



INSTITUTE FOR
**Sustainable
Communities**

Better Together:

Collaborative Approaches to Catalyzing Climate Adaptation Action

The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact

**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
REGIONAL COMPACT**

**CLIMATE
CHANGE**

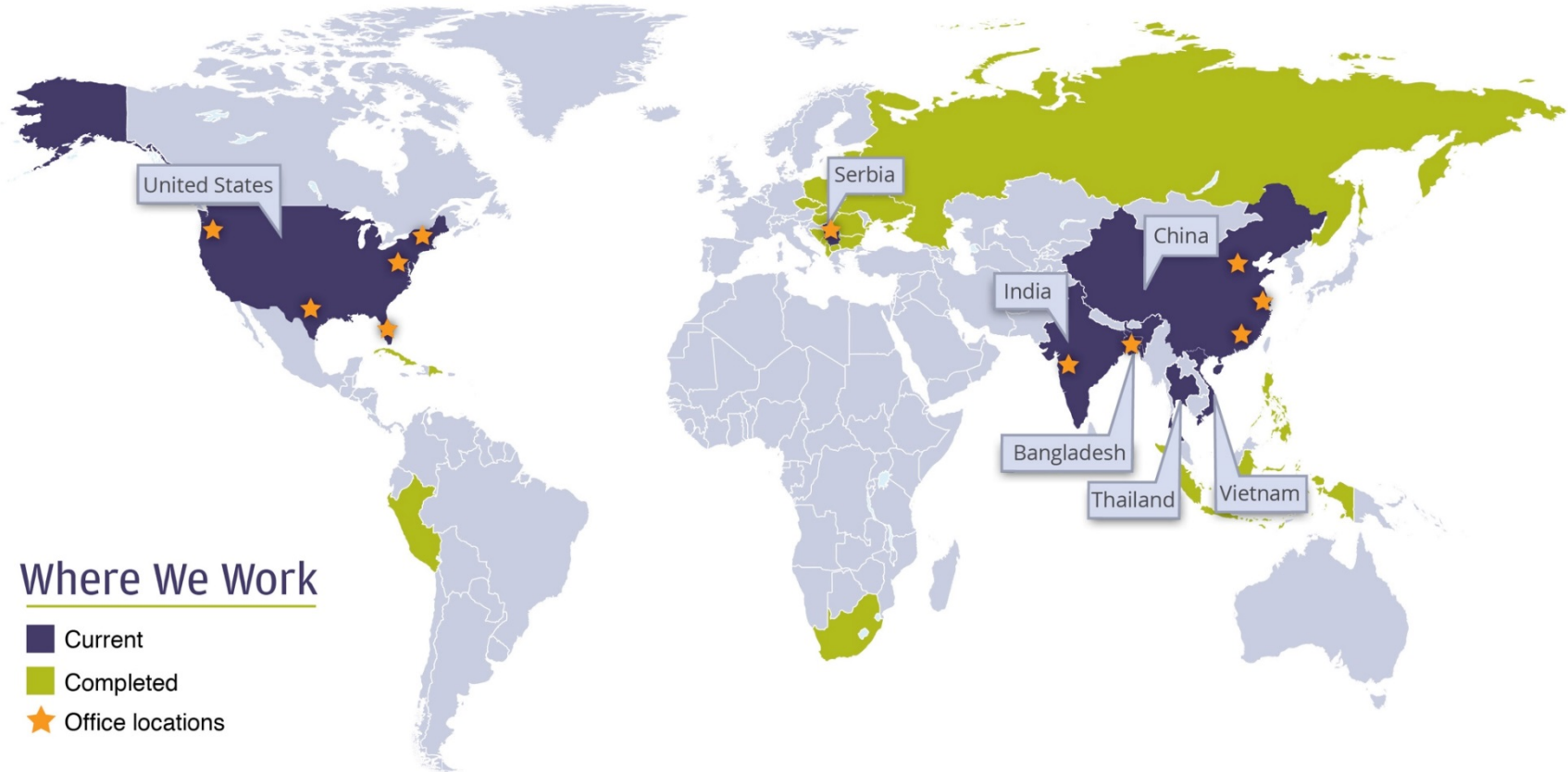


Nancy Schneider

Senior Program Officer

Who is the Institute for Sustainable Communities?

