It is clear our changing climate brings new challenges to Florida.
While there are many impacts, this study focuses specifically on the interrelationship between sea level rise, population growth, and development patterns, and how our state and communities can better plan for these impacts.
This project is intended to guide Floridians to a clearer understanding of the vulnerability of our state’s lands, waters, and communities to the combined impacts of population growth, sea level rise, and development patterns.
The time is now for Florida and its communities and counties to commit to sound and fiscally responsible planning for what will be a more challenging future.
Both Sea Level 2040 and Sea Level 2070 reflect potential impacts of population growth, development patterns, and sea level rise on Florida over the coming decades.
Each includes Future Scenarios, which are a planning tool for envisioning potential futures based on reasonable assumptions to examine the potential impacts of trends and policy decisions.
Sea Level 2040 includes nearer term future scenarios that could be used for conservation and other planning, including for the Florida Wildlife Corridor.
Sea Level 2070 includes longer-term future scenarios to reflect the cumulative effects of many decisions over decades.