



## STRATEGIC AREA: NEIGHBORHOOD & INFRASTRUCTURE



**MISSION:** *“To provide efficient, accountable, accessible, and courteous neighborhood services that enhance quality of life and involve the community.”*





What makes a good neighborhood?

A good neighborhood is well planned, with plenty of green space and opportunities to walk and bike, and with easy access to services and businesses frequented by its residents. Homes are properly built using safe and effective products. When we turn on the tap, safe, clean water comes out. The air we breathe doesn't make us sick. The garbage is picked up regularly. The streets are free of potholes and drain after a downpour. The community appears attractive and inviting.

These things don't just "happen." County employees are hard at work every day of the week to provide the basic services that we all count on, including planning, permitting, water and sewer service, environmental resources management, solid waste management, roadway maintenance, code enforcement and beautification. The County also plays a critical role in preserving South Florida's beaches and other environmental treasures. Additionally, we care for your neighborhood's vulnerable – but sometimes forgotten – residents: animals that have been lost, mistreated or abandoned.

**These County Services Matter To YOU If:**

- You drink tap water, or take a shower • You expect your garbage to be picked up • Your neighborhood is vulnerable to flooding • You want our community's beaches to be clean • You want South Florida's unique ecosystems to be preserved*

**NEIGHBORHOOD & INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS:**

- Responsible growth and a sustainable built environment*
- Effective infrastructure services*
- Protected and restored environmental resources*
- Safe, healthy and attractive neighborhoods and communities*



**KEY PERFORMANCE TARGETS INCLUDE:**

- Increase resident satisfaction with development and land use in the County from 30 percent to 60 percent*
- Maintain 100 percent compliance with drinking water standards*
- Increase the cumulative total acres of environmentally endangered lands acquired from 21,000 to 24,000*
- Increase resident satisfaction with the appearance of neighborhoods from 68 percent to 70 percent*
- Increase the number of pets saved from 14,000 to 15,000*



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**GOAL:** *Responsible growth and a sustainable built environment*

## OBJECTIVES:

**Promote mixed-use, multi-modal, well designed, and sustainable communities** - Increase development in urban centers; increase mixed-use, multi-modal development; pass legislation to support sustainable development; increase resident satisfaction with development and land use in the County; pass legislation that will promote infill and planned development

**Promote sustainable green buildings** - Increase the number of County-owned buildings that are certified green

**Enhance the viability of agriculture** - Pass legislation that will promote agriculture within the County

## SAMPLE STRATEGIES:

- Adopt progressive residential development standards and neighborhood level infrastructure plans
- Create incentives for infill development and Urban Centers
- Rewrite the County’s land development regulations to allow community gardens, farmers markets and other activities that support agriculture
- Provide adequate services (police, fire, schools, solid waste, transit, etc.) to infill, redevelopment and urban areas

*When communities choose smart growth strategies, they can create new neighborhoods and maintain existing ones that are attractive, convenient, safe, and healthy. They can foster design that encourages social, civic, and physical activity. They can protect the environment while stimulating economic growth. Most of all, they can create more choices for residents, workers, (and) visitors...*

*(SMART GROWTH NETWORK)*



**GOAL:** *Effective infrastructure services*

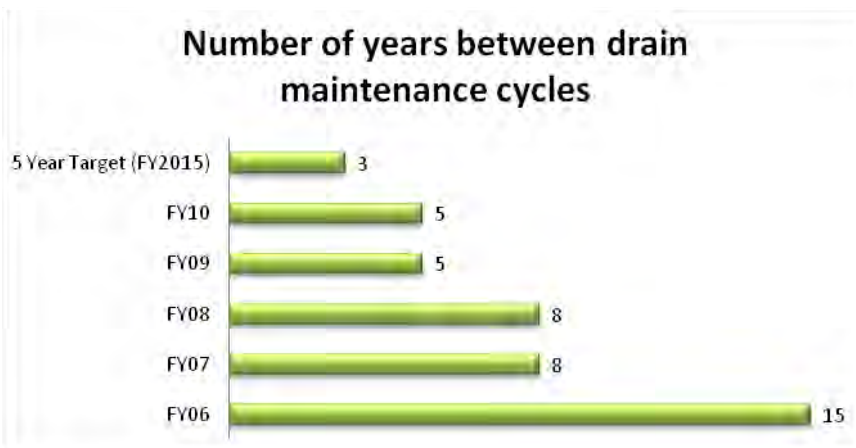
**OBJECTIVES:**

**Provide adequate potable water supply and wastewater disposal** - Ensure 100 percent compliance with drinking water standards; minimize water and sewer pipeline breaks; increase water conservation; respond to all water quality complaints within 24 hours; maintain response time to sewage overflows; increase resident satisfaction with water quality and wastewater services

**Provide functional and well maintained drainage to minimize flooding** - Maintain FEMA community flood ratings; respond to all flood complaints within five business days; increase resident satisfaction with prevention of street flooding; increase frequency of drain cleaning

**Provide adequate solid waste disposal capacity that meets adopted level-of-service standard** - Ensure level of service compliance

**Provide adequate local roadway capacity** - Improve local traffic flow on county streets



*Water conservation is the most important action we can take to sustain our water supplies, meet future needs, and reduce demands on Florida's fragile water-dependent ecosystems such as lakes, streams and the Everglades.*

