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Government needs to take bold action to save Biscayne Bay and our supply of clean water

It seems like every week brings a new, more alarming reminder of the mounting threats to our community's water system.

In August, a grand jury declared that the health of Biscayne Bay is near an ecological tipping point, and if we don't act, the damage may become irreversible.

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City of South Miami is Protecting the Biscayne Bay with Stormwater Filters

SOP Technologies and the environmental nonprofit <u>Send It 4</u> <u>The Sea</u> went to an area of South Miami to measure the pollution prevented by 19 of the SOP Technologies stormwater filters. Data were collected on 6/17/2020, a couple of days after the streets were cleaned on 6/15/2020. 35 pounds of leaves, trash and debris were collected in front of the stormwater filters.

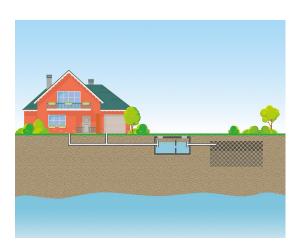
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Miami Waterkeeper Comments on BBTF Draft Report

The Biscayne Bay Task Force (BBTF) is a nine-member interdisciplinary group tasked with reviewing relevant data, prior studies, and reports related to Biscayne Bay. Their objective is to create a comprehensive report with written recommendations to the Mayor and County Commissioners regarding Biscayne Bay restoration ...

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The Coral Gables Problem Beneath the Surface

Nearly Half of Coral Gables Residences are on Septic Tanks. Many May be Leaking. As Sea Levels Rise, How Big a Problem is That?

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Saving Seagrasses May Keep Carbon Dioxide Out of the Atmosphere

That was among the takeaways presented by marine scientist James Fourqurean of the FIU Institute of Environment during a webinar on World Oceans Day presented by the U.S. Consulate General in Perth, Australia. Fourqurean, a leading expert in Blue Carbon and seagrass ecologywho is director of the institute's Coastlines and Oceans Division, presented his work along with Ocean ...

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A \$5 billion Band-Aid': Community groups push back on Army Corps plan for Miami-Dade

In the past decade or so, the Miami-Dade area has come up with plenty of ideas to address sea level rise and storm surge flooding. None of them involved a wall down the coast of the county until the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers unveiled its draft plan to protect the region.

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What's in a Watershed? A Look into the Waterways We Protect



Miami Waterkeeper operates in the two most populous counties in the State of Florida, Miami Dade and Broward Counties. These counties have more than 4.5 million residents combined. Our region has over 470 miles of waterways, including South Florida's coastline, canals, rivers, streams, and other bodies of water. Where we work is important to our local culture, economy, and history, and we wanted to show you just what our watershed

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Biscayne Bay Urban Coral Nursery: A Unique Success!

On June 9th 2020 a Coral Morphologic dream was actualized with the State-permitted collection of fragments from two ultra-rare hybrid Acropora prolifera coral colonies we've been monitoring since 2009 that are growing (quite unexpectedly) along the seawalls of Fisher Island.

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FPL Drops Plan to Use Treated Sewage in Nuke Plant Cooling Canals. Critics Still Concerned

Florida Power & Light has abandoned a plan to use treated wastewater to freshen the troubled cooling canal system at its Turkey Point nuclear plant, striking at least one concern off a <u>list of environmental issues</u> surrounding the facility along south Biscayne Bay.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

• July 17, 2020, 10 am to 12 pm - US EST - Sargassum Issues And Solutions: Events & Webinars - 2020 Webinar Series - Presentations by government entities working on managing Sargassum in South Florida. CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

The Biscayne Bay Summit News is a monthly newsletter promoting post-Summit news, including restoration and preservation initiatives being planned or initiated by key Biscayne Bay Stakeholders.

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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 Doebler, Emilio Lopez, Irela Bagué, Patrick Shearer, Scott Strippling and Steve Sauls.







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