Martin County 2070

What can we do today to plan for a better tomorrow?
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1000 Friends of Florida

• Florida’s leading nonprofit advocate of sustainable development
• Working with citizens, community and state leaders, conservation and business groups
• Building better communities
• Saving special places
Our co-founder, Nathaniel Pryor Reed
1933-2018

His vision: Protecting Florida’s environment and quality of life by carefully managing growth

Photo by Mac Stone
1000 Friends’ highlights in Martin County

• Providing legal advocacy to Martin County citizens
• Establishing Palm Beach/Martin County Green Initiative
• Helping Martin County establish its award winning comp plan
• Helping Martin County establish and maintain its Urban Services Boundary
• Promoting economic development and smart growth
• Partnering with Martin County conservation organizations
More Martin County highlights

• Testifying against Harmony Ranch development
• Improving Pineland Prairie development proposal
• A history of standing up for planning in Martin County
• Representing Martin County interests in state Capitol
Pursuing Martin County interests in Tallahassee

- Everglades restoration
- Indian River Lagoon protection
- Amendment 1 funding
- Defending home rule
- Septic tank remediation
2018 legislative achievements

• Restoring funding for Florida Forever
• Stopping attacks on growth management
• Stopping attacks on home rule
Florida 2070 and Water 2070

• Three partners: 1000 Friends, University of Florida, Florida Agriculture Department
• One question: What is your vision for Florida’s future?
Using moderate projections, by 2070, Florida is expected to have 33.7 million residents, about 15 million more than it had in 2010.

This growth has significant impacts on Florida’s lands, waters, roads, and quality of life.
• Shows Florida of most recent census

• 15 million new residents

• Trend shows growth at current density

• What if we protect more farms and land?

• What if we prioritize walkable, livable communities?
2010 Baseline

2070 Trend

2070 Alternative

Statewide 2010 Baseline
- Developed
- Protected
- Other

Statewide 2070 Trend
- Developed
- Protected
- Other

Statewide 2070 Alternative
- Developed
- Protected
- Other

50% 19% 31%

35% 34% 31%

18% 28% 54%
Statewide 2010 Baseline
(Total demand by census block in gallons per day per acre)

Statewide 2070 Trend
(Total demand by census block in gallons per day per acre)

Statewide 2070 Alternative
(Total demand by census block in gallons per day per acre)
Benefits from compact development:

• Lower costs for taxpayers
• More transportation options
• Less time stuck in traffic
Small land-use changes: It all adds up

• The cumulative impact of multiple small land-use changes will, over time, shape the future landscape of Florida.
Population growth in Martin County

- 2010: 146,000
- 2070: 216,000
Martin County’s economic pillars

- Agriculture
- Tourism
- Growth
- Snowbirds
Two caveats

• 2070 scenarios don’t reflect Managed Growth Tier System
• 2070 scenarios don’t project impact of sea-level rise
Martin County’s growth trend

2010 Baseline

2070 Trend
A better alternative for Martin County
Martin County Water Demand in Gallons Per Day

- **2010 Baseline**
- **2070 Trend**
- **2070 Alternative**

- Development Demand
- Agriculture Demand
How to get to a better future in Martin County

• Stick with Urban Services Boundary
• Promote compact development
• Promote infill development with sensitivity to local environment, history and culture
• Locate new developed areas near other communities and infrastructure
More ways to a better future in Martin County

• Develop mixture of homes, shops, schools, offices
• Provide range of housing choices
• Provide multiple transportation options
• Protect historic, cultural, natural resources
How to protect South Florida’s water supply

• Protect land on Florida Forever and Florida Greenways lists
  • Seabransch Preserve State Park
  • Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park
• Support funding for these programs
• Create incentives and provide funding for landowners to conserve their agricultural property
• Lessen environmental impact of new development
Cut water demand outside

• Reduce water used for landscape irrigation
• Use Florida-Friendly Landscaping™
• Use properly designed and operated sprinkler systems
Cut water demand inside

- Choose Florida Water Star properties
- Follow Water Star guidelines in remodeling
- Use Water-Sense appliances
Local governments can help, too

• Require Florida Friendly Landscaping™ and provide incentives to assist with compliance
• Require permitted water users to monitor groundwater use
• Partner with developers on conservation goals before approving development
So can state government

- Increase funding for conservation programs
- Update the Florida Building Code to require water efficiency standards
- Adopt registration and training standards for irrigation pros
Key points for planning a more sustainable future for Martin County

- Stick with the Urban Services Boundary
- Follow compact development patterns
- Protect natural lands
- Save water
What you can do for a better future for your community

- Go to public hearings on planning issues
- Meet with elected officials and staff
- Talk with your neighbors
- Use Florida Friendly Landscaping™ and buy Water Star appliances
- Limit irrigation, or better yet, skip it
- Save water!
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• Please consider making a donation so we can continue to advocate on behalf of Palm Beach County:  www.1000friendsofflorida.org/product/donate/
Please plan to attend:

Admission is Free!

**Martin County 2070: What’s Next?**

Wednesday, November 28, 6:00 to 7:30
Susan H. Johnson Auditorium
Wolf High-Technology Center
Indian River State College
2400 SE Salerno Rd., Stuart

More information coming soon at
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