

**SOUTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WATERSHED STUDY AND PLAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

December 21, 2006

Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

GI 1 The County, through the CDMP and associated regulations, shall pursue appropriate actions to ensure the long-term protection of Biscayne Bay.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

GI 2 The County shall implement the Watershed Plan and associated policies and regulations in a manner that ensures protection of private property rights.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

GI 3 The County shall implement policies to promote a variety of transportation/transit options to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

GI 4 The County shall work cooperatively with municipalities within the Watershed to uniformly and equitably implement the Watershed Plan, including making revisions to the County and local comprehensive plans as necessary. In the unincorporated areas the County shall lead by example to actively implement the Watershed Plan.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

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Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **AGRICULTURE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

A 1 The County shall work with the State and federal government to maximize Miami-Dade's competitive advantage in agriculture by:

- **Increasing funding for research into technological developments;**
- **Exploring fully and promoting markets for new types of crops;**
- **Establishing cost-share programs for the implementation of innovative technological developments; and**
- **Working with the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board and other interest groups to establish and advocate positions on legislation that potentially impacts Miami-Dade agriculture.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

A 2 The County shall establish an expert "Blue Ribbon" Panel by 2008 to identify appropriate programs and techniques to enhance the long-term viability of agriculture. This Panel shall be chaired by the County's Agricultural Manager and consult with the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board. The Panel should be appointed by the County Manager and include representatives from agricultural and environmental interests. The focus of the Panel shall include:

- **A comprehensive review of existing agricultural programs, the County Code, and other regulatory requirements that affect profitability or result in unnecessary barriers to sustainable agriculture;**
- **Devising mechanisms to enhance the profitability and sustainability of Miami-Dade agriculture, taking advantage of the appropriate recommendations contained in the *Miami-Dade County Agricultural Retention Study*;**
- **Improving communications between the agricultural community and the environmental community; and**
- **Evaluation of the on-site processing and on-site sale of agricultural products produced in the agricultural areas, including review of regulations related to packing plants and fruit stands.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- A 3** **The County shall support and fund through a variety of sources a coordinated, collaborative Miami-Dade agriculture marketing campaign, including the following:**
- **A pilot marketing campaign and communication strategy for South Miami-Dade agriculture;**
 - **Integration with the current Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign (“Fresh from Florida”) or successor program, as appropriate;**
 - **A focus on the area’s agricultural tourism potential (e.g., Schnebly Winery and Williams Grove in the Redlands);**
 - **A community-based outreach and education program; and**
 - **An agricultural tourism signage program.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- A 4** **The County shall provide additional staff support for UF/IFAS extension programs that focus on development and dissemination of best management practices (BMPs).**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- A 5** **To promote interagency coordination and the agricultural industry, the County shall provide appropriate staffing resources and funding for the Agricultural Manager position.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- A 6** **Beginning in 2010 and thereafter in coordination with the release of agricultural census data, the County should fund an economic impact analysis of agriculture and agribusiness in Miami-Dade County. This analysis shall be prepared by a qualified independent institution and coordinated through the office of the Agricultural Manager.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

A 7 The County's Agricultural Manager shall work with the Beacon Council and the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote agriculture and foster recognition of the importance of agriculture to the County's economy.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

A 8 The County shall modify its Strategic Plan performance indicator of "no net loss of agricultural or environmentally sensitive lands" in order to:

- Differentiate between agricultural lands and environmentally sensitive lands;
- Recognize that the economic viability of agriculture in south Miami-Dade is not solely dependant on the quantity of agricultural lands; and
- Acknowledge the conversion of agriculture lands anticipated by the Watershed Plan.

