

Ideas for Medium and Large Local Governments

Medium – Large Governments

- Implement the requirements of HB 697 independently
- Work with the County and other local governments on initiatives to make the entire county more resilient to sea level rise and other impacts of climate change
- Work with the County to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through land use and transportation planning on a countywide basis

Additionally, the ideas for small local governments may apply as well:

Small Governments

- Work with the County and other local governments on initiatives to make the entire county more resilient to sea level rise
- Make wise land use decisions, requiring the development of property in a way that protects buildings from the impacts of sea level rise
- Require the retention of existing tree and vegetation cover
- Encourage the installment of additional tree and vegetation cover in all new and redeveloped properties
- Encourage (incentivize?) the development of renewable energy resources on individual parcels within the boundaries of the jurisdiction
 - Residential and commercial solar projects
- Require the construction of all government buildings to meet standards of an approved green building program
- Require energy efficiency in all government operations
 - Increased fleet vehicle fuel efficiency standards
 - Use of alternative fuels for fleet vehicles
 - Use of renewable energy to power local government operations (solar)???
- Encourage enhanced energy efficiency construction standards in all new development
- Work with DOT (is Gulf Blvd a state highway??) to increase the number of miles of bike lanes along Gulf Blvd. and within boundaries of the jurisdiction