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Compact Currents is a quarterly newsletter from the Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change Compact highlighting the progress of the Compact, the counties and municipalities in Southeast Florida.

Resilient Redesign III



[Resilient Redesign III](#) was held November 14-17 at the University of Miami School of Architecture. Over 80 academics, local government staff, elected officials, students and other stakeholders took part in the four-day event. The final Resilient Redesign III designs will be shared on the Compact website in a report to be released in early 2017. Check out our [event documents on the Compact website](#) and read about this year's event from Compact support staff in this [Resilient Redesign III blog](#)!

Action Item

Last Chance! There is still time to help the Compact assess local needs across Southeast Florida by participating in the [2016 Regional Climate Action Plan Implementation Survey](#). Act now – **responses are due this week!** Let us know if you need an extension of a few days.

Partner Updates

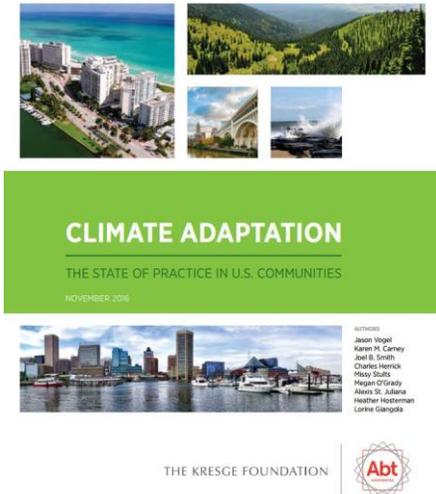
The Compact has been busy doing great work this year, thanks in large part, to our [dedicated partners](#)!

We've been working closely with the [Florida Climate Institute](#) (FCI), which includes members such as the [University of Miami](#), [Florida International University](#) and [Florida Atlantic University](#). In addition to our Resilient Redesign III event, the Compact and FCI have accomplished the following collective successes:

- Created the [climate indicators webpage](#) to monitor and measure changes and impacts of everything from nuisance flooding and saltwater intrusion to plant hardiness and sea level rise.
- Partnered on our [Reducing Climate Risk and Creating Economic Opportunity Workshop](#) held in the summer of 2016. This event was designed specifically for city managers, budget and finance managers, risk management professionals and planners. Explore [videos and resources](#) from the workshop here!
- Developed the [Unified Sea Level Rise Projections](#) report with other partners, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District. This helps Compact counties and partners understand potential vulnerabilities and have a basis for developing risk-informed adaptation strategies for the region.

In our ongoing partnership with Florida International University, the Compact is conducting social mapping research and reporting on various groups throughout the Southeast Florida region working on climate change outreach and education.

Miami-Dade County On the Move



In The [Kresge Foundation](#)'s recent report, [Climate Adaptation: The State of Practice in U.S. Communities](#), Miami-Dade County is recognized for integrating climate change adaptation into their comprehensive development master plan.

Greater Miami (Miami-Dade County, City of Miami, City of Miami Beach), the University of Miami, Florida International University, and Miami Dade College were selected as a team for the [MetroLab Network](#). This lab will bring together diverse stakeholders to connect disparate policy and research efforts and focus on the intersection of big data and human services.

Broward County Represented in China



Broward County Director of Natural Resources Planning & Management Division Jennifer Jurado was invited to China in late October to present a keynote talk at the 2016 China-U.S. Joint Symposium, [*International Nexus of Food, Energy, Water and Soil*](#). Learn more about her [keynote address here!](#)

Better Communities Alliance

West Palm Beach, Broward County and Miami-Dade are three of 60 partners and affiliates of the Department of Energy's [Better Communities Alliance](#). The partnership is focused on bringing together public and private sector leaders to deliver energy efficiency, sustainable transportation, and renewable energy solutions that create cleaner and more prosperous communities for all Americans.

Case Study: Miramar's Disco Soup



Miramar adds the “fun” into the fundamentals of reducing food waste! [Miramar's Disco Soup](#) is a tasty initiative where participants “chop to the beat” to promote awareness about reducing food waste. It’s a celebration where strangers come together to slice, dice and boogie, transforming ugly or blemished veggies into a deliciously prepared meal. The initiative promotes agricultural practices on how to establish a local food system while encouraging urban agriculture and reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to the transport of farm produce ([RCAP recommendation AG-6](#)). It also supports local sustainable agriculture and economy by connecting farmers with local users such as chefs, schools and consumers ([RCAP recommendation PO-11](#)).

Looking Forward to 2017

We're gearing up for a [Regional Climate Action Plan \(RCAP\)](#) refresh planned for 2017. The current 110 recommendations will be evaluated and updated by experts, the 108 local municipalities, members from the four counties, and various stakeholders. We're also planning outreach sessions to be held throughout the region. The RCAP 2.0 will be presented at the 2017 Southeast Florida Climate Leadership Summit to be held December 2017 in Ft. Lauderdale. [Sign up here](#) for updates and more information on how you can be involved in RCAP 2.0.

News

The Compact's success has been recognized in national and international [press](#) throughout 2016. We've also begun developing a [press hub](#) with hopes to continue spreading the word of the Compact's work. If you have news to share with us, or if you're interested in sharing news about the Compact, please reach out to our [Compact Representatives](#).

Upcoming Events



Visit us and learn more about the Compact at the [National Adaptation Forum \(NAF\)](#) on May 9-11, 2017 in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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