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Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **ECONOMY IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

E 1 The County should ensure the development of employment centers in Zones A and B as noted on the Watershed Plan Design Guide.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

E 2 The County shall increase tourism-based revenue in south Miami-Dade by 50 percent by 2015 and by 100 percent by 2025. This shall include a focus on environmentally sustainable tourism and agriculture and be accomplished by:

- A coordinated marketing effort with tourist development organizations such as chambers of commerce, the Beacon Council, the Tropical Everglades Visitors Association, and the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau;
- The promotion of the Watershed Area as a destination for visiting Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park; and
- The facilitation of the creation of medium- and high-end eco-tropical and adventure resorts.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

E 3 The County shall allocate at least 50 percent of the Tourist Development Tax collected within the Watershed to further promote tourism therein.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

E 4 The County and allied business organizations shall develop a south Miami Dade industry recruitment program to attract and increase clean industries such as biotechnology, film and entertainment, health services, international commerce, tourism, and telecommunications. To ensure a skilled workforce, the County shall develop educational partnerships with local universities, colleges and high schools.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

E 5 The County shall appoint, pursuant to FS 125.0105(4) (e), a representative residing in the Watershed Area to the Tourism Development Council. The County shall encourage the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau to appoint a similar representative.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

E 6 The County shall modify zoning regulations to allow bed & breakfast accommodations consistent with community character.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

E 7 The County shall work with the tourism community to promote the "Redland Tropical Trail" and other similar efforts, and establish a directional signage system highlighting participating attractions.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

E 8 The County should explore additional zoning safeguards that would help to protect existing tourist attractions so as to reduce impacts to the future operations and complement existing uses and character.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy



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H 4 The County shall explore the establishment of a “live near where you work” program to provide incentives for the purchase or rental of homes in Zones A and B that are located near employment centers or transit stops.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

H 5 The County shall explore an impact fee rate structure that creates incentives for development in Zones A and B.

I support this Implementation Strategy

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Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **NATURAL COMMUNITIES/OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

NC 1 The County shall substantially increase its efforts to retain and protect natural communities and open space through mechanisms such as:

- **Strengthening existing programs for conservation easements;**
- **Creation of community-based land trusts;**
- **Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program;**
- **Rural Lands Stewardship Program; and**
- **Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs. The PDR/TDR programs shall be incentive-based and development densities and intensities in receiving areas shall be "by right".**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 2 The County, within six months, shall review all of its land acquisition programs and funding sources to ensure that appropriate priority is given to obtaining the lands necessary in Zone C for stormwater treatment and/or wetlands restoration. As part of this review, the County shall ensure that the importance of protecting priority Watershed lands outside of Zone C is considered fully.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 3 The County shall work with the federal and State government to protect lands necessary for implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 4 The County shall maintain the existing policies and programs that substantially prohibit development in tidal wetlands and environmentally protected lands.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 5 The County shall protect the remaining native-plant-dominated freshwater wetlands in the Watershed. This shall include a no overall net loss policy and the establishment of a rebuttable presumption that alternatives to impacting such wetlands exist.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 6 The County shall encourage federal, State, and County regulatory agencies to establish regional general permits for minor work (<1 acre) in heavily exotic-dominated wetlands (>90% exotic coverage in the canopy) within the UDB if certain mitigation requirements are met. This policy shall include a requirement: 1) to avoid wetlands where practicable and environmentally desirable; and 2) to restore other exotic-dominated freshwater wetlands with native vegetation where practicable.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 7 The County shall ensure protection of viable natural forest communities through:
➤ **Willing seller acquisition programs;**
➤ **The establishment of a management and maintenance fund for both public and private land; and**
➤ **Strengthened regulations that emphasize the avoidance of direct and secondary impacts (e.g., clustering developments).**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 8 The County shall investigate innovative financing tools to facilitate acquisition and preservation of wetlands, natural forest communities, and other open space. This may include voter-approved bonds, establishment of a green utility fee as authorized by Florida Statute 369.255, public-private partnerships using federal and/or state funding programs, and other financing tools.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

NC 9 The County, in coordination with the State and other agencies, shall implement the South Dade Greenway Network Master Plan and the County's Parks Master Plan in a manner that considers:

- **The programmatic linkage between natural communities protection and restoration;**
- **The use of primary canals and secondary canals;**
- **The acceleration of funding and implementation of the Biscayne Everglades Greenway;**
- **Locating parks and recreational opportunities within and adjacent to development centers with a system of connectivity designed to reduce vehicle use; and**
- **An enhanced south county equestrian trails program.**

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Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

PR 1 The County shall ensure that all County land protection, conservation and preservation initiatives related to the Watershed Plan requiring the use of private property (e.g., acquisitions, conservation easements in Zone C) shall be through willing seller/participant programs.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

PR 2 The County shall ensure that prior to participation in a protection, conservation or preservation program; properties identified through the Watershed Plan for protection (e.g., Zone C lands) shall not be re-designated to a more restrictive land use category than in place on January 1, 2007 without the owners' consent.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

PR 3 The County shall create an outreach and funding source to serve as local/State/federal match to create incentives for private landowners to engage in restoration/preservation activities on their lands.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

PR 4 **The County, in coordination with the State and federal government, shall, within one year, create a coordinated strategy for the acquisition or protection of those lands in Zone C necessary for stormwater treatment and/or wetlands restoration. The County will endeavor to acquire, purchase or transfer the development rights of, protect through conservation easements, or otherwise preserve the highest priority lands within 10 years.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

PR 5 **The County shall, within two years, conduct an independent evaluation of the methods that consider attributes other than developability (e.g., recharge areas, wetlands, historic buildings) for assigning value to land to be purchased for protection, conservation and/or preservation purposes. Based on the results of this evaluation, the County shall promote changes in legislation that allow appropriate modification of its property evaluation methods.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

PR 6 **The County shall, within two years, evaluate with the Federal Government the establishment of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program that potentially recaptures a percentage of lost ad valorem tax revenues due to federal ownership of lands. If adopted, revenues from the program should be dedicated to the implementation of the Watershed Plan's recommendations.**

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Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **SMART GROWTH IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

SG 1 The County shall, through a "zoning-by-right" policy, expedite infill and smart growth projects in the unincorporated portions of Zones A and B. The County shall encourage municipalities in Zones A and B to create similar incentives.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

SG 2 The County shall work with local municipalities to provide incentives for and expedited approval of infill and smart growth projects in the incorporated portions of Zones A and B.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- SG 3** The County shall within 1 year conduct a Smart Growth Audit of the existing CDMP smart growth policies and their implementation. The audit shall include;
- a. Use of a Smart Growth Score Card; and
 - b. Policy, Code and Zoning Audit Tools, in compliance with the Smart Growth Leadership Institute, that outline an audit process to identify development regulations that should be changed to enable smart growth development.

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Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

T 1 The County shall allocate existing and future dedicated transportation funding sources in a manner that delivers transportation infrastructure simultaneously with the density prescribed in Zones A and B.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

T 2 The County shall expedite the planning, funding, and development of premium transit (e.g., dedicated right-of-way, enhanced bus, rail, joint use corridors) along all transit corridors in Zones A and B to encourage the intensification of development along those corridors. The US 1 and Kendall corridors shall be considered the highest priority.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

T 3 The County shall, within 2 years, complete an evaluation to ensure that the ROWs and corridors needed for future transit facilities and roadways identified in Zones A and B are designated and reserved. These roadways include US 1, Kendall Drive, SW 137th Avenue north of Biscayne Drive, and Florida's Turnpike.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- T 4 The County shall work with the State to implement Transportation Management Systems throughout the Watershed Area. Such systems should include the following:**
- a. Work with South Florida Commuter Services Transportation Management Initiatives (TMIs);**
 - b. Promote rideshare alternatives (e.g., van pools, car pools); and**
 - c. Reduce miles driven and time on the road (e.g., day-care facilities at employment centers).**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- T 5 The County shall establish reduced-fare transit to create incentives for residents to live in Zones A and B and to increase ridership.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- T 6 The County shall lead by example by providing financial incentives to encourage County employees to use public transit. In addition, the County shall establish a program to encourage other employers to subsidize employee use of public transit.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

