

**CDMP - Evaluation and Appraisal Report  
Public Workshop Comments 06/07/2017**

**GROWTH AND LAND USE**

Develop Opa-Locka West of Miami-Dade County Safe & Legal are to recreate with an ATV/Dirt bike

Do not move the UDB under any circumstances

**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Start elevating the houses now for sea level rise!

Adapt practices of European countries/cities that have managed water rise and fall (e.g. Netherlands, Italy, etc.)

Think about potential sea level rise and flooding. Possible raising the houses. Flooding and sea level rise - will everyone leave? Can't wait until water seeps in.

On house contracts/deed/mortgage - add language that this region is susceptible to sea level rise. Possibly elevate houses. People need to think about sea level rise. If sea level rise comes - everyone will have a claim - will all those claims be paid?

Miami Dade County and South Florida have one of the most unique and one of the most fragile environments in The World. We are not doing enough to protect it. We are stewards of the nature here - the birds, fish, insects, mammals and the ecosystems in which they reside. But we pay lip service to nature and build build build without sufficient planning. Yes - we plan...but do we plan well enough? In the end, do vested interests, "low hanging fruit", the false belief that more is better, in the end do those win out? We need to make much better use of the land inside the UDB before giving one more inch of ground up by extending the UDB. It is a new world today and old thinking will not cut it. One way to force developers and vested interests to develop new & better & more efficient & progressive thinking is to **HOLD THE LINE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE**. Demand high impact fees for new development and give good tax breaks where plans are made to build schools & homes & businesses in vacant or underused areas. If **GOVERNMENT ENFORCES** the policy, business and developers will have to comply (think California) - and they will comply - but if they know in the end they'll get what they want, they'll hold out for that. Our city, with people using public transport, with parks to play in, with our beaches on one side and our Everglades on the other, and Florida Bay below - can be (and actually is one of the most magical places in the world to live. Interdependent: Man and Nature.

Remove septic tanks. What will happen when the soil becomes saturated and changes in stability? Will this not leave buildings more susceptible to hurricanes and smaller storms?

Plant more mangroves. Buy up land along the coast and restore it to natural conditions. Better fire and invasive management.

Continue supporting restoration projects.

Continuing restoration - restrict water use at all times. Use alternative water sources - more reverse osmosis plants.

What will happen to gas station tanks with rising water table? What about basic infrastructure under changing soil saturation conditions?

Issues related to climate change and sea level rise need to be taught and discussed in required courses at FIU and MDC. All students need to be made aware. It should also be discussed in Civics class in whatever class level is appropriate - the students can see that many local career opportunities exist and will exist in those STEM fields - if we can tie their academic progress to their career track, we can at least "look" at a percentage of the younger generation to "SAVE OUR CITY". Given the prediction in sea level rise, we need a slogan like that to unite people - but we need a more positive one "Miami Dade - A Community Dedicated to a Sustainable Future". The school kids who participate in the Fairchild Challenge (at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden) can help brainstorm. The only thing that can tackle these enormous problems is PASSION - how do we build that in our citizens...that's the hardest task of all. But we can't give up because every inch of progress we make counts for something GOOD.

Keep invasive species out of the County! (plants and animals)

How the County is protecting Biscayne Bay from saltwater intrusion because of contamination generated by FPL's nuclear plants. What kind of plan does the County have to deal with that kind of contamination?

## **ECONOMY AND HOUSING**

Make a Plan and include as many 'audiences' or interest groups as possible, but the Government and employees make the plan and do it for the good of the community.

Stick to the Plan.

If local developers don't like it reach out to innovative developers elsewhere.

What is the max capacity for our County?

What will you do for the community when the insurance companies pull out?

Invest in human capital. Job/career training centers in public buildings. Possible partnerships with companies based in S. Florida to provide training to local residents to meet their demand (workforce).

## **INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES**

Green space north of Charles R. Hadley Elementary School what is status?

Want programs and parks similar to Doral parks

Need more parks in Fountainbleu Area
Are there plans for future expansion of water and sewer facilities?
Solid Waste should consider the use of Pyrolysis to turn waste into fuel oil and electricity without any green house emissions
Don't put the 836 west of the UDB
Better fire and invasive species management to open pine rocklands to healthier levels so people can walk through them
More reverse osmosis plants
Current Parks need good maintenance
More parks for recreational activities needed in West Flagler/Fountainbleu Area
Maximum capacity for our county. We have limited natural resources! When is it going to be established
What about police services, policing and security

**TRANSPORTATION**

When moving 836 west of the UDB – is too risky for allowing development west of the UDB. Miami needs to build up – not west.
Transit system
We need smaller, more frequent buses.
Connect FIU to the Metro
More affordable and timely public transportation.
Need more mass transit – above ground trains.
Need faster, better mass transit system, like New York's.
We have an acute shortage of industrial property in the county, particularly property that is close to our major perimeter expressway. This forces trucks onto our surface streets in large numbers, it causes industry to relocate to other counties. We should square off the UDB in western areas near our expressways to get more industrial land.
In anticipation of ADM & Graham open up NW 154 Street.
With our super-clean air and sunshine, we need to encourage people to buy and drive small cars by making it much more expensive to register SUVs and Trucks. They tear up the roads and take up too much space and they should pay for that.

Adequate mosquito and pest control.

Sheltered bus stops.