



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Florida Stormwater Association (FSA)
FSA Stormwater Excellence Awards Committee

Re: FSA Stormwater Program Award

Dear: FSA Stormwater Excellence Awards Committee

The Town of Cutler Bay, Florida (population 45,026) is nominated for the Florida Stormwater Association **Stormwater Program** Award for its innovative, financially sustainable, and climate-responsive municipal stormwater program. Since incorporation in 2005, the Town has transformed a traditionally maintenance-based drainage system into a data-driven stormwater utility that integrates flood mitigation, water quality improvement, permit compliance, intergovernmental coordination, and long-term resiliency planning.

Stormwater management is implemented through coordinated leadership between the Department of Public Works and the Department of Planning and Zoning. Public Works oversees the Stormwater Utility Division, including engineering design, capital project delivery, system maintenance, regulatory compliance, and water quality initiatives. Planning and Zoning integrates stormwater performance standards into development review and land use planning. Personnel include the Director of Public Works, Assistant Director of Public Works, Planning and Zoning Director and consultants. Notably, seven Town employees are Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs)—an exceptional level of in-house expertise for a municipality of this size. This depth of credentialed staff strengthens regulatory compliance, enhances CRS performance, and ensures best management practices are embedded into daily operations and capital planning.

The Town's stormwater program is funded through a dedicated Stormwater Utility Fund, supported primarily by stormwater utility fees assessed to property owners and collected annually through the Miami-Dade County property tax bill. This collection mechanism ensures stable revenue, administrative efficiency, and long-term financial predictability. The Town further leverages State grants, ARPA allocations, and transportation trust funds to accelerate capital improvements without increasing utility rates. This diversified funding strategy maximizes return on investment and demonstrates fiscal innovation in public-sector stormwater finance.

The Town's existing goals are guided by its Stormwater Master Plan (2008) and 2024 Stormwater Master Plan Update. The 2024 update represents a significant advancement in municipal stormwater planning by incorporating forward-looking hydraulic modeling that accounts for approximately six inches of observed sea level rise. A key innovation is the creation of a structured project bank identifying 38 priority sub-basins, enabling data-driven, risk-based capital investment decisions. This transparent prioritization framework ensures equitable infrastructure investment and provides a scalable model for other Florida communities.





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Project implementation further reflects innovation through integrated infrastructure delivery. The \$16.1 million Franjo Road Complete Streets Project combined major storm drainage upgrades with multimodal transportation enhancements, demonstrating cross-sector coordination and maximizing public investment. The \$10.9 million Caribbean Boulevard Improvements incorporated expanded conveyance capacity and flood retention measures while reallocating unused funds to extend project scope. Environmental initiatives, including the Lakes by the Bay Hardwood Hammock Project, integrate natural flood buffering and water quality improvement strategies.

By institutionalizing resilience planning, maintaining an unusually high concentration of Certified Floodplain Managers, diversifying funding streams, and implementing a scalable sub-basin prioritization model, the Town of Cutler Bay has established a forward-thinking stormwater program that advances flood risk reduction, water quality protection, and long-term financial sustainability while serving as an innovative model for municipalities statewide.





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Re: Supporting Documentation

1. Press Releases

This section includes links to press releases detailing the significant projects Alfredo Quintero has managed, focusing on flood risk management, infrastructure improvements, and community engagement.

- Franjo Road Complete Streets Project (Groundbreaking and Updates)
 - [Press Release: Franjo Road Groundbreaking](#)
 - [Press Release: Franjo Road Complete Streets Project Commencement](#)
- Town of Cutler Bay Receives Four APWA Awards
 - [Press Release: Town of Cutler Bay Receives Four APWA Awards for Outstanding Projects](#)
- Cutler Bay Achieves CRS Class 3 Community
 - [Press Release: Achieving CRS Class 3 and Flood Insurance Savings](#)
- Job Fair and Community Engagement
 - [Press Release: Job Fair Strong Community Turnout](#)
- GREEN Miami-Dade County Awards
 - [Neat Streets Miami-Dade County Awards 2023 Growing Roots for Environmentally Equitable Neighborhoods \(Green\) Miami-Dade County to The Town of Cutler Bay](#)

2. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and Videos

This section includes links to multimedia content where Alfredo Quintero has contributed his expertise in floodplain management, environmental sustainability, and community outreach.

- Franjo Road Roadway Improvement Project
 - [Cutler Bay's Franjo Roadway Improvement Project—First Public Involvement Session Announcement](#)





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- [Franjo Roadway Improvement Project First Public Involvement Session on Zoom \(November 19, 2020\)](#)
- [Franjo Road Roadway Improvements Project Public Information Session - May 2024](#)
- [Franjo Road Construction: Local Businesses Are Still Open!](#)
- [Franjo Rd Update: Phase 2 Detour Extension & Construction Progress](#)
- Public Works 3-part Presentation – Flooding Event Summary
 - [June 2022 Flooding Event Summary for Cutler Bay](#)
- 2022 Stormwater Master Plan Update
 - [Stormwater Master Plan Update](#)
- General Public Information Videos
 - [Preparing Cutler Bay for Hurricane Milton: Community Efforts and Safety Updates](#)
 - [CITT Chairman and TPO Executive Director on the Franjo Rd Project](#)
 - [Mayor Meerbott's Earth Day Message](#)
 - [Growing a Greener Future: Cutler Bay's Arbor Day Celebration](#)

