

MIAMI CONSERVANCY DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2016

Our region's water: Protecting. Preserving. Promoting.

VISION

Thriving communities, a healthy watershed, and a higher quality of life, sustained by well-managed water resources throughout the watershed.

MISSION

Protecting lives, property, and economic vitality within the Great Miami River Watershed through an integrated and balanced system that provides un failing flood protection, preserves water resources, and promotes enjoyment of our waterways.

COMMITMENT

The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) is committed to:

- Performing outstanding work to meet the needs of our constituents.
- Providing highly valued services.
- Actively pursuing mutually beneficial partnerships with stakeholders.
- Leading community initiatives when uniquely qualified to do so.
- Using public funds responsibly, ethically and prudently.
- Maintaining and supporting a highly competent, professional staff.
- Communicating effectively, timely and accurately.
- Demonstrating and promoting environmental stewardship.

GOAL 1:

Provide un failing flood protection to communities along the Great Miami River:

1. Maintain the flood protection system to ensure un failing performance.
2. Modernize and upgrade the flood protection infrastructure to improve performance and safety.
3. Reduce flood risk in the region and enhance the effectiveness of the flood protection system through non-structural means such as floodplain preservation, stormwater management, and public education and awareness.
4. Assure emergency preparedness to protect infrastructure, safeguard lives, minimize disaster damage and enhance community disaster response operations.

GOAL 2:

Promote the sustainability of the region's water resources:

1. Monitor, analyze, and report groundwater and surface water conditions.
2. Facilitate, implement, and/or support projects and programs that produce environmental benefits.
3. Raise awareness of and cultivate behaviors that recognize the importance of water resource protection.

GOAL 3:

Enhance public use and enjoyment of natural lands and river corridors:

1. Maintain and improve recreational amenities such as park areas, trails, low dams, and river access points.
2. Encourage safe use of recreational amenities.
3. Support local efforts to improve aesthetics of river corridors.
4. Cooperate with communities and park districts to construct and maintain recreational amenities on MCD property.
5. Foster conservation of natural areas.

GOAL 4:

Help communities leverage water resources as an asset to enhance economic vitality and quality of life:

1. Actively engage in initiatives to market river corridor communities.
2. Collaborate in the development of projects and programs that support sustainable use of water resources.
3. Convene partners to share information and expertise to maximize opportunities for our water resources to impact business growth and community development.