

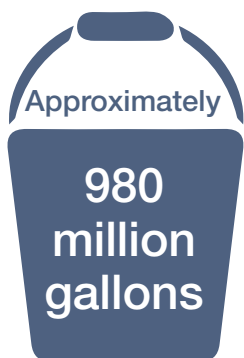
2020

Legislative Priorities



The Suncoast League of Cities supports opportunities to partner with the Florida Legislature to review and evaluate local regulations that will serve to improve the quality of life for our shared constituents within Florida cities. In 2020, we will focus on infrastructure improvements, combatting rising sea levels, and progress in resolving land use and transportation challenges.

Modernizing Waste Water Systems



of spilled waste-water have entered Florida waterways in the past decade alone.

30 percent: septic tanks used for wastewater disposal. Many are out-of-date, not inspected, or cleaned frequently enough to prevent leaks.

90 percent: Florida's ground water used for drinking. It can be protected by properly designed, constructed and maintained wastewater systems.

From 2009 to 2019:

980,000,000
Gallons of wastewater spilled

220,000,000
Gallons of raw sewage spilled

Supporting environmental and infrastructure legislation

Both have a direct impact on the quality of life and economic viability of Florida's cities.



Resiliency

The Suncoast League of Cities supports the establishment of the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection and will SUPPORT legislation to fund and coordinate state resiliency programs with those of local governments.



Transportation and Land Use Improvements

Due to their symbiotic relationship, land use patterns and transportation improvements strongly affect one another. Multimodal transportation planning, including mass transit, must be coordinated with land use planning to achieve optimal patterns of mobility.



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Learn more about the Suncoast League of Cities top 3 legislative priorities.

✓ Environmental Infrastructure

Improve sewage infrastructure in the counties that had more than ten times more wastewater spilled than other region in Florida.

Citrus
Hillsborough

Hernando
Polk

Pasco
Sarasota

Pinellas
Manatee

✓ Transportation and Land Use

43%

Estimated Tampa Bay population growth by 2045.



91%

Percentage of people living in unincorporated Pasco County, which is expected to have the greatest growth in population (64%) by 2045.

43%



The number of households in Tampa Bay with access to one car.

80%

Those who currently commute to work alone.



Highest population densities:



Downtown Tampa
USF Area
Downtown St. Petersburg

23,000,000+

Tourists who visit Tampa Bay annually and rely on regional transportation networks.

✓ Resiliency



Tampa Bay's water levels have **increased 7.8" since 1946**

The Tampa Bay Region can expect an additional **2 to 8.5 feet of sea level rise by 2100**

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