with neighbors, schools, volunteers, and others through educational and on-site activities. The CRA has been the primary funder of the PATCH. Several for-profit/non-profit sponsors, foundations, and Federal and State agencies have provided support through the years. Most financial supporters are interested in providing programming that helps build the economic, physical, and mental health of residents in the community.

- A. Work with the CRA to help improve health and wellness in Dania Beach.
- B. Get the Garden up to optimum production for the balance of the growing season.
- C. Promote and manage walk-up and online Market Sales
- D. Invite school groups for tours.
- E. Meet with HandsOnBroward to organize large-group volunteer activities.
- F. Develop and reestablish relationships with potential Partners, including South Broward Community Health Hub, Memorial Healthcare, Dania Beach Parks and Recreation, Love Our Nation, Broward County Public Schools, American Heart Association, St. Ruth Baptist Church, Temple Solel, and others. Meet with CRA/Chamber of Commerce for a listing of area businesses to identify partnership opportunities.
- G. Start a “Grow City Youth-Paid Internship Program” at the Dania Beach PATCH.
- H. Explore opportunities to develop garden clubs among area residents, especially inter-generational programming.
- I. Proposed Activity Calendar:
  - 1 Saturday each Month: Yoga, Craft, Workshop, Market
  - 3-4 times per month: Senior, Behavioral Health, Student Tours/Activity under the Pavilion with volunteer opportunities
  - 1 time per month: Corporate volunteer group
  - Weekly: After-school Garden program or Grow City Youth Internship (need to pursue grant opportunities)
  - 1 time per month: Mobile Market Pop-ups in the community – Churches, Senior Centers, Community Centers for (need to discuss)

### **Part 3: Staffing**

The organizational structure of staffing for the PATCH shall be:

- A. The Lead Coordinator will remain as a CRA employee and will be the on-site “contract manager” and primary contact for the PATCH. The Fruitful Field acknowledges the CRA Executive Director has the overall responsibility for the PATCH operation and its policies.
- B. The Fruitful Field will hire, train, and supervise all staff required to operate the on-site gardening, maintenance, and programming of the PATCH. TFF is responsible for the conduct and actions of its staff engaged in the performance of services under this Agreement, whether on-site or off-site. TFF staff shall be cordial, friendly,

and helpful in their dealings with visitors to the PATCH and other vendors and contractors providing goods and/or services to the PATCH. TFF staff shall consider themselves as “Ambassadors” representing the PATCH, the CRA, and the City.

- C. The Fruitful Field shall develop active volunteer groups. These volunteers are vital to lower payroll costs. Further, the addition of the Grow City Youth programming will lower payroll costs because it is a funded paid intern for youth ages 14–17-years-old to gain first-time employment.
- D. The Fruitful Field shall provide staffing for the following functions:  
(Time estimates are based on average hours and will vary depending on the season and program demands. Field Staff & Marketing will be on-site more hours during the “season” (Nov-April). The summer season requires less on-site time. The actual number of hours will fluctuate with weather conditions, during weeks with events, and time of year, e.g., planting and harvesting season.)
- Sales/Volunteer Management (Activities): 21 hours per week on-site for Market sales (adjusted when the Market Pavilion opens, 6-hour day)
  - Marketing (Social Media): 4 hours a week off-site and 1 hour TBD
  - Field Support: 15 hours per week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
  - Field Manager-Oversite/Planning: 10 hours per week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
  - Executive Director (Partnership Development, Program Development, Record Keeping) 15 hours per week. 5 hours on-site; 10 hours in office/community

Regardless of the staffing hours estimated in this section, TFF shall be responsible for providing sufficient staff to perform the daily operational tasks of the PATCH.

Both parties recognize unusual circumstances and/or events may occur that require additional expertise and/or staff hours. In these circumstances, TFF will submit an estimate of additional costs to the Lead Coordinator, with a copy to the CRA Executive Director. The CRA Executive Director must pre-approve the cost estimate before the work is performed. The exception to the requirement for pre-approval of the estimated additional costs is in the event of an emergency, where a delayed response would cause damage.

