



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #11

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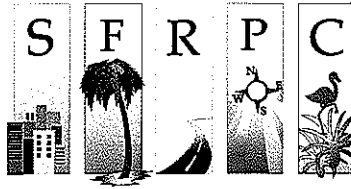
DATE: JANUARY 3, 2011  
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: STAFF  
SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Attached are brief descriptions of activities in which the Council has been involved since the December 6, 2010 Council Meeting.

Recommendation

Information only.



## Highlights of Council Activities

### January 2011

#### **South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Update**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council Revolving Loan Programs (SFRPC-RLF, SFRPC-RLF II and RESCUE-RLF) are designed to meet the needs of businesses in our Region that are not entirely served by conventional lenders. Funds are available to all small and medium-size businesses within Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties as well as designated communities within Miami-Dade County. The Revolving Loan Program also provides technical assistance to new and existing borrowers that will assist them with the growth of their business.

During the first quarter of 2011, Council Staff will be making arrangements with other organization and economic development agencies to get their assistance with promoting the Council's Revolving Loan Fund for the new year.

The next Loan Administration Board meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2011.

For more information regarding the RLF visit our website at [www.sfrpc.com/rlf.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/rlf.htm) or, please contact Cheryl Cook or Joyce Hall at (954) 985-4416 or email at [rlf@sfrpc.com](mailto:rlf@sfrpc.com).

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#### **Miami-Dade County Office of Sustainability Targeted Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (REEL)**

Council staff is continuing to develop the marketing materials for the Miami-Dade Renovation for Energy Efficiency Loan program (REEL). An email blast was developed and is being sent to more than 2,000 businesses in Miami-Dade County on weekly bases.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Cook, Bob Cambric, or Rachel Kalin of Council staff at (954) 985-4416 or email at [rlf@sfrpc.com](mailto:rlf@sfrpc.com). Visit our web site at [www.sfrpc.com/reel.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com/reel.htm).

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#### **City of Fort Lauderdale Smart Watts Revolving Loan Fund**

Council staff will be working with the City of Fort Lauderdale Energy Manager and necessary staff to develop, manage and implement a revolving loan fund as part of the City's "Smart Watts" financial incentive program. The Interlocal Agreement has been executed between the City and the South Florida Regional Planning Council. Council staff is in the process of developing the Smart Watts Revolving Loan Fund Plan.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Cook, Bob Cambric, Rachel Kalin or Joyce Hall of Council staff at (954) 985-4416 or email at [rlf@sfrpc.com](mailto:rlf@sfrpc.com).

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#### **Regional Domestic Security Task Force Activities**

The Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF) is one of Florida's seven Regions funded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to help prevent or respond to terrorism events in the State. The SERDSTF, which is Region 7, includes Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Council staff is coordinating a Regional Interoperable Communications Exercise for Region 7. The exercise, scheduled for March 30-31, 2011, at the Homestead Air Reserve Base, will be in the form of a multi-agency/multi-jurisdictional "hands on" drill. The first planning meeting was held November 22, 2010 at the Council offices in Hollywood. Three additional planning meetings are planned, with the next scheduled for January 10, 2011, also in Hollywood.

For additional information, contact Manny Cela ([celam@sfrpc.com](mailto:celam@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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## **South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities**

The State of Florida is divided into 11 Local Emergency Planning Committee Districts whose broad duties include preparing regional hazardous materials emergency plans, perform outreach functions to increase awareness and understanding of hazardous substances and provide free training to public sector hazardous material response employees. Since 1988, the Council has served as staff to the South Florida LEPC District 11 (SoFlaLEPC), which encompasses Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. For more information on the SoFlaLEPC and its activities in the Region, please visit its website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm>.

The subject of the next Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week, scheduled for February 13-19, 2011, will be **Sheltering in Place**. To support the event, the South Florida LEPC scheduled its next quarterly meeting for February 16, 2011. Committee members are expected to have presentations on the subject during the meeting.

For information on upcoming training courses, please visit our training webpage located at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm>.

Information on upcoming meeting dates, agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes from previous meetings is always available from <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm>.

For additional information, contact the SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela ([celam@sfrpc.com](mailto:celam@sfrpc.com)).