ISC's mission is to help communities around the world address environmental, economic and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all.



ISC has managed 99 projects in 30 countries ... so far.

Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact



Pioneering Climate Resilience through Regional Action



Compact Commitments

Framework:

- ✓ Collaborate on Policy
- ✓ Develop Regional Baselines for Planning
- ✓ Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP)
- ✓ Host Annual Summits



Introduction to Southeast Florida



- 4 counties
- 109 cities
- 5.8 million residents
- 1/3 state's population and GDP
- Common watershed and airshed
- Shared natural systems
- Interconnected

South Florida and Climate Change is in the Headlines

Recent Headlines



- *“Goodbye, Miami: Why the City is Doomed to Drown,”* Rolling Stone, June 20, 2013, Jeff Goodell
- *“Miami Finds Itself Ankle-Deep in Climate Change Debate,”* The New York Times, May 7, 2014, Coral Davenport
- *“Miami, the Great World City, is Drowning While the Powers that be Look Away,”* The Guardian/
The Observer, Friday 11 July 2014, Robin McKie
- *“Miami Beach Leaders Proposing a Hike in Storm Water Fees to Deal with Threat of Sea Level Rise,”* The Miami Herald, July 22, 2014, Christina Viega

For the Future:

Sea Level Rise Projection - Miami Beach



©2007 2030, Inc.

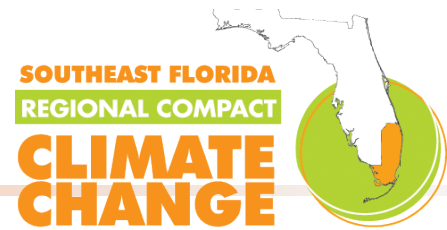
©2007 Google™

And now Climate Change is on South Florida Streets



Regional Response:

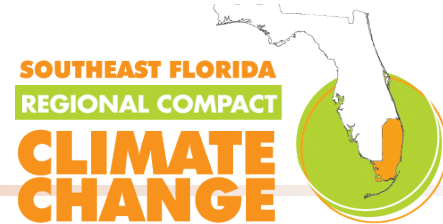
Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact



