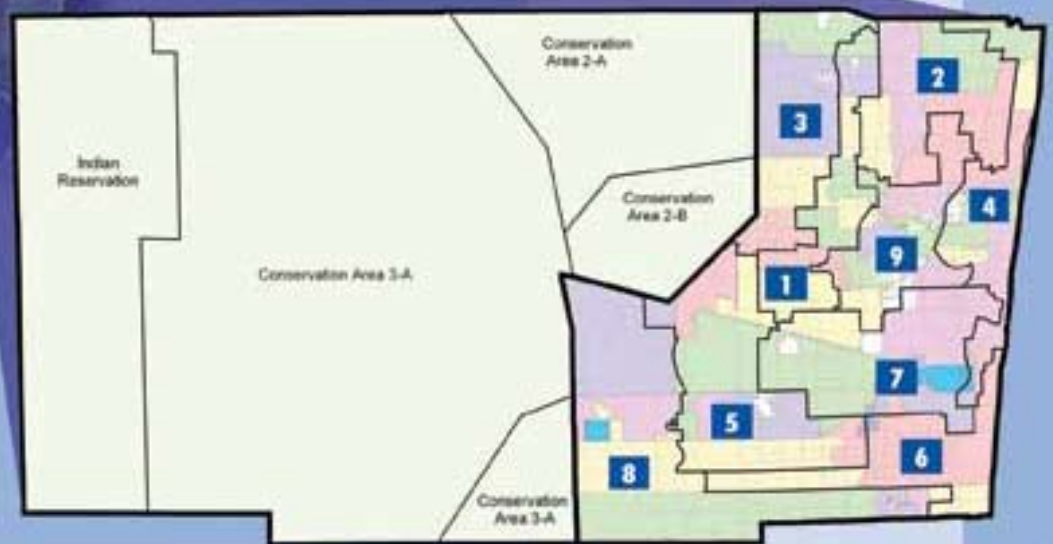


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Excerpts... State of the County Address

When I first took office as the Mayor of Broward County, I promised to bring consensus to this Board so we could move forward on the pressing issues facing us in the year ahead.

Shortly after I assumed my duties as Mayor last November, I knew that we had an obligation to reduce spending and streamline operations. We all heard the concerns and demands for lower taxes.

We took the initiative before state lawmakers even began discussing the subject. We pushed forward a zero-based budget that was based on performance, expense and need.

I presided over five budget workshops in the spring and summer and for the first time public participation was promoted and publicized so that the public could have an early say in forming the budget. From the very beginning members of the public engaged in the budget process, came to these meetings, told us what they wanted and in the end we would make history.

We created and adopted [Fiscal Year 2008] budget with a precedent-setting decrease in the millage rate of 13 percent, the largest known reduction ever made in Broward County.

This is a major contraction of government. We were determined to make this happen, no matter what mandates were handed down by state lawmakers, because we know that County government is the government closest to the people and that we are obligated to reflect their wishes, hopes and concerns.

As I reflect on our accomplishments and achievements, I am pleased to report that the state of the County is excellent.

...but we face significant challenges ahead. Government can not be all things to all people. We must always remember that there is a price tag for every service and program we provide.

While each of us seeks to represent the residents in our respective districts, we must always remember that we are a regional government and our decisions affect the entire County.

There will always be differences of opinion and issues that divide us. This is democracy in its truest form. But, in the end, we must come together with one voice to speak for the residents of Broward County.

Josephus Eggelletion, Jr.

November 27, 2007



**Mayor
Josephus Eggelletion, Jr.
Broward County Commission
FY2006 - 2007**



Central Broward Regional Park



Bertha Henry
Broward County
Interim Administrator



Tree Tops Park

Interim County Administrator's Message

The 2006-2007 Annual Report details the progress, achievements and accomplishments of County government as it focuses on regional issues for the County's 1.8 million residents.

Working to carry out the visions, policies and directives of the Board of County Commissioners, the employees of Broward County continue to strive for proficiency, efficiency and excellence in serving our diverse, multicultural community.

A strategic business plan template was designed to provide a consistent development process and reporting format for each agency based on its mission, mandates, strategic concerns and allocated resources.