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## **Miami-Dade Planners Technical Committee**

Council staff attended the December 3, 2010 Planners Technical Committee (PTC) meeting, which was held at the City Hall of the City of Sunny Isles Beach. City staff provided a brief development history of the City and an overview of the development and public works activities that are in progress.

The PTC members discussed the optional elements to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and were briefed on the progress of the Miami-Dade County Schools Staff Working Group's Subcommittee on Charter Schools. Members also discussed the nominations for next year's PTC Chair and Vice Chair. PTC members expressed deep sympathy to the Council's recent loss of Executive Director, Ms. Carolyn A. Dekle, and wished the Council a smooth transition during this difficult time. Council staff thanked everyone for their support and provided information of Carolyn's memorial service. Council staff also updated the group with the recommendation of Mr. Jack Osterholt as Interim Executive Director made at the Executive Committee Special Meeting on December 1, 2010. At the end, the Chair reminded the group of the APA Gold Coast Section Holiday Event on December 8, 2010.

The PTC is comprised of planners from local governments and private industry in Miami-Dade County. The PTC generally meets on the first Friday of each month. Council staff provides support for the PTC. For more information, please visit the Local Government Planners' Meetings Section of the Council's website at [www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm) or contact Karen D. Hamilton ([khamilton@sfrpc.com](mailto:khamilton@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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## **The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade**

Council staff belongs to two of the Consortium's Committees: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and Health and the Built Environment. Staff attended the respective Committee meetings in September to discuss how past planning practices affect South Florida residents' ability to be active and access healthy food sources. Staff also described the Legacy Green Initiatives efforts to promote community empowerment and economic and community development through its culinary arts and community garden training in low-income communities. Council staff is also involved in the Health and Built Environment's Nutrition and Built Environment Working Group. On Tuesday, October 5, 2010, Council staff attended the first meeting of the Nutrition and Built Environment Working Group. The Working Group will develop outreach activities to promote the importance of access to healthy food options and incorporated nutrition and food related policies within the committee's work plan

The Consortium is an initiative of the Miami-Dade County Health Department and was established in 2003, to respond to increasing rates of chronic diseases in the County. The Consortium is comprised of approximately 125 members representing non-profits, educators, businesses and governmental organizations. Please contact Karen D. Hamilton ([khamilton@sfrpc.com](mailto:khamilton@sfrpc.com)) or Rachel M. Kalin ([rkalin@sfrpc.com](mailto:rkalin@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff for additional information about this project.

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## The South Florida Brownfields Partnership

The South Florida Brownfields Partnership was initiated in February 1997, as the Eastward Ho! Brownfields Partnership, to return abandoned and underutilized sites in urban areas to productive use. The Partnership was one of the initial 16 National Brownfields Showcase Communities. The original partnership agreements were developed to provide a supportive framework for signatory agencies, organizations, and governments to work in coordination to facilitate the rehabilitation, revitalization and redevelopment of contaminated, abandoned and underused sites in the Region.

The Partnership is comprised of local, state, regional and federal agencies, private sector, non-profit, and community organizations in Miami-Dade and Broward. The Collaborative nature of the Partnership allows for regional participation in Brownfields redevelopment activities. The Partnership will continue to meet quarterly to support and promote Brownfield education, outreach, redevelopment opportunities, job training, funding and incentives. Council staff has been working with Partnership member municipalities to assist with Brownfield Area Designations, disposal of tax credits, RFP assistance, and other types of technical assistance. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at Council offices. For more information, please visit the Brownfields section of the Council's website at [www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm](http://www.sfrpc.com.ptc.htm) or contact Karen D. Hamilton ([khamilton@sfrpc.com](mailto:khamilton@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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### Brownfields 2011

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is co-sponsoring a national Brownfields Conference. Brownfields 2011: Life Liberty and Sustainability will be held at the Philadelphia Convention Center from April 3-5, 2011. The free conference will address various issues associated with Brownfields redevelopment and revitalization. For additional information visit [www.brownfields2011.org](http://www.brownfields2011.org) or contact Karen D. Hamilton ([khamilton@sfrpc.com](mailto:khamilton@sfrpc.com)) of Council staff.

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