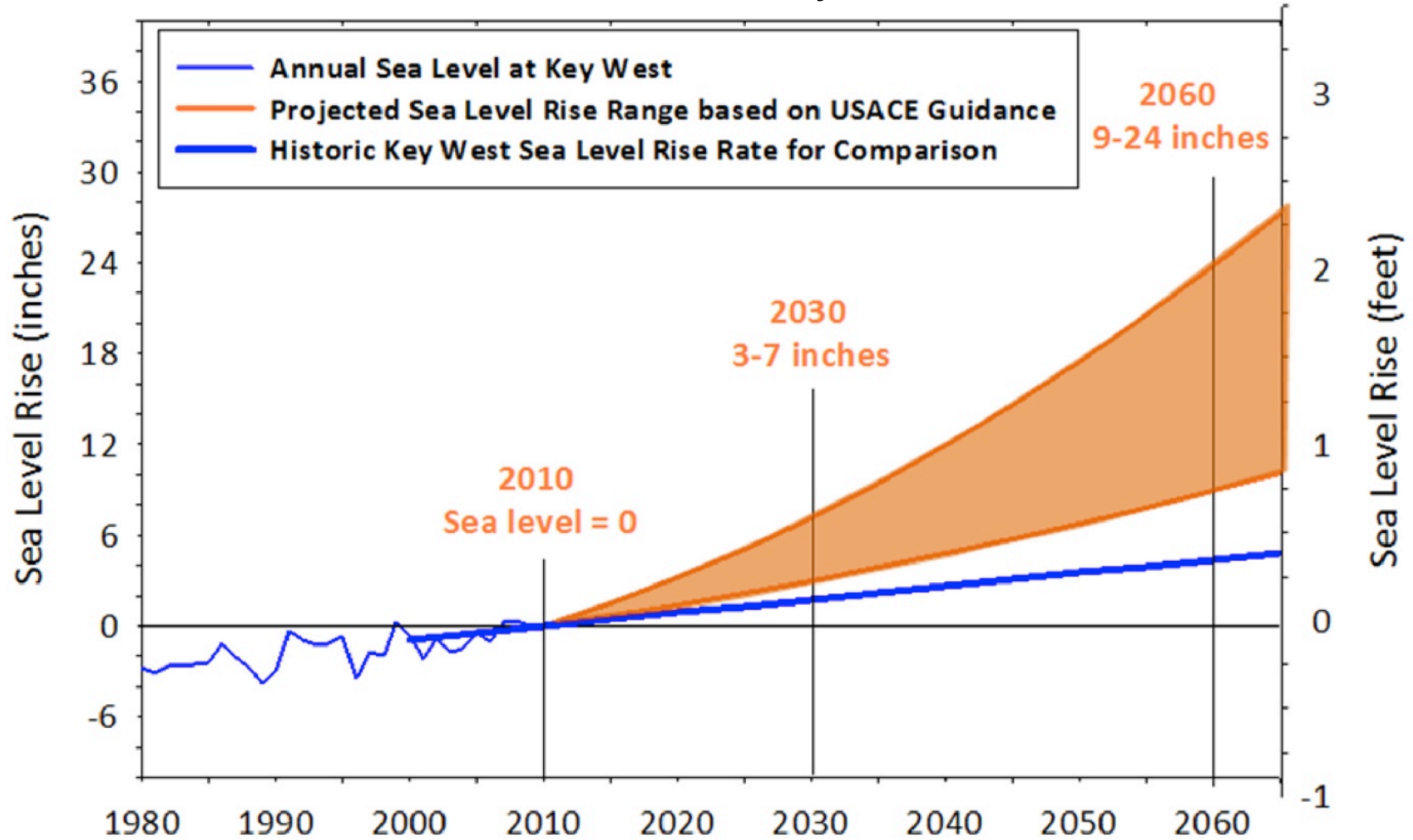
A voluntary and cooperative partnership between Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties formed in Spring 2009 to address Climate Change.

- Led by Regional Steering Committee
 - Developed a Regional Climate Action Plan
 - Annual Climate Change Summits since 2009 (next Summit is October 1 & 2 in Miami Beach)
 - Local Government Workshops
- Developed Preliminary Inundation Mapping
 - Baseline regional sea level rise projections created to 2060