- T 7 The County shall, in coordination with local jurisdictions and the State, expand the use of telecommuting options and flexible schedules for employees.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

T 8 The County shall encourage home businesses, where appropriate, in order to reduce use of roads. This shall include an evaluation of land use and zoning controls that may create impediments to this policy.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

T 9 The County shall explore privatization as a means to increase and improve transit service.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

T 10 The County should support improvements to Krome Avenue as justified for safety and emergency evacuation. However, the County should not use such improvements to satisfy concurrency requirements until after 2025. The plan for how to distribute development that is justified by the road improvements after 2025 should be in developed through a community charrette design process that requires that development occur only at nodes of major intersections.

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Please check the appropriate box to indicate your support or non support for the following Watershed Study and Plan Implementation Strategy from the **WATER RESOURCES IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES** Section.

WR 1 The County shall protect the lands in Zone C from more intense development in a manner that allows for:

- **The construction of necessary stormwater treatment facilities;**
- **Wetlands restoration;**
- **The maintenance of open space including agriculture;**
- **Implementation of the HARB Accident Potential Zone; and**
- **Retention of permeability and other natural hydrologic functions important to Biscayne Bay.**

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 2 The County shall take immediate steps to implement an aggressive alternative water supply program that includes an evaluation of environmental impacts to the Watershed. As a first step the County shall, by 2015, utilize all of the average daily flow at the South District Wastewater Treatment Plant (a volume anticipated to be over 130 mgd in 2014) to recharge groundwater and/or rehydrate wetlands.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 3 The County shall encourage infill development along major transit corridors identified in the Watershed Plan through financial incentives for water and sewer infrastructure (e.g., reduced connection fees).

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 4 The County shall revise its building code to achieve, at a minimum, the water conservation objectives adopted in the Water Use Efficiency Five Year Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on April 25, 2006 (Resolution R-468-06). The County shall explore innovative water conservation technologies to be implemented and enforced through the development review and permitting process.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 5 The County shall adopt and require full implementation of appropriate best management practices (BMPs) to reduce flooding and water quality impacts from new developments. This shall include strict adherence to the County's "cut and fill" criteria and other approaches to reduce flooding and pollutant loadings at the source.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 6 For areas located in Zone C that are recommended for wetland restoration, stormwater retention, detention, and/or treatment; flood protection techniques, including seepage management, shall be utilized as appropriate to ensure that existing levels of flood protection (i.e., levels in effect on December 11, 2000) are maintained.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 7 The County shall continue to work with the State and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands CERP project. The County should promote a project design that, to the extent practicable: (1) maximizes the reduction in pollutant loadings resulting from existing and future development in the Watershed, (2) increases the spatial extent of wetlands, and (3) mimics more closely historic flows to Biscayne Bay.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 8 The County shall work with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to monitor and minimize further saltwater intrusion to the extent practicable. In addition, the County shall work with the Florida Departments of Health and Environmental Protection to develop a monitoring program for private wells located east of US 1. If chloride levels in these wells are detected above the drinking water standard of 250 ppm, the County shall provide potable water funded on an equitable basis by existing and future development.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 9 The County shall develop a method to ensure the effective coordination of the various activities of all County departments involved in water management and regulatory issues, including, but not limited to, flooding, water supply, conservation, minimum flows and levels, Total Maximum Daily Loads, and CERP initiatives.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 10 The County shall conduct a study to identify the most feasible approach to providing water and sewer to all existing developments east of US 1 by 2020. The study shall be completed by December 2010 and include an implementation and funding plan.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 11 If a clean, cost effective, and reliable source of re-use water becomes available, the Water and Sewer Department shall work with the IFAS Extension Service and the Agricultural Manager's Office to develop a mutually agreeable strategy for utilizing this water.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

WR 12 The County shall evaluate the level of compliance with its landscape requirements to determine the program's effectiveness in conserving water and promoting the use of native, drought tolerant species.

I support this Implementation Strategy

I do not support this Implementation Strategy

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