



January 2, 2013

Dear Municipal Mayor,

As mayors representing Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale, we are pleased to be partnering in a call for regional and local climate change action and your support for the ***Southeast Florida Mayors' Climate Action Pledge (Mayors' Pledge)***. You may have already received this invitation through the Broward League of Cities; our letter is meant to provide additional information regarding the Pledge and how to record your support.

The Mayors' Climate Action Pledge was unveiled on December 7, 2012, at the 4th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit convened by partner counties in the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (Compact). As you may know, the Compact represents a commitment by Broward, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties to collaborate on regional climate mitigation and adaptation strategies for the economic and environmental resilience of Southeast Florida. The partnership has evolved to formally include municipal partners, with the City of Fort Lauderdale serving as a municipal representative for Broward County.

This fall, the Compact partners completed the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP), which lays out more than 100 recommendations through which our region can mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change (visit [www.southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org](http://www.southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org)). The RCAP was a focus of this year's Summit as we consider the importance of individual actions, and local investments in support of regional resilience.

The ***Mayors' Pledge*** seeks to unite the communities of Southeast Florida around a common approach to regional sustainability and community resilience, while respecting the individual differences that make each jurisdiction unique. Municipal participation has been vital to the success of Compact, and the RCAP seeks to build on the very progressive sustainable development efforts already undertaken by local governments throughout Southeast Florida. As the RCAP advances, we hope to broaden and deepen municipal involvement going forward.

Specifically, the Mayors' Climate Action Pledge calls for:

- Support of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.
- Consideration for integrating the RCAP framework into future sustainability plans, comprehensive plans, and climate action plans where feasible and financially appropriate.
- Similar action by other municipalities by adopting the Pledge themselves.

Southeast Florida is in the vanguard of this type of collaborative work on climate change. In fact, the Kresge Foundation recently recognized our region's leadership by awarding a three-year, \$975,000 grant through the Institute of Sustainable Communities to support implementation of the RCAP and the regional work of the Compact partners.

We hope that you will support continued regional cooperation by signing onto the ***Mayors' Pledge*** (see attached). If you are able to join us, please forward a signed copy of the Pledge to Jason Liechty,

Environmental Projects Coordinator, Natural Resources Planning and Management Division, Broward County, 115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 329H, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Please feel free to contact Jason at 954-519-0310 or [jliechty@broward.org](mailto:jliechty@broward.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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