

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Legislative Priorities and Outcomes 2023 Session



MONROE BOCC ISSUE/PRIORITY	MONROE BOCC REQUEST	FINAL ACTION *	ACCOMPLISHED
FL Keys Stewardship Funding (for Water Quality Projects)	\$20M	\$20M	Yes
FL Keys Stewardship Funding (for Land Acquisition)	\$5M	\$5M	Yes
Emergency Operation Center Appropriation	\$6.25M	\$6.25M	Yes
Mooring Field Development Appropriation	\$1.6M	\$1.6M	Yes
Vessel Pumpout Program Funding Appropriation	\$650K	\$650K	Yes
Artificial Reef Funding	State funding for artificial reef in Florida Keys	\$10M	Yes
Resilience Funding for County's Awarded Projects	State funding for projects ranked and awarded by DEP that are included in Florida's Resilient Florida Plan	\$50M (for 5 County projects)	Yes
FL Keys Stewardship Funding Via Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Legislation that will nclude FL Keys Stewardship in the list of State priority environmental projects funded under the State's LATF.	Bills filed (HB 135/SB 54) but died in committee	No
Occupational/Specialty Licensing Preemption Rollback	Legislation to rollback, mitigate preemption of local licensing or delays the expiration of licensing programs (per HB 735, 2021)	HB 1383 provides ACSC carve out, and postpones the expiration of local licensing is enrolled, amd pending Governor's signature	Yes
Early Evacuation ROGOS for Affordable Housing	Monitor legislative effort to enable use of the 1,300 early evacuation ROGOs for affordable housing.	SB 102, passed and signed by Gov, includes provision to allow use of 1,300 ROGOs for affordable housing.	Yes
Protect ACSC ROGO regulations	Legislative language that ensures ACSC / Comprehensive Plan/ ROGO regulations may not be bypassed by statutes that incentivize development and/or protect agricultural/agri-tourism	SB 102, passed and signed by Gov, includes language that specifically states its provisions may not bypass comp plans, and reverses required density bonuses for ACSC. Also secured an ACSC carve out from SB 1343, this year's ag preemption bill, but that bill died in messages.	Partial
Environmental Protections on Agricultural Land	Legislation that exempts ACSC from ag preemptions and/or clarifies that use/structures on ag land are not exempt from environmental regulations	Limited bill opportunities, and effort unsuccessful.	No
Additional One Penny Sales Tax for Resilience Infrastructure	Statutory authority to levy an additional penny sales tax, subject to approval via local referenda, the revenues from which would be used toward resilience and transporation infrastruture.	Legislative leadership continues to express strong opposition to efforts to raise local revenues (even for necessary infrastructure.)	No
Citizens Wind Insurance	Oppose legislation that increases costs/premiums, depopulates or otherwise negatively impacts Monroe's Citizens' policyholders.	There was no substantial property insurance legislation this session. Special Session on property insurance preserved glidepath and did not include depop efforts.	Yes
Monroe County's Vacation Rental Regulations Grandfather	Oppose legislation that preempts local governments from regulating VR, and protect Monroe's existing (grandfathered) VR regulations	Legislation to tweak VR statutory preemption failed; Monroe's grandfathered regs protected.	Yes
Home Rule/Local Government Preemptions	Oppose legislation that preempts local government authority	Some passed, some failed. SB 170 passed allowing businesses to sue local gov't's for ordinances that they claim harm their businesses. Failed bills include water quality regulation preempion, local tourist development tax, sov immunity cap increases, preempting local gov't's from protecting historic buildings.	Partial
State Funding for Resilience	Support robust State funding for reislience	Legislature appropriated \$300M for the Resilient Florida Program	Yes
State Funding for Land Acquisition	Support robust State funding for Florida Forever	Legislature appropriated \$100M for Florida Forever	Yes
State funding for Everglades Restoration	Support robust State funding for Everglades Restoration, esp projects that impact Florida Bay such as CERP/EAA reservoir	Legislature appropriated \$675M for Everglades Restoration	Yes
State funding for Affordable Housing	Support robust funding of SHIP and SAIL programs	SB 102, passed and signed into law, appropriates \$700M for affordable housing programs, including SHIP and SAIL	Yes

**Pending Governor signing of the budget and/or bill*