As we reflect on the past year, notable progress was achieved by working together to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

Despite major budget reductions and curtailment of spending, employees rose to the challenge to support and implement the quality of life issues endorsed by the County Commission. More extensive programs to safeguard health and property were instituted. New housing initiatives were introduced to provide affordable shelter. A number of measures were undertaken to prepare residents for hurricanes and other emergencies. New parks and libraries, approved by voter referendums, have been built and enhanced. Steps were taken to improve air and water quality. Public transportation was expanded while highways were improved for safety and traffic flow. With County assistance, new jobs were created by the private sector. E-government was expanded to maximize efficiency and bring government closer to the people we serve.

While Broward County faces a number of challenges in the year ahead, particularly balancing the demands for services with a reduction in revenues, I am optimistic that our past record will serve as a solid foundation for success in the future.

Bertha Henry

Budget/Financial Management

Rising property values, coupled with the inequities in the Save Our Homes amendment to the Florida Constitution, created an unfair method of taxation in Broward County and throughout our state. To address the issue, in September of 2006, the County Commission reduced the Fiscal Year 2007 budget by \$10 million, and the following year reduced the budget by approximately \$90 million, the largest spending decrease in the County's history. It marked the ninth year in a row that the millage rate was reduced or remained the same.

In anticipation of mandated and future budget reductions, the Commission embarked on a new process during 2007, Zero-Based Program Performance Outcomes, to evaluate programs and services in determining whether they were priorities and/or economically feasible. Five budget workshops were held in the spring and summer. Public participation was encouraged and publicized. The end result was the adoption of a budget for the Fiscal Year 2008, which resulted in a decrease in the County's millage rate of 13 percent, the largest known decrease in Broward County history. The reduction resulted in an average savings of \$143 for homeowners occupying homesteaded property.

To accomplish this, a gap of \$90 million between projected revenues and expenses had to be filled—programs and services were reduced and 316 positions were eliminated from the payroll. Because of a restrictive hiring policy during the year, no layoffs of County personnel were necessary.

While ad valorem taxes account for slightly more than 60 percent of General Fund revenues—a critical revenue stream—Broward County's fiscal state is sound and solvent and utilizes proactive, prudent management practices as reflected in the County's general fund reserve level. The County's \$2 billion investment portfolio earned the highest possible rating from Standard & Poor's (AAAF/S1+), making it the first County portfolio in the state to receive this rating. Investments within the portfolio earned interest income of \$128.7 million and the average portfolio yield for Broward County's investments increased from 4.4 percent to 5.2 percent.

With a moderate debt level, Broward County refinanced taxpayer-supported debt and realized savings of over \$7 million. The County's bond rating was affirmed at the strong AA level.

