

Development of a Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact:

A Collaboration to Better Prepare for the Effects of Climate Change

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What Are Regional Climate Compacts?

- Improve resilience for sea-level rise, storminess, increased precipitation, and rising temperatures.
- A regional network united by common problems best solved through local leadership and shared resources.
- Efficient means for adjoining local governments to collaboratively “extend beyond” their respective boundaries by working together to:
 - share best practices, resources, and information
 - align their respective initiatives and efforts
 - co-produce assessments, public policy interventions, and other materials beyond the scope of any one single partner

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Compact Objectives



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Advocacy for Compacts in Florida

- Common nationwide, particularly in coastal states.
- Governor DeSantis, Secretary Noah Valenstein (DEP), and CSO Thomas Frazer have all shown interest in the concept.
- The new Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection has been formed within DEP
- Florida's first ever CRO has been named (Julia Nesheiwat) and is being briefed on the value of Compacts.
- 3 collaboratives are now in existence in FL; the Southeast Florida Regional Compact for Climate Change has been in operation for 10 years.

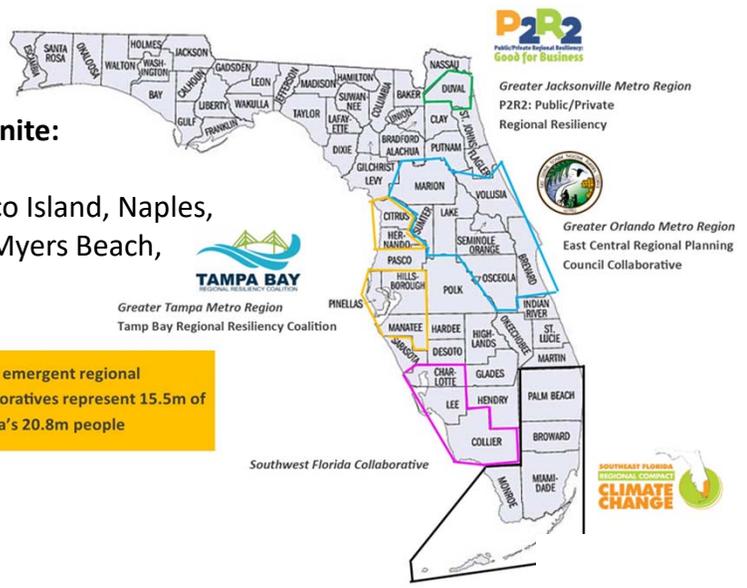
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Emergent Florida Collaboratives

Southwest Florida's Compact would unite:

- Collier, Lee, and Charlotte Counties
- Their 10 cities: Everglades City, Marco Island, Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero, Ft Myers, Ft Myers Beach, Cape Coral, Sanibel, Punta Gorda

These emergent regional collaboratives represent 15.5m of Florida's 20.8m people



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How Do they Operate?

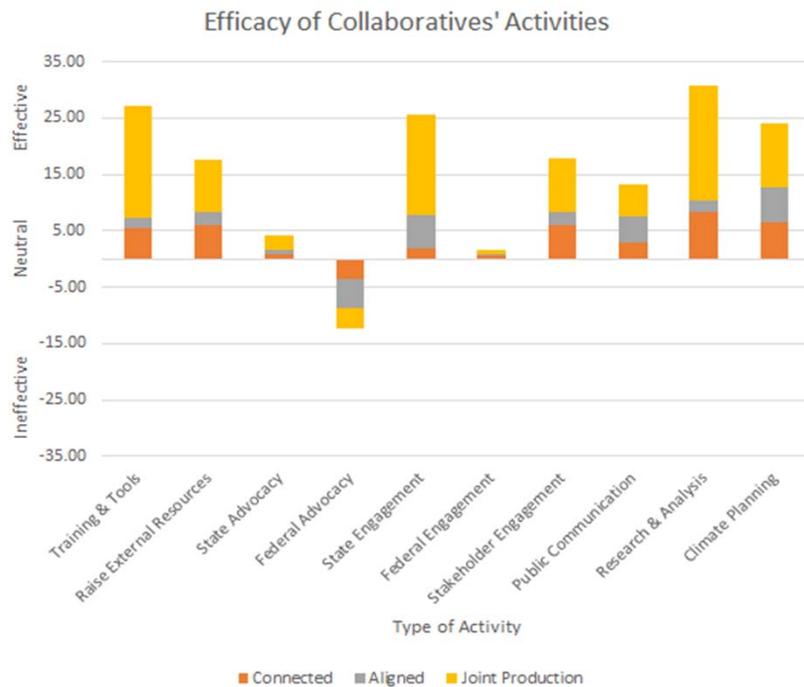
How Regional Climate Collaboratives Conduct Activities

Connectivity Network	Alignment Network	Production Network
Members plan and produce outcomes independently , but share knowledge with each other	Members develop shared plans together and align their priorities, but produce outcomes independently	Members develop shared plans and priorities, and jointly produce outcomes together

Study Conducted by the Institute for Sustainable Communities

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What Did We Find?



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Progress to Date

1. Representatives from the 3 county and 10 municipal governments are communicating via email and have convened twice (50 individuals).
2. The 13 jurisdictions have agreed on a purpose and set of objectives.
3. The group has composed an MOU, which is currently being reviewed by those 50 participants.
4. The MOU explicitly states that participation does not require financial investment.
5. The MOU will be "workshopped" for consideration within each jurisdiction in the near future.

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