



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: October 4, 2023

Originating Department: Public Works

Agenda Title: Resolution Joining Other Southeast Florida Local and Tribal Governments, Endorsing the Southeast Florida Climate Action Pledge; Agreeing to Jointly Advance Strategic Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Planning, Programs, Policies, and Projects; and Advancing the Implementation of the Regional Climate Action Plan as Appropriate for Each Government.

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Attachments: 1. Agenda Request Form
2. Resolution of Support

Please initial one:

 Yes, I have notified everyone

Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

Instituted in 2010, the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (the Compact) established Southeast Florida as one of the nation's earliest leaders to conceive of and formalize a collaborative regional approach to address climate change. In 2012, the Compact codified its vision in its first Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP). More than a decade later, in its most recent update, the RCAP continues to serve as a comprehensive, ambitious and timely playbook. Undoubtedly, climate change poses an immense threat to the region. But

addressing climate change holds enormous promise to transform Southeast Florida into a more resilient, equitable and thriving home for all. The RCAP supports collective efforts to seize this opportunity through recommended actions and interdependent strategies. It is a voluntary framework designed to align, guide, and support the acceleration of local and regional climate action in Southeast Florida toward a shared vision of a low-carbon, healthy, prosperous, more equitable and more resilient region.

The need for a regional approach is clear. Climate change impacts and the solutions required to address them extend beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of any one governing body or organization. The massive transformation necessary requires scaled, system-level solutions — involving transportation, energy, water, economic, social, and natural systems. The pace at which climate action must be accelerated demands synergistic approaches that maximize efficiency and effectiveness. While the climate change challenges the region faces have not decreased in the decade since the first RCAP, there has also been exponential growth in the opportunities, ingenuity and diversity of organizations and individuals involved in advancing solutions. This pivotal moment requires the commitment, diligence, and ambition of us all.

Recognizing that action by individual stakeholders is critical but insufficient to meet collective challenges, the RCAP calls on all entities and leaders across the region to take part in developing and implementing the plan — including those in the public and private sectors, as well as civil society. In this spirit, RCAP 3.0 was developed with the guidance of more than 150 subject matter experts as well as with the input of community members and stakeholders. Ultimately, the success of this plan — and the region — depends on the ability to catalyze broad and enduring engagement among the myriad of stakeholders who will translate these recommendations into urgent and steady action.

This document outlines goals, recommendations and supporting strategies across 11 focal areas to advance the objectives of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 compared to a 2005 baseline, and of strengthening the adaptive capacity and climate resilience of the region's communities, institutions, and economy. The RCAP serves Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties, inclusive of 109 municipal governments, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, encompassing a total regional population of more than 6.2 million people.

The Compact aspires for this document to serve as a springboard to expedite and harmonize regional action, while at the same time respecting that climate action must reflect local conditions, priorities and needs. As an iterative, living document, the RCAP will continue to be refined, evolving over time with five-year updates that amplify its ambition while connecting and engaging an even wider network of partners critical to this journey.

Additionally, the Climate Action Pledge was first developed in 2012 after the release of the first RCAP document, in recognition of the significant climate leadership demonstrated by local and tribal governments and the central role that municipal and tribal government partners play in advancing toward a more resilient region. More than a third of local and tribal governments joined the four counties in adopting the 2012 Pledge.

A decade later, the Compact has updated the Climate Action Pledge to align with the RCAP 3.0 update and to reaffirm our shared commitment to a regionally collaborative approach to achieving climate adaptation and mitigation objectives.

At the request of the Town Manager, Town staff has prepared the attached Resolution as a show of support by the Town Commission.

Recommended Motion:

I move to Adopt Resolution No. 81-10-23.