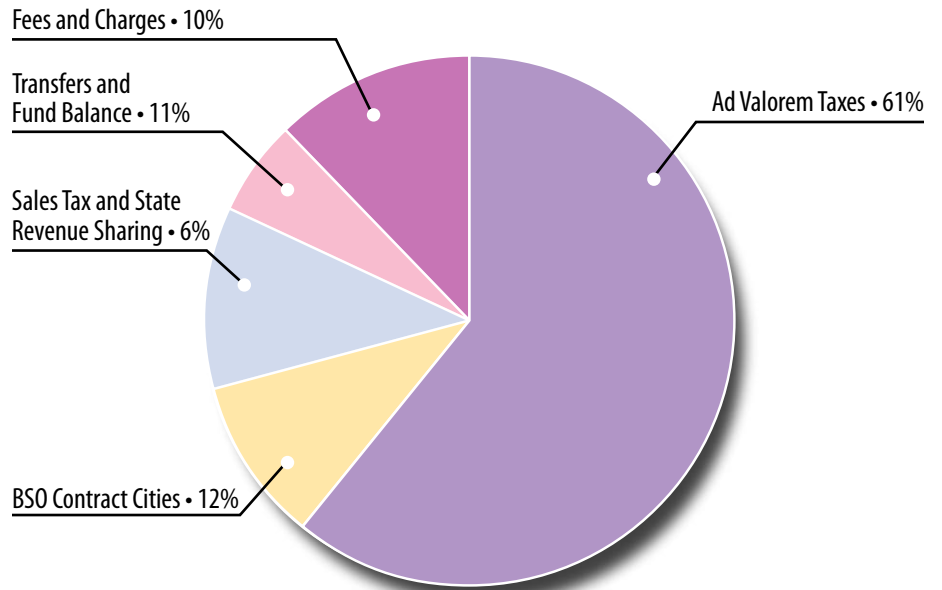


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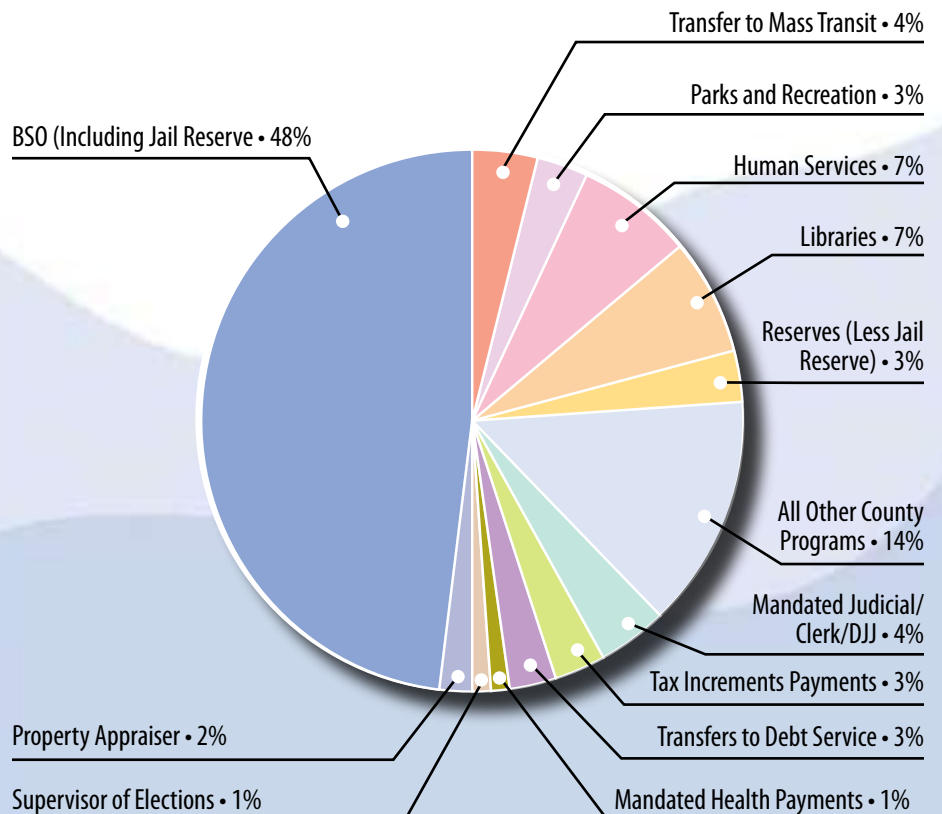
Portfolio Investments

- Refinanced a portion of General Obligation Bonds Series 2001 (Libraries), generating net present value savings of \$4.23 million. Average annual savings: approximately \$390,000
- Refinanced a portion of the General Obligation Bonds Series 2004 (Parks/Land Preservation), generating net present value savings of \$2.64 million. Average annual savings: approximately \$246,000
- Refinanced the 1997 First Florida Governmental Financing Commission Revenue Bonds, generating net present value savings of more than \$570,000. Average annual savings: approximately \$256,000

Overview of General Fund Revenues



How FY 2007 Recurring General Revenues Are Allocated



Economic Development

In an effort to increase the County's focus on international trade and the economy, the Office of Economic Development and the Broward Economic Partnership—which includes municipalities, the Broward Alliance and other economic groups—helped in the creation of almost 1,500 new value-added jobs and the retention of more than 2,500 existing jobs. Working through the partnership, Broward County provided direct assistance to more than 366 companies, including technical support, expansion, relocation and retention. Under the capital formation program, Broward County was instrumental in providing \$28.6 million of work in Industrial Revenue Bond financing. In total, the County's economic development efforts resulted in almost \$82 million in new capital investment.

In continuing its outreach to the global community, Broward County led or participated in three outbound (Brazil, Chile and Mexico) and six inbound international trade missions. The Mayor's mission to Merida and Guadalajara, Mexico, comprised of 20 business leaders from banking, manufacturing, communications, health, shipping and aviation is indicative of the County's success. The first immediate benefit for Broward County was a memorandum of understanding between the Latin Business Association and the Office of Economic Development. The memorandum designates Broward County as the host for the first virtual office for trade and investment. The second result is the relocation and expansion of a manufacturing company in Broward County in 2008.



