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## Biscayne Bay Summit News - June 2020

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### Biscayne Bay Taskforce Update

As many know, the Biscayne Bay Task Force's (BBTF) creation by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) was a direct result of the advocacy efforts from the first Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit (BBMHS) held in 2017.

The BBTF convened its first meeting in June 2019 and tasked to review prior studies, relevant data, and ...

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## Corps awards \$7.7 million contract for Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District awarded a \$7.7 million contract for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project, an Everglades restoration project in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The \$7,759,000 construction contract was awarded May 13 to the Kiewit Infrastructure South Company, of Sunrise, Florida. The contract is for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase I Construction Project, L-31 Flow-.....

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## Out of sight, still a blight

Known to pollute water, leaky septic tanks can also pose problems for human health. Whether they can spread COVID-19 is uncertain.

## Out of Sight, Still a Blight

Raised along Miami's Biscayne Bay, Marcelo Fernandes always had a favorite snorkeling spot, a 50-by-100-foot area where he could swim above coral reefs as recently as 2015. But a few years ago, he couldn't find it. He must have lost the coordinates, he thought. Then it hit him: He did find his spot, but the corals had died.

Fernandes lives in a lush neighborhood called Bay Homes Park in south Coconut Grove, where tropical plants and flowers burst along narrow streets. Despite the upscale ...

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## Turkey Point is About to Get a New Pollution Permit. Critics Say Not So Fast

Opposition is mounting to a [proposed pollution permit](#) that would, for the first time, allow water seeping from a 5,900-acre network of cooling canals at Florida Power & Light's Turkey Point nuclear plant to move beyond plant boundaries in southern Miami-Dade County.

The proposed permit, a revision to a February 2019 draft...

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### Key Biscayne Water Quality

As part of our mission to ensure swimmable, drinkable, and fishable water in Miami-Dade, Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Citizen Scientist Project, Village of Key Biscayne, and Miami Waterkeeper have launched a water quality monitoring program to sample sites in Key Biscayne on a weekly basis for the sewage-associated bacteria enterococcus.

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### During Deluge, 1.8 Million Gallons of Sewage Spilled From Miami-Dade's North Plant

About 1.8 million gallons of sewage spilled from Miami-Dade's North wastewater treatment plant on Monday, a spokeswoman said, blaming the failure on heavy rains and improperly flushed materials. Jennifer Messemer, a spokeswoman for the county agency, said repair crews were able to fix the problem after 7 p.m.

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### Partnership with the International Seakeepers Society Provides New Opportunities for Youth

One of our underlying goals at Miami Waterkeeper is to make meaningful connections between people and the water surrounding their communities. To accomplish this goal we seek creative ways for members of our community here in South Florida, particularly youth, to engage in water related education in order to foster environmental stewardship and advocacy. In doing so, we often find ...

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## Resilient Forward Podcast Episode - Stopping Pollution at our Drains - Podcast

For the [Resilient Forward Podcast](#), SOP Technologies CEO, Emilio Lopez, speaks with Irela Bague about water pollution and new, cost-effective ways to address pollution at the source. Click below to listen to the interview.

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## Mangroves' Basics

Mangrove trees are an important part of Florida's diverse ecosystem and are integral to the coastal intertidal zones where they grow.

Mangrove forests in the tropics and subtropics are identifiable by their dense tangle of prop roots that help the trees handle the rise and fall of the tides. This dense ...

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## University of Miami Lakeside Student Community Housing Gets Green Roofs

The \$153 million, 12-acre Lakeside Village incorporates 25 interconnected buildings snaking around courtyards and outdoor spaces overlooking Lake Osceola at the UM's Coral Gables campus. Amenities include recreational spaces, study areas, a large flexible exhibition space, an auditorium, a classroom, a multi-use pavilion and, of course, housing for 1,115 students.

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## Shores Forward: Ocean Conservancy & City of Miami Partnership - December 13, 2019



The City of Miami is the first ever “Shores Forward” partner, a brand new initiative led by Ocean Conservancy to partner with local leaders in the fight to conserve Florida’s most treasured asset: its marine environment.

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### Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit Coalition

*The purpose of the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Coalition is to establish collaboration amongst diverse stakeholders in order to create an effective Action Plan for reducing pollutants in Biscayne Bay as well as Miami-Dade’s canals and rivers.*

**Founder & Project Coordinator:** Luiz Rodrigues

**Steering Committee Members:** Albert Gomez, Camila Quaresma, Dave Doeblner, Emilio Lopez, Irela Bagué, Patrick Shearer, Scott Strippling and Steve Sauls.



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