

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Legislative Priorities and Outcomes 2025 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
Mooring Field Development Appropriation	\$4M	\$1.65M	Yes
Vessel Pumpout Program Funding Appropriation	\$650K	\$650K	Yes
ROGOS: Increase the statutory hurricane evacuation window to allow for additional allocations	Increase hurricane evacuation window to allow for more allocations from the state to address the legal liability of vacant lots and to help with workforce housing. 3,500 allocations over 40 years to be distributed by percentage of vacant lots and to be used one allocation per vacant lot.	Passage of SB 180: Increases hurricane evacuation window by .5hrs, providing 900 new allocations, over 10 years, to be distributed by percentage of vacant lots and to be used one per vacant lot.	Yes
Expediting Removal of Migrant Derelict Vessels	Seek statutory authority to enable more expedient removal of these specific types of abandoned "vessels."	Passage of SB 830: Established a different definition for migrant vessels (vs. manufactured vessels with hull numbers), allows law enforcement to remove migrant vessels within five days, and authorizes state funds for their removal.	Yes
Florida Keys Stewardship Land Acquisition Set Aside Extension	Seek statutory extension to 2036 (ten years) of Monroe County's set-aside in Florida Forever (per 2016 Stewardship Act)	SB 1326/HB 995 did not pass	No
Affordable Housing	Seek exemption for HFH to the requirement to purchase performance bonds for construction of affordable housing on 99-year leased county property	SB 1326/HB 995 did not pass	No
Citizens Wind Insurance	Seek a return to 10% annual cap, increase to home value, remove flood insurance requirement for homes not at flood risk	HB 1073/SB 1029 did not pass	No
School Readiness Program: Increase Income Eligibility Threshold for Monroe	Seek an increase to the income threshold for program eligibility	SB 859 Did not pass, did not include Monroe's provision	No
Protective Carve Outs for Florida Keys ACSC	Seek carve outs to legislation that preempts Monroe County's local protective regulations (comp plan, rogo, vessels, etc.)	Carve out amendments secured for SB 164 Vessel Accountability bill that would supercede local anchoring regulations (Bill passed) Carve out amendment secured for HB 481 Local Regulation of Anchoring that would also supercede local anchoring regulations (Bill passed) Carve out amendment secured to SB 180 taking us out of limitation on new comp plan amendments within a 100 mile hurricane zone for future storms (Bill passed) Carve out amendment secured for SB 184 ADU bill (did not pass)	Yes
State Funding for Resilience	Support robust State funding for resilience	Legislature appropriated \$150M for the Resilient Florida Program	Yes
State Funding for Land Acquisition	Support robust State funding for Forever Florida	Legislature appropriated \$18M for Florida Forever State Lands and \$250M for Florida Forever Rural and Family Lands	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 \$800M for Everglades Restoration	Yes