*(KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL)*

**SAMPLE STRATEGIES:**

- Increase gray water/rainwater harvesting
- Complete water pipes and infrastructure projects
- Provide incentives to reduce paved yards, driveways, and decks that create impermeable surfaces
- Complete the South Dade Landfill Cell 5 construction





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**GOAL:** *Protected and restored environmental resources*

## OBJECTIVES:

**Maintain air quality** - Maintain good air quality; increase the completion of asbestos inspections

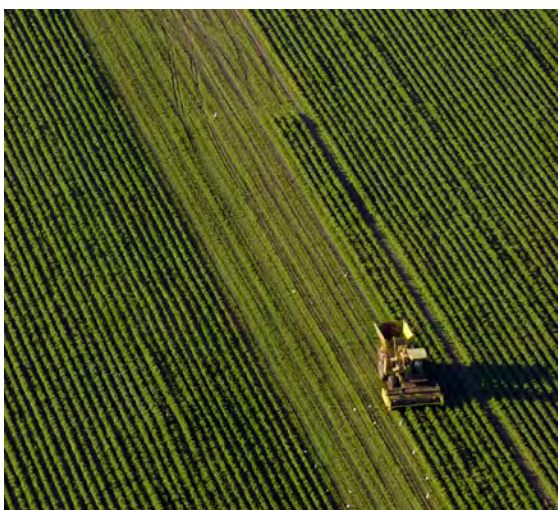
**Maintain surface water quality** - Improve water quality in Biscayne Bay and other bodies of water; ensure water quality testing is effectively carried out

**Protect groundwater and drinking water wellfield areas** - Reduce the number and density of contaminated sites; ensure water quality testing is effectively carried out

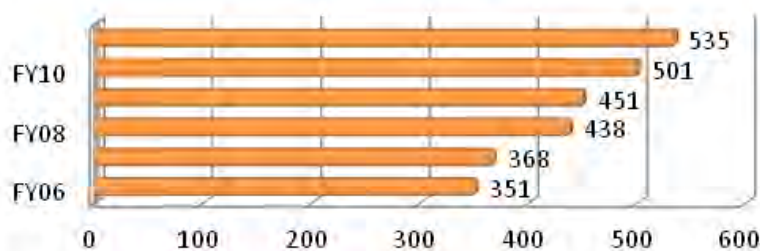
**Achieve healthy tree canopy** - Plant more trees; distribute trees through the Adopt-a-Tree program; plant trees in rights-of-way; plant more trees in parks; increase resident satisfaction with tree canopy

**Maintain and restore waterways and beaches** - Improve cleanliness of park and beach facilities; re-nourish all identified beach erosional areas

**Preserve and enhance natural areas** - Increase restoration of coastal, wetland and upland habitat; acquire more environmentally endangered lands



**Cumulative acres of coastal, wetland and upland habitat restored**



## SAMPLE STRATEGIES:

- Optimize benefits to environmental resources and water supply resulting from Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP)
- Achieve a 30 percent tree canopy by 2020 by planting 1 million trees
- Coordinate efforts with South Florida Water Management District to ensure canal/waterways are clean
- Accelerate the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project



**GOAL:** *Safe, healthy and attractive neighborhoods and communities*

**OBJECTIVES:**

**Ensure buildings are safer** - Increase neighborhood code compliance; increase voluntary compliance; ensure timely response to zoning complaints

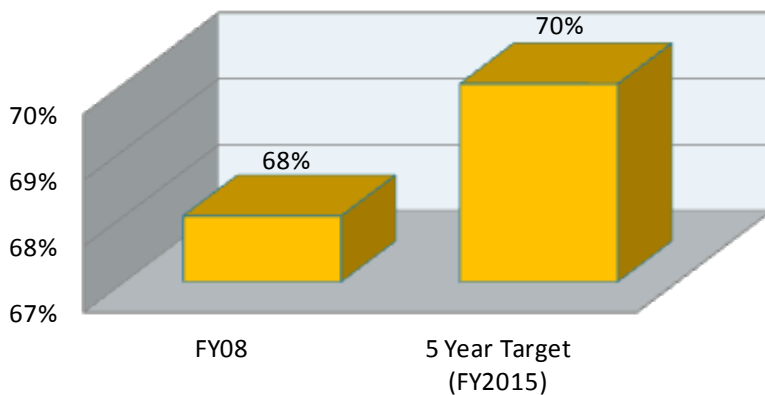
**Promote livable and beautiful neighborhoods** - Increase resident satisfaction with the appearance of the county and its neighborhoods; reduce garbage complaints; increase number of stray pets saved; increase the number of dogs licensed; maintain bulky waste pickup response time

**Preserve and enhance well maintained public streets and rights of way** - Increase resident satisfaction with cleanliness and road sign quality on side streets; improve response time for pothole repair

*Incorporating visual beauty into public spaces has proven to be an effective method for raising property values, reducing crime, enhancing the local economy, and improving public health.*

*(KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL)*

**Percentage of residents satisfied with the appearance of their neighborhood**



**SAMPLE STRATEGIES:**

- Consistently and effectively enforce the code with proactive inspections
- Prepare a baseline study to identify which neighborhoods are in need of beautification and to what degree
- Build more sidewalks and well lit areas where appropriate
- Clean public rights of way on a regular basis to remove debris