

South Florida Water Management District's Sea Level Rise and Flood Resiliency Plan Released

The South Florida Water Management District's (District's) 2025 Sea Level Rise and Flood Resiliency Plan (Plan), a comprehensive update that represents five years of progress, learning, and collaboration, was published on Sept. 1, 2025. With this edition, the Plan will transition to a five-year update cycle, ensuring the District's resiliency strategy remains grounded in risk-informed decision-making, the best available science, and strong partnerships.

The Plan is the product of extensive flood vulnerability assessments and adaptation planning that encompass most urban areas within the District's 16-county jurisdiction. The Plan presents a strategic, technical and science-driven portfolio of projects aimed at reducing flood risk, adapting to sea level rise, and safeguarding water resources and critical infrastructure.

These projects are designed to not only protect communities but also strengthen the economy and support ecosystems across South Florida. While flood resiliency and flood risk management remain at the core, the Plan also incorporates strategies on water supply and environmental restoration, highlighting the interconnection of the District's overarching mission: "To safeguard and restore South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, protect our communities from flooding, and meet the region's water needs while connecting with the public and stakeholders."

The Plan charts an integrated strategy for strengthening infrastructure, protecting water supply, and advancing restoration in coordination with federal, state, tribal, private, and local governments – all with the goal of securing the safety and prosperity of South Florida's communities.

To read the District's 2025 Sea Level Rise and Flood Resiliency Plan, visit [SFWMD.gov/SeaLevelRiseandFloodResiliencyPlan](https://sfwmd.gov/SeaLevelRiseandFloodResiliencyPlan).

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