

Monroe County Roadshow Work Groups Top Priorities

Environment, Natural Resources, & Agriculture Work Group

- Top Priorities
 - Water quality, Habitat protection,
 - Conservation of upland habitats
 - Redevelopment opportunities
 - Climate Change
 - Long shoreline – what may we lose?

Development Patterns (Housing, Transportation, Healthy Communities) Work Group

- Top Priorities
 - Environment / Infrastructure
 - Improved intergovernmental communication
 - Both within the county & with adjacent counties
 - Hurricane evacuation concerns
 - Sewage overflow
 - Dumped in ocean, brings it to the Keys
 - Other counties need to raise the cost of water
 - Monroe uses less water & is more expensive here
 - They should preserve water as well
 - Affordable Workforce Housing
 - Need balance of workers and services
 - Tier System of Lands
 - Infrastructure
 - Climate Change
 - Transportation Infrastructure
 - Expect less population in 50 years
 - Still need public transportation
 - Redevelopment Focus
 - Architectural guidelines for the character for each region of the Keys
 - Keep the Character – Keep it Funky
 - Cuba – what will our relationship be in the future
 - Health Impacts
 - Need proper facilities for the elderly

Education, Workforce & Economic Development Work Group

- Top Priorities
 - New Priority – Official Sustainable Economic Plan for Monroe County
 - Some entity/agency/collaboration to create a common vision/plan
 - What types of lifestyles are envisioned
 - Create Economic Development around those lifestyles
 - Use the internet and online industries
 - Fishing industry?
 - Education for future jobs
 - Science
 - Biotech
 - Environmental science
 - We need to be leaders in education
 - Also higher education
 - Retraining in job skills
 - Concerns about Military/benefits that can come from them? (not discussed in group)
 - Military is separate, don't have much control
 - Healthcare
 - Provide incentives for types of employers we want
 - Decide what economic system do we want? Work together to attract those employers

Community Assets & Culture Work Group

- Top Priorities
 - Cultivate & create jobs in the creative industries
 - Not just art, what attracts people?
 - Architecture, etc.
 - Cultural history
 - Cultural tourism
 - Internet jobs, commuting by Wi-Fi
 - Arts are clean & green
 - Need investment structure for the arts
- Value human scale of each community
 - How do we foster & encourage
- Leveraging natural and cultural assets in a sustainable manner
 - Protect reef

- Protect barriers
- Sponging, wrecking,
- Culture encompasses economic opportunities

Inclusive Regional Leadership & Equity Work Group

- Transportation – linkages to workforce housing
- Climate change
- Arts
- Equity issues?
 - Access to higher education
 - Willingness to collaborate \$ to get institutions here
 - Fish, Drink & Think (tagline)
 - Rural communities
 - Access to groceries

Climate Resilience Work Group

- 3 primary vulnerabilities
 - Fresh water supply
 - Impact on marine life
 - Impact of sea level rise on land
- Steps
 - Vulnerability analysis
 - Exists but needs to be refined
 - What is most vulnerable
 - What are we going to do about it?
 - Ensure fresh water supply
 - Infrastructure
 - Wastewater
 - Transportation
 - Storm preparedness
 - Climate change/sea level rise concerns
 - Importance of marine industries on Monroe County economy