

MONROE COUNTY

THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN (ASCS)



2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. HURRICANE HOUSING RELIEF:

- Support **\$20M appropriation** to acquire land for future workforce housing such as defunct mobile home parks and other appropriate sites.



- Support **\$30M in SAIL and \$4M in Housing Tax Credits** for affordable housing funding for Florida Keys (*Governor's budget proposal for includes \$20M SAIL for Keys.*)
- Support **HB 1173/SB 1622** to provide additional flexibility for (local) Monroe County Land Authority funds to be used to construct affordable housing.
- Support legislation to enable Monroe to utilize one of its two currently **unutilized Tourist Development Tax pennies** for affordable housing.



2. MONROE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER:

- Support **\$15M appropriation** for the design and construction of a new, safe and survivable Monroe County Emergency Operation Center.

3. MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL:



- About 500 canals impacted with approximately 100,000 cubic yards of C&D and vegetative debris.
- Estimated cost \$16M-\$31M.
- We need **State agency help with this effort.** (FEMA reimbursable.)
- **Local resources are exhausted.** We expended \$30M in hurricane emergency protective measures; no reimbursement yet.



4. FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT:

- Support **\$20M appropriation to construct water quality projects** in the Florida Keys, pursuant to the Florida Keys Stewardship Act.
- Support **\$5M appropriation within Florida Forever** for land acquisition within the Florida Keys as authorized in the Florida Keys Stewardship Act that will both retire development rights AND conserve environmentally sensitive land.
- **HB 1173/SB 1622** to give DEP greater flexibility/authority to purchase conservation and non-conservation land for the express purpose of retiring development rights (*to reduce liability for private property rights claims that are anticipated to arise as a result of State-imposed growth restriction due to the State's designation of the Florida Keys as an Area of Critical State Concern.*)



5. VESSEL PUMP OUT PROGRAM/CORAL REEF PROTECTION:

- Support **\$500,000 appropriation** for pump-out services in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary waters to protect the coral reef and water quality.

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