#### **Part 4: General Conditions**

- A. TFF shall conduct weekly overview meetings with the Lead Coordinator and monthly meetings with the CRA Executive Director.
- B. This Agreement does not include materials and supplies. TFF shall coordinate the purchasing of required materials, seeds, office supplies, volunteer supplies (water, snacks, sunscreen, first aid kit, gloves), and services with the Lead Coordinator.
- C. Any reimbursement for TFF staff travel requires prior approval by the CRA Executive Director.
- D. TFF shall create seasonal work plans, including crop strategies, for all growing activities and suggested events. Plans must be approved by the Lead Coordinator and/or the CRA Executive Director.

- E. TFF shall submit monthly operational reports, including crop production (weights, quantities), sales, distribution, events, volunteer groups/numbers, and other information relevant to understanding the operational effectiveness of the PATCH. The reports should also include recommendations for improvements.
- F. TFF shall actively solicit grants, sponsorship funds, goods, or services on behalf of the PATCH. Any grant and/or sponsorship funds, goods, or services secured on behalf of the PATCH shall be conveyed to the CRA for use at their sole discretion, or as mandated by the terms of the grant or sponsorship funds. Potential sources of such funds, goods, or services may include, but are not limited to:
- Spirit Charitable Foundation
  - Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant for senior center activity
  - St. Ruth (refrigerated storage)
  - The Jim Moran Foundation
  - Frederick A DeLucca Foundation
  - Feeding Florida
  - USDA
- G. TFF shall actively solicit grants, sponsorship funds, goods, or services on behalf of itself to support and/or offset the cost of providing services to the PATCH. TFF shall notify the CRA Executive Director of its receipt of any such grants, sponsorship funds, goods, or services in a timely manner. TFF and the CRA shall discuss in good faith how such grants, sponsorship funds, goods, or services shall be shared for the fair and mutual benefit of both parties.
- H. TFF shall immediately notify the Lead Coordinator, Farm and Market, with a copy to the CRA Executive Director, of any observed or known upcoming emergency or hazardous conditions occurring at the PATCH.
- I. With prior approval from the CRA Executive Director and verification of a qualified driver, TFF will have access to use the PATCH trailer to bring the market to communities in Dania Beach and across Broward County.
- J. With prior approval from the CRA Executive Director and verification of a qualified driver, TFF will have access to use the PATCH van for pick-up and/or delivery of goods and supplies for the PATCH while performing its services.
- K. With prior approval from the CRA Executive Director TFF will solicit, coordinate, participate, and support collaborative initiatives, programs, and events with other agencies for the benefit of the PATCH.:
- South Broward Community Health Hub
  - Grow City Youth Programming
  - Spirit Inter-generational Food Distribution
  - Tech for Youth
  - Memorial Healthcare
  - Nurturing a Neighborhood Market

- UF/IFAS Diabetes program for seniors
  - Dania After Dark
  - Dania Beach Arts and Seafood Celebration
- L. TFF must provide reasonable notice of any scheduled programs or events to the Lead Coordinator, with a copy to the CRA Executive Director to provide adequate time to properly promote the events. Said notice shall include the nature of the event, dates/times, participating groups/partners, and information needed to create promotional materials and social media posts published on City/CRA networks.
- M. In the case of City or CRA events, The CRA Executive Director will provide TFF reasonable notice of the date and time of the event. TFF and the PATCH will discuss and mutually agree on how the PATCH will be represented at various events.

This Scope of Work may be amended from time to time with the mutual agreement of TFF and the CRA Executive Director.

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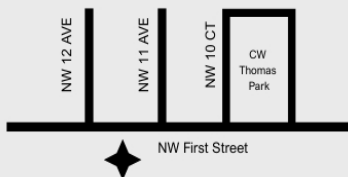
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NW FIRST STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT  
1200 NW FIRST ST, DANIA BEACH

Join us to volunteer for a community beautification project along NW First Street that includes painting, landscaping and neighborhood cleanup.

*Light refreshments will be provided. Street parking around C.W. Thomas Park.*



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