



What is the Compact?

In January 2010, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties united to form the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact as a way to coordinate mitigation and adaptation activities across county lines. Since then, the four Compact counties have advanced local and regional responses to—and preparations for—the effects of climate change, including sea level rise, flooding, and economic and social disruptions. They have expanded to work with a growing number of federal, state, regional, municipal, nonprofit, academic, and private sector partners.

Today, the Compact represents a new form of regional climate governance designed to allow local governments to set the agenda for adaptation, while providing state and federal agencies with access to technical assistance and support. The Compact's work is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading examples of regional-scale climate action, and it continues to serve as an exemplary mechanism for collaboration on climate adaptation and mitigation efforts.

The Compact calls on the counties to work cooperatively to:

- Develop annual legislative programs and jointly advocate for state and federal policies and funding.
- Dedicate staff time and resources to create a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Plan, which outlines recommended mitigation and adaptation strategies to help the region pull in one direction and speak with one voice.
- Meet annually at the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summits to mark progress and identify emerging issues.

Coconut Creek and the Compact

On February 28, 2013, Coconut Creek signed onto the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge in support of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact and the Regional Climate Action Plan. A copy of the Resolution is attached for your use.

The City participates with the Compact in several ways.

- Summit: Staff and elected officials attend the annual Summit held each year in late fall. The Summit rotates through the four counties. This year, the 10th annual Summit will be held in Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County on October 24 & 25. It is open to anyone but there is a fee to attend.
- Climate Change Task Force: City Administration and elected officials attend Climate Change Task Force Meetings. Vice Mayor Sandra Welch is a member of the Task Force through the Broward League of Cities. The Task Force is closely aligned with the Compact. The schedule and agendas are published on the County website: <http://www.broward.org/Climate/Pages/TaskForceMembers.aspx>.
- Broward County: The City attends meetings, workshops, and seminars with Broward County Staff on a regular basis. The County sends weekly notices through the "Sustainability Stewards of Broward" group, of which Linda Whitman is a member. Additionally, Staff from around the County routinely collaborates on sustainable and climate issues, benefitting the City in many ways.

The City looks to the County and the Compact for expertise and guidance on sustainability and climate matters. Though we do not face the same challenges as our coastal neighbors, we remain actively engaged in the issues that face South Florida as a whole.

EAB Participation

The EAB can become involved by following the Compact website and making note of public activities, reading through the minutes of the meetings, or even attending the Summits. As information passes through the Sustainable Development Department, it is generally passed on to the EAB as applicable. www.southeastfloridaclimatcompact.org