*(Photos, top and bottom)
Broward County trade mission to Mexico.*



Broward County's Economic Engines: Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Port Everglades Tourism



The major engines of Broward County's economy—aviation, the port and tourism all show signs of vitality and growth.

At Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, passenger traffic was projected to increase by more than five percent in 2007—with a record number of 22 million passengers using the facility.

To accommodate expected increases in passengers and flights, Broward County continued an extensive community outreach program to educate and inform the public about future runway alternatives. In June, the Commission voted to approve a south runway alternative for the airport, which includes mitigation for the surrounding neighborhoods before the runway extension is fully utilized.

The County secured \$18.4 million in federal funding for a permanent automated baggage screening system in Terminal 1 and nearly \$10 million was received in grants from state and federal agencies for security, noise mitigation and other projects. For the ninth consecutive year, the international airport received "zero discrepancies" in the annual CFR Part 139 inspection by the Federal Aviation Administration.

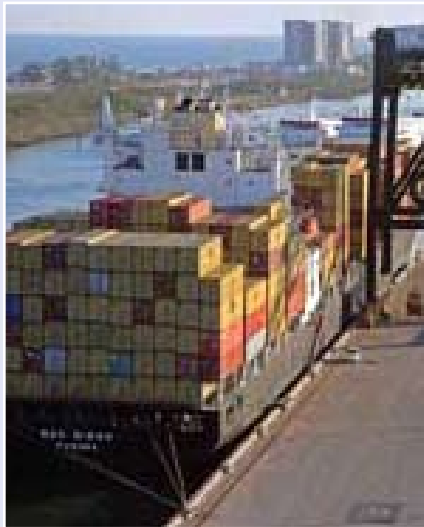
North Perry Airport, operated by the Broward County Aviation Department, was named "General Aviation Airport" of the year by the Florida Department of Transportation.

Port Everglades experienced its third year of record growth in containerized cargo with an eight percent increase in tonnage and a ten percent increase in containerized cargo. Increased volume points to Port Everglades surpassing the Port of Miami by the end of calendar year 2007.

Port Everglades continues to be one of the top three cruise ports in the world, breaking a record on December 23, 2006, with 47,229 passengers accommodated on a single day. A new milestone in daily cruise activity was recorded in 2007 when the fifteen-millionth passenger embarked from the port.

The port will welcome six cruise ships to its fleet in 2008, three of which are making their United States debuts. In total, Port Everglades expects to host 3.4 million passengers sailing aboard 40 cruise ships from 15 cruise lines during the 2008 cruising season.

As the Port Everglades Master Plan Update progressed during 2007, it was approved by County Commission in December 2007.



Port Everglades prepared and submitted a formal expansion application to the Foreign Trade Zones Board to permanently designate more areas in the County suitable for use in foreign-trade zone activities. It is anticipated this action will result in a more favorable business environment for international trade companies utilizing the port, airport and ground transport infrastructure.

The port installed new energy-efficient equipment in the cruise terminals and office buildings to cut greenhouse emissions by 9.8 million pounds annually, which will result in savings of more than \$4.55 million in energy costs over the next decade.

An independent analysis of the economic impact at Port Everglades indicated that economic activity exceeded \$17 million. More than 188,000 jobs are generated through port activities, including 11,000 people who work for companies that provide direct services to Port Everglades. It is estimated that this economic activity generates \$6.4 billion in total personal income and \$589 million in total state and local taxes.

Tourism, the third component of the County's economic engine, continues to play a major role in the South Florida economy, particularly in Broward County. Total 2007 fiscal year-to-date tourist tax revenues are up four percent, with overall collections at a record-breaking \$41 million. The average daily hotel room rate rose to more than \$123, the highest figure in the destination's history.

During the past year, Broward County hosted more than 10.5 million visitors—a new record—with an economic impact estimated at \$9 billion. Future convention bookings broke previous records, with a strong appeal to world-class collegiate, amateur and professional sports groups. This past year, 320 athletic groups visited the area, with an economic impact of \$627 million—employing more than 114,000 in the region. Playing host to the 2007 Super Bowl, Broward County and the South Florida region benefited from the annual football championship, which had an economic impact of approximately \$183 million.

By the end of calendar year 2007, the County Commission was moving forward with its plans to approve a world-class hotel adjacent to the Broward County Convention Center.



Community Wellness



2007 Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation food drive



Baiting program to combat rabies



Broward County 2007 Elder Health Services Summit

Safeguarding the health and welfare of Broward County's residents continues to be a major focus of County government.

