



2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. SUPPORT RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) THAT PROTECTS AFFORDABILITY

- As a coastal community, Monroe County is highly reliant upon the continuation of the NFIP program and its affordability.
- **Affordable flood insurance protects property owners, property values, local tax revenue, and economic activity.**
- Coastal communities generate **80% of the State of Florida's GDP** and **46% of the entire national GDP**. NFIP is important because it is protective of the economic engines that coastal communities represent to the State of Florida and nationwide.
- The State of Florida is the most impacted by changes to NFIP with **1.7m of NFIP's 5m policies, with \$430B** in insured value.
- Monroe County supports the following reforms:
 - Maintain focus on *affordability* - provide a capped annual increase (10%) for all properties;
 - Ensure rates are *consistent* for all properties, including second homes and businesses;
 - Make the rate-setting process more *transparent*;
 - Reduce *commissions* for Write-Your-Owns and incentivize their NFIP policy sales efforts;
 - *Enforce* flood insurance coverage for properties in the 100-year floodplain;
 - Ensure that any increased *privatization must protect affordability* and consumer protections, and requires whole profile of risk (no cherry picking);
 - Increase federal investment in *flood mitigation* (up to a 6:1 return on investment).

2. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH HURRICANE AND DISASTER RECOVERY

- Support post-disaster recovery efforts, including funding for the Natural Resource Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Program, CDBG-Disaster Recovery, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and FEMA reimbursements.

3. NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM RULE CHANGE

- Support change to the NRCS Emergency Watershed Program rules to ensure the program works as it had in the past, and enable us to continue to use it for marine debris removal after hurricanes and natural disasters.

4. SUPPORT FUNDING CRITICAL TO PROTECTING THE FLORIDA KEYS

- **PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES: *Support*** full and long-term mandatory funding of PILT program.
- **FLORIDA KEYS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM: *Support*** full funding of the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Program via the Army Corps of Engineers annual Work Plans.
- **FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM: *Support*** full funding of the South Florida Geographic Program/Florida Keys Water National Marine Sanctuary Quality Protection Program in annual Interior and Environment Appropriations bills.
- **EVERGLADES RESTORATION: *Support*** funding for EAA Reservoir and CEPP and construction of the other elements of Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project to improve water flow to Florida Bay.

5. OPPOSE OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION, LEASE EXPANSION AND SEISMIC TESTING

- Protect federal lands in Florida, including the Everglades, federal waters on Florida's Outer Continental Shelf, along the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, east of the Military Mission Line in the Gulf of Mexico, and within the boundaries of Florida's territorial seas from oil drilling, exploration and testing.

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