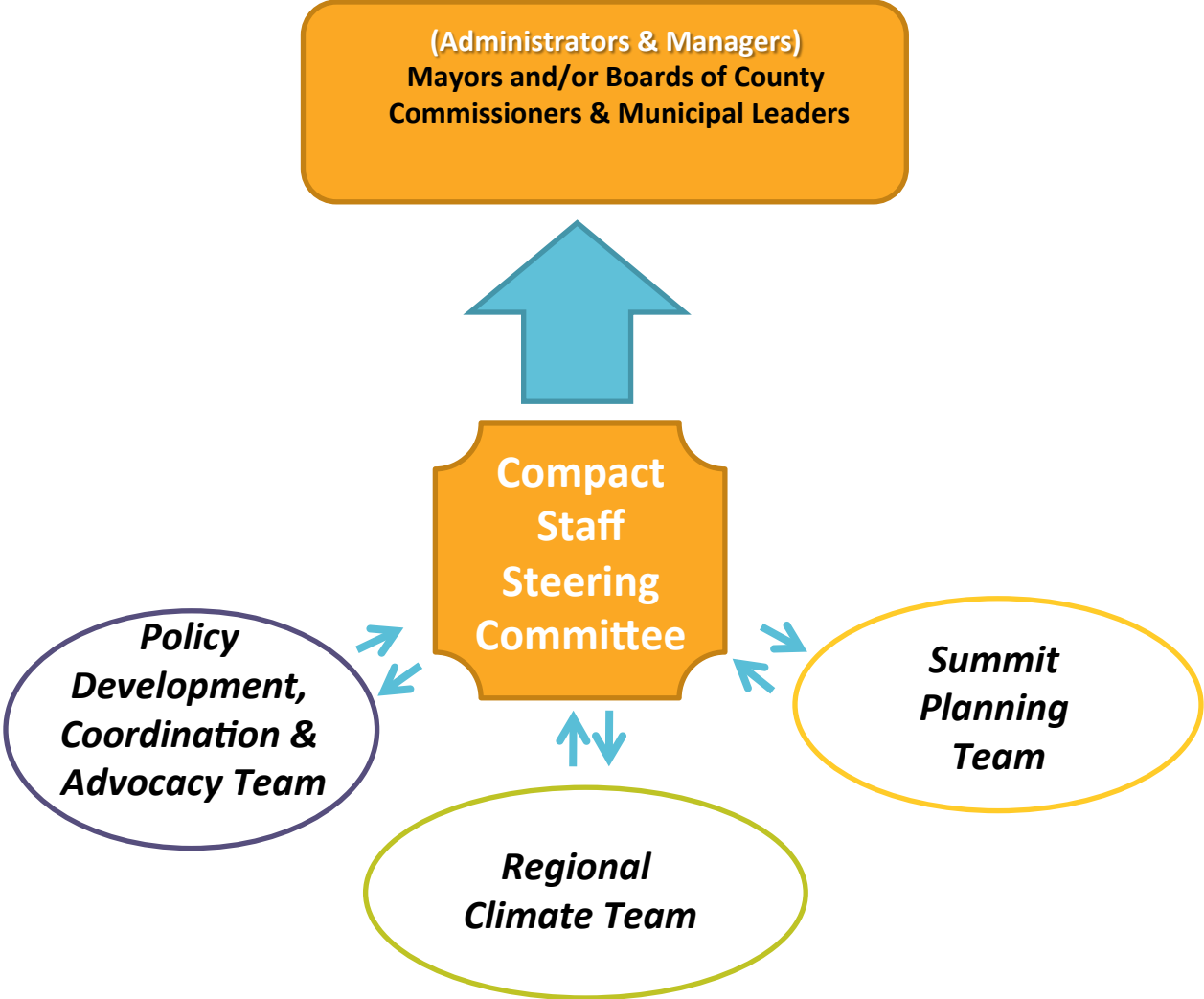
Regional Climate Action Plan (October 2012)



