Organizing for Resilient Investments: Lessons from Broward County, FL

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A Decade of Climate Policy and Planning



Coupled with Worsening Flood Conditio



Lauderhill, FL
Rainy Season Has Arrived With A Vengeance

Broward County under flood watch as rains

submerge streets



Fort Lauderdale, FL



Hollywood, FL



Parkland, FL



Davie, FL



Hallandale Beach, FL

Yet, in 2016 Failed Infrastructure Tax

Half Penny (.5%)

To fund the Countywide Transportation System



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To fund your Local Improvement Projects

What Are The Broward Half-Cent Sales Taxes? For Some Voters, An Issue of Public Trust

By KATE STEIN . OCT 19, 2016

Reject Broward sales tax, plan is a boondoggle | Editorial

Broward County Voters Approve One Sales Tax Measure but Reject Another; Neither Passes

Had it not been for the political compromise that enabled it to be placed on the ballot, voters would have narrowly passed a county transportation sales tax measure. In neighboring Palm Beach County, a straight-forward sales tax measure passed.

November 28, 2016, 1pm PST | Irvin Dawid



Community Issues

- SLR and Flooding
- Boil water notices
- Aging water infrastructure

Yet, 30-yr proposal provides

- 27% for parks
- □ 17% for government buildings
- □ 10% for vehicles
- Only 9% for water

infrastructure (and cities continue to divert funds from utilities)

Reframing the Conversation: Resilience and the Economy

2016

- Regional economics workshop
 - Finance, Insurance, Risk

2017

- Focus in regional action plan
- Summit theme "Business of Resilience
- Statement of Collaboration

2018

- Regional Work Group
 - Communications, Advocacy, Infrastructure











Regional Media Respond



National disaster fund would benefit Florida

by spreading the cost of risk



to students on climate

- Unprecedented collaborative
- Weekly editorials
- Dedicated website
- Community events
- Political forums

Sea-level rise: the defining issue of the century | Editorial

Three newspapers confront one challenge: Sea-level rise is real, South Florida needs all hands on deck — now

To fight climate change impacts, we need bold action | Letters

PalmBeachPost





Organized Action

- 2018 Resilience Roundtable
- Business Leaders and Elected Officials
- Agreed Upon Action Items:
 - ✓ Apply future conditions flooding in regional risk assessment
 - √ Identify priority capital improvements
 - Develop a coordinated, resilient infrastructure investment plan
 - ✓ Include economics
 - √ Communicate

#ResilientTogether







Broward Leaders Are Worried About How To Pay For Sea-Level Rise

By Kate Stein, WLRN Public Media — June 1, 2018 in Audio, In The News





Summary

- Resilient infrastructure planning and investment must be regionally coordinated and prioritized
- Plans must deliver ROI at local and county-wide levels to gain community-wide support
- □ Private sector and media support will be vital similar to historic regional economic initiatives
- ☐ Trust is not sufficient support will require detailed plans, intermediate timeline, and inclusion of economics

Questions?

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