

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What is Greater Miami and the Beaches?

Greater Miami & the Beaches (GM&B) is a unique partnership of Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami, and the City of Miami Beach. We came together to lead development of our community's resilience under the 100 Resilient Cities Network – Pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. Because the GM&B community is often referred to by our area code, "the 305" we thought it fitting that this document, GM&B's collaborative resilience building strategy, be titled Resilient305. To ensure Resilient305 has broad impact, GM&B will continue to expand to include the remaining 32 municipalities, other community organizations and anchor institutions in implementation.

What is the Resilient305 Strategy?

This Resilient305 Strategy is a living document created to address resilience challenges we prioritized through intergovernmental and community collaboration. Throughout the process – in public meetings, surveys and focus groups - GM&B engaged thousands of stakeholders to help shape the Strategy and make sure it reflected the input from a wide range of expertise, ages, ethnicities, cultures, income levels and geographic areas. This continued interaction will be key to the successful implementation of the Strategy.

As our community continues to grow and evolve, the Resilient305 Strategy will encourage us to work together to better prepare for an increasing occurrence of shocks, such as hurricanes, and infrastructure failures, as well as better mitigate stresses, such as sea level rise and sunny day flooding, crippling traffic and severe economic inequities. Even during the planning process, our resilience was tested by the Zika outbreak and Hurricane Irma. We are stronger because of our experiences and have incorporated many of the lessons learned into this document.

We recognize that even our passion and dedication doesn't prevent some of our most vulnerable from falling through the cracks. We hope that the Resilient305 Strategy will serve as a foundation in building a strong network focused on addressing equity gaps and elevating our vulnerable populations. We believe that together we have an opportunity to work differently and more effectively by promoting stronger leadership, closer collaboration, and better use of our resources.

What challenges will the Resilient305 Strategy tackle?

Over 50 actions have been identified, developed and organized for the Resilient305 Strategy into three overarching goal areas: Places. People, and Pathways. To better define the actions that would be included in the strategy, we focused on opportunities where we were best positioned to move the needle and separated them from those where we were better suited to complement the exceptional work that is already being done throughout various communities in the region.



GOALS

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Many of us came to this part of Southeast Florida because we were drawn by the beautiful natural environment, balmy climate and the surrounding clear waters of this sub-tropical paradise. Those same features today simultaneously pose threats and offer opportunities. Through our "Places" actions, we aim to address location-based challenges and improve our climate resilience through research, design and planning; create, connect, and improve mobility and housing options; and enhance and safeguard our ecosystems.

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Individual people are the heart and soul of resilient cities. If individuals do not have access to certain basic needs, their resilience is diminished and so too is the resilience of their neighborhoods and communities. Through our "People" actions, we aim to improve the lives of our citizens every day, whether sunny or stormy, by supporting job and wealth creation; addressing specific health needs for the most vulnerable among us; and preparing and empowering neighborhoods and networks to anticipate and respond to disruptions, both large and small.

Pathways - Caminos - Wout

"Pathways" is the strategic course we take to accomplish our goals by expanding our networks and sharing resources and tools. It is our "how to" guide. Through our "Pathways" actions, we aim to build the connections, collaborations, and committed leadership needed to change the status quo, enabling GM&B to become a global leader in resilience. We can achieve this by setting realistic and common goals, and committing to actions that bring together governments, businesses, community organizations and educational institutions.

PIVOT - Making it happen

GM&B recognizes that implementing each of the actions within the Resilient305 strategy will require dedicated effort from ourselves and our partners, guided by a team that we call PIVOT or "Progress, Innovation, and Vision for Our Tomorrow". The initial PIVOT team will be comprised of leadership from Miami-Dade County, City of Miami, City of Miami Beach and The Miami Foundation, and will expand over time to include representatives from community partners. This team will look at resources, timeframes and priorities to develop a work plan and will oversee the implementation and progress of the Strategy.

Join us in the Resilient305 Movement!