



## Guiding Principles January 2023

Wilton Manors has established guiding principles for the work related to the SLR VA. These are common tenets that should frame the city's future growth and development. These guiding principles frame the analysis and recommendations geared to diverse aspects of community vulnerability, including socio-economic, environmental, real estate, and infrastructure considerations.

### Partnership & Collaboration

Climate change and its impacts do not stop at municipal borders, and the adaptation of one community can be strengthened or weakened by actions in another. The City will continue to coordinate climate adaptation efforts across neighboring jurisdictions, seek funding opportunities, consider public investments/initiatives, and examine opportunities for public-private partnerships. A key component of this principle is to make adaptation and mitigation more accessible to everyone.



### **Infrastructure & Built Environment**

Strategies to protect the built environment will incorporate the best available climate science and projections from the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact. Climate projections and adaptation strategies will be determined on a time horizon relevant to the lifespan and criticality of the asset(s) in question. The City recognizes that adaptation should balance engineering solutions, including nature-based strategies, and other long-term planning strategies. The City will identify and use science based targets (SBT) and adaptation action areas to prioritize public investments and limit new development in areas most vulnerable to climate impacts.

### **Economy**

Adapting to climate change is essential to the city's economy. Where economic development is appropriate, it will be accomplished in a manner that protects, maintains, and enhances coastal resources, the built environment, historic sites, and tourism. It will also respect local land development regulations, and where appropriate, the City will examine local land development regulations for potential improvements.





### Natural Environment

Policy development will consider climate change impacts based on the best available science and aim for the highest possible level of protection of natural resources, biodiversity, natural systems, and environmental quality. Strategies identified within the Adaptation Action Areas will allow for green or planned open space, protect and possibly expand habitats, and reduce or mitigate sources of pollution.

### Social Equity

Adaptation and resilience strategies must protect human life, public and private property, and cultural resources from climate change impacts. Actions should be prioritized with consideration to economic and social vulnerability to ensure that climate impacts do not disproportionately affect disadvantaged communities and populations.





### Emergency Response

The City will apply policies, tools, and training standards to help prepare for and respond to major disruptions resulting from climate change impacts, with the goal of maintaining and quickly recovering critical operations to reduce adverse effects on people, property, and the environment.

### Communication

The City will provide standards and guidance for stakeholder outreach and messaging by navigating social and traditional media to reach all populations, including underserved populations. Outreach materials should be available in Spanish and Haitian Creole as well as English. When necessary, the information will also be available in alternative versions for visually, hearing, or physically challenged residents. Outreach materials should always include a basic understanding of the issues, description of the solutions, and an expectation for the level of service possible in a changing environment with competing priorities. Messaging should be science-based, nonpartisan, and transparent with the aim of allowing stakeholders to make informed decisions.

