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Highlights from the Compact:

Although the snowbirds have left and in many ways southeast Florida has quieted down, this spring and summer are a busy time for the Compact and climate-related activities in the region.
President Obama Comes to the Everglades

In April, we were privileged to have President Obama come to southeast Florida on Earth Day. In his speech from Everglades National Park, he acknowledged local leaders who formed the bipartisan Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact and praised the Compact as "a model not just for the country, but for the world."

Read an excerpt of his speech and view the video on the Compact site.

Compact Announced as Climate Action Champion

The White House has recognized the Compact as a
Climate Action Champion following a nationwide competition. Only sixteen cities, regions, and tribal governments across the county were selected as the first group of Climate Action Champions. The four-County Compact joins Seattle, San Francisco, Portland (OR), Boston, Minneapolis, the DC metro area, and other climate-leader communities.

The designation honors the “decisive action to cut carbon pollution and build resilience” already undertaken by the four Compact counties. Read more.

**West Palm Beach Signs Mayors’ Pledge**

The City of West Palm Beach signed the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge on May 26! We will see them at the upcoming Palm Beach County Municipality Workshop on June 12 (see information below). View the pledge, see other communities that have signed, and check out what actions we recommend for municipalities after they've signed on the Mayors’ Climate Action Pledge section of the Compact website.

West Palm Beach was also just recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for being one of two cities that reached their energy savings goals five years ahead of schedule.
RCAP Implementation Workshop on Transportation

The RCAP Implementation Workshop on Transportation was held on April 30 at the Broward MPO offices in Ft. Lauderdale. Attended by 60 local transportation professionals from the MPOs, FDOT, the four counties and municipalities in the region, topics ranged from modeling for the impacts of climate change on transportation assets to EV charging stations and bike sharing. Slides from the day can be found on the website as well as the webinar with Crystal Goodison from the University of Florida GeoPlan Center explaining the FDOT Sketch Tool, a GIS program which identifies vulnerable transportation infrastructure potentially at risk to projected sea level changes.

Compact Events

Initial Municipality Group Workshops

Friday, June 12 | 9 am – 12:30 pm | Multiple
Locations | RSVP Required
This kick-off is specifically designed for staff, managers and elected officials to learn more about the RCAP and to hear from them about what is needed to move forward on sustainability and climate change adaptation and mitigation. RSVP to Nancy Schneider by June 11.

Resilient Redesign II
July 19-22 | Florida Atlantic University, Davie, FL
The Compact is pleased to partner this year with the Florida Climate Institute, with the specific engagement of Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University and the University of Miami for the second Resilient Redesign (RRII). Similar to the first Resilient Redesign, the experts and stakeholders will develop potential design solutions to the evolving urban challenges of climate change and natural hazards.

Teams of experts including architects, landscape architects, engineers, developers, urban designers, as well as experts in hazard preparedness, water management/hydrology/geology, spatial planning, policy, transportation, historic preservation, park management and communications will again be
brought together to design solutions for representative sites in Key West, the City of Hollywood, and Delray Beach. Contact Nancy Schneider for more information.

**Save the Date: 7th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit**

*December 1-3 | Key West*

Save the date for the 7th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit to be held December 1-3 in Key West. Venue will be announced soon. Keep an eye out for information on location, program and accommodations by visiting the [2015 Summit](#) page on the website.

**Other Events**

**Florida Department of Transportation Regional Workshops**

*June 22, 23, 24 and 25 | Multiple Locations*
The Florida Department of Transportation is hosting a series of Regional Workshops throughout the state in June 2015 and in late summer. FDOT has held a Transportation Visioning Summit and Regional Visioning Forums and is ready to gather your input on transportation policy. These Regional Workshops will provide an opportunity for Floridians to offer their thoughts about the state's transportation at all levels - statewide, regional, and local. The late summer workshops will be announced soon and are planned for Miami, Tampa, Vero Beach, and Panama City.
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