Unified Sea Level Rise Projection



Compact Organizational Structure



Establishment of Staff Steering Committee

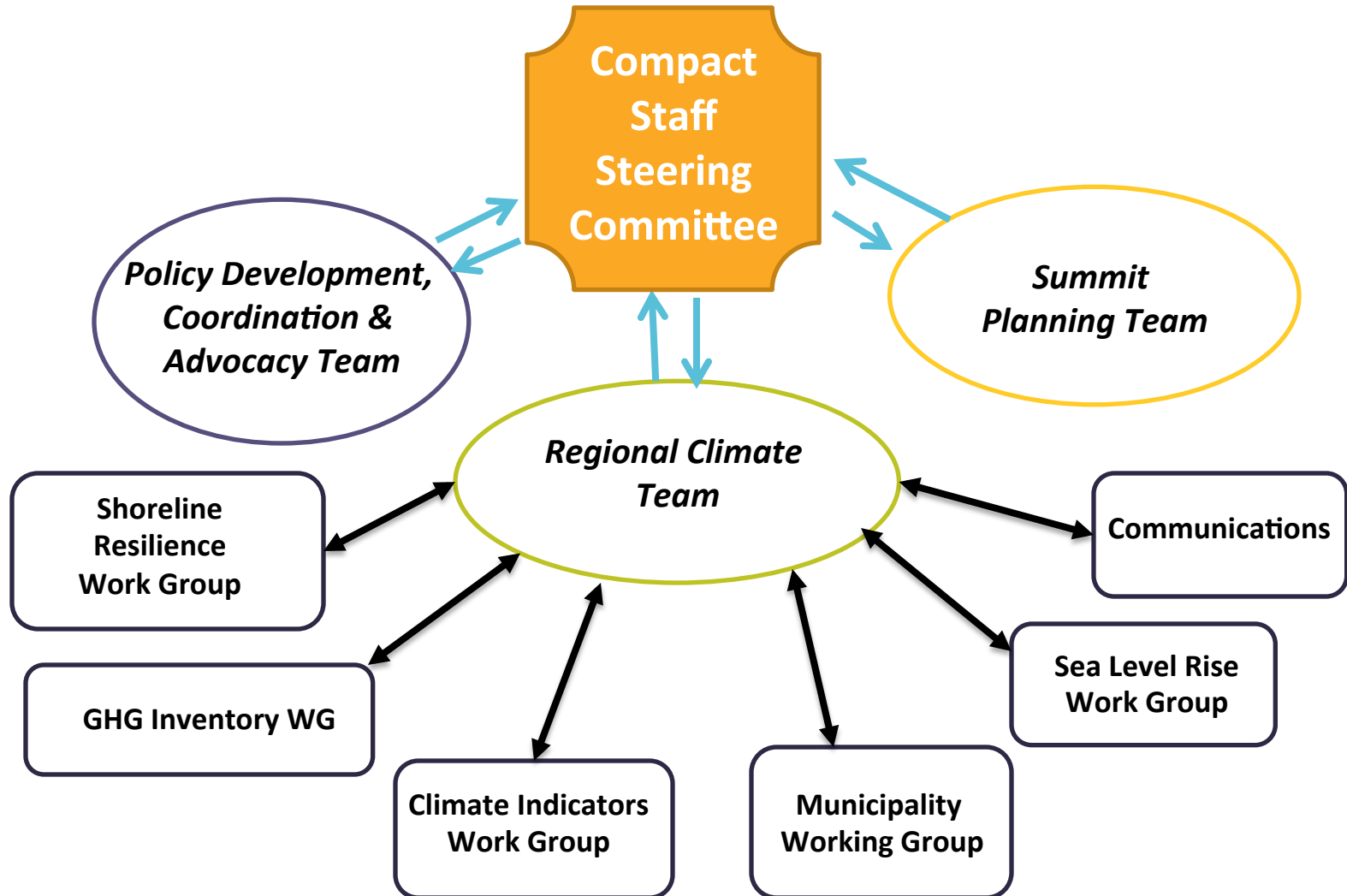
- Two representatives from each county government
- One municipal representative from each county
- Non-voting representatives
 - Facilitator
 - Regional Agencies
 - Environmental



INSTITUTE FOR
Sustainable
Communities



Compact Organizational Structure



Agency Alignment and Action



Notable Outcomes & Lessons Learned

Notable Outcomes

- Regional Climate Action Plan
- Adaptation Action Area Legislation
- Successful Lobbying
- Positive Changes in Comp Plans and Planning by Cities
- Shared Vision for Success for Region

Lessons Learned

- Work is Hard and Takes Commitment
- Having a Neutral Party Assists in Facilitation
- Collaboration Provides Consistent Positive Carry Forward (through political cycles).

Regional Climate Leadership Summit

**THE 7TH ANNUAL
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
REGIONAL CLIMATE
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and
Palm Beach Counties – Florida

DECEMBER 2015

<http://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/the-summit/>



INSTITUTE FOR
**Sustainable
Communities**

Thank you!

Nancy Schneider
Institute for Sustainable Communities

nschneider@iscvt.org