



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Legislative Priorities and Outcomes

2022 Session

MONROE BOCC ISSUE/PRIORITY	MONROE BOCC REQUEST	FINAL ACTION *	ACCOMPLISHED
FL Keys Stewardship Funding (for Water Quality)	\$ 20M	\$ 20M	Yes
FL Keys Stewardship Funding (for Land Acquisition)	\$ 5M	\$ 5M	Yes
FL Keys Stewardship and Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Legislation (HB 449/SB 602) to include FL Keys Stewardship in the list of State priority environmental projects funded under the State's Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Bill heard and passed in one House committee; did not pass	No
Vessel Pumpout Program Funding Appropriation	\$ 300K	\$ 300K	Yes
Improved Ability to Enact Anchoring Limits to Reduce Vessel Dereliction	Legislation (SB 1432/HB 1065) to lower the required number of moorings from 300 to 100 in order to enact 90 day anchoring limit, and apply new limit only to stored vessels until all new moorings are placed	Legislation enrolled	Yes
Resilience Funding for High Priority Projects	Legislative appropriation for projects included in new State Resilient Florida Plan including two County projects: \$5.1M for Twin Lakes and Stillwright Point neighborhood flooding mitigation activities	\$ 5.1M	Yes
Expand Land Authority Responsibilities to Include Resilience Activities	Legislation (HB 571/SB 442) to authorize the Land Authority to secure and administer funding to enhance the resilience of private properties	Legislation enrolled	Yes
Protect Affordable Citizens Wind Insurance	Oppose legislation that increases costs/premiums, depopulates or otherwise negatively impacts Citizens' policy holders in Monroe	Legislation to depopulate second homes and increase roof deductibles defeated	Yes
Affordable Housing for Law Enforcement	Legislation (HB 1499) to exempt from BPAS/ROGO new units of affordable housing for law enforcement and first responders	Legislation enrolled	Yes
Preserve 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 further VR preemption defeated; grandfathered regs protected	Yes
Oppose Local Government Preemptions	Oppose legislation that preempts local government authority	Some passed, some failed. Of note these passed: Business can sue local gov'ts for ordinances that affect their business (SB 620); Local govts restricted in how they can communicate about local ballot referenda (HB 921); Local govts restricted in their oversight of Sheriffs budgets (HB 3)	No
State Funding for Resilience	Support robust State funding for resilience	Legislature appropriated \$270M for this year and \$180M for next year for the Resilient Florida Program	Yes
State Funding for Land Acquisition	Support robust State funding for Florida Forever	Legislature appropriated \$168M 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 \$875M for Everglades Restoration	Yes
State funding for Affordable Housing	Support robust funding of SHIP and SAIL programs	Legislature appropriated \$209M for SHIP and \$153M for SAIL	Yes

**pending Governor signing budget/bill*

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