The County's Human Services Department assisted more than 56,000 residents during the past year, while an additional 125,000 clients received services through contracted providers.

To assist Broward County in its efforts, grant awards totaling approximately \$7.8 million were received for programs and services for the homeless, elderly, disabled and those with substance abuse needs. The Sexual Assault Treatment Center was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence for being state-certified as a rape crisis center. Through the One Community Partnership, more than 1,000 families are now receiving "wraparound" service, which includes a number of programs offering wellness, educational and financial support to children and families who are experiencing emotional and behavioral problems. More than 200 community provider personnel have been trained for this program.

The Substance Abuse and Health Care Services Division, which provides specialty treatment for individuals with co-occurring disorders, was expanded from one service location in Fort Lauderdale to two additional locations—Lauderhill and Hollywood.

During the past year, Broward County received and spent \$5.6 million in hurricane relief funding to assist more than 700 Broward County elders impacted by Hurricane Wilma. The funding supported temporary rental and housing assistance, as well as home repair expenses. The County's Human Services Department worked in partnership with the County's municipalities to develop and implement a database to register vulnerable residents in the community—in the event of a hurricane or other emergency.

During 2007, the third year of the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program was completed. More than 200,000 rabies vaccination fish baits were distributed throughout the County.

In January 2007, the first Broward Elder Services Summit was held—bringing together more than 300 elders, caregivers, providers and stakeholders to review the primary Updated Elder Analysis findings. The summit produced extremely useful dialogue, which will assist in establishing priorities for the future.

Transportation

Transportation continues to be a vital concern of residents, as well as visitors. Steps have been taken this year to improve mobility throughout the County. The Mass Transit Division was elevated to an office under County Administration and became the Broward County Office of Transportation in February.

In 2007, Broward County conducted a Transit Summit at the Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale, attended by approximately 200 elected officials, community and business leaders and concerned citizens. Following the summit, a community forum on transit was held at the South Regional/BCC Library in Pembroke Pines. The forum and future venues are designed to inform the public about transit issues and to solicit community input on public transportation concerns and solutions.



Ridership on Broward County Transit—BCT—continued to increase, reaching 39.2 million passenger trips a year, or a nearly five percent increase over 2006. Broward County entered into partnerships with 23 of the County's 31 municipalities for community bus service. Hallandale Beach and Wilton Manors are the newest partners. Additional community bus service was added to five existing partner cities. Ridership on community buses continues to show a slight increase.

This year, Broward County conducted groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Northeast Neighborhood Transit Center in Pompano Beach and launched limited-stop "Breeze" service along State Road 7 and U.S. 1. A new route was added along Stirling Road, between U.S. 1 and Flamingo Road, and more frequent service has been added to several routes.

County Commissioners approved a program to provide bus passes at a reduced fare to agencies that serve homeless individuals, and Paratransit Services introduced its newly restructured Transportation Options—or TOPS—program to provide a better quality of service to paratransit customers. The County received a \$3.36 million award from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to provide services for persons not eligible for services from other federal, state or local agencies.



Broward County began three major highway construction projects in 2007—Sheridan Street, from S.W. 184 Avenue to S.W. 196 Avenue—Sunrise Boulevard, from Hiatus Road to Pine Island Road—and, Plantation Bridges, from S.W. 125 Avenue to Commodore Drive.

Workers installed 330 transfer switches at signalized intersections to allow generators to be hooked up when the power fails during emergencies. More than 10,000 emergency Stop/No Right Turn signs were distributed to municipalities to assist in traffic flow during power failures.

The design phase of the mast-arm conversion project for traffic signal locations was completed for 44 locations and workers retimed ten arterials and evaluated the signal timing at nearly 900 intersections. In addition, the County installed 250 emergency vehicle preemption systems.

Housing/Redevelopment



Housing, a high profile issue for the County Commission, received a major boost this year when the County's Housing and Community Development Division and the Housing Finance Authority rolled out its new home ownership program, designed to help homebuyers achieve the dream of home ownership.

The most recent phase of the 2007 Home Ownership Program offers a 30-year, fixed-rate first mortgage at 6.60 percent and four percent of the full loan amount to be credited to down payment or closing costs. The program is available to residents purchasing new or existing housing and is not restricted to first-time buyers, but residents must meet standard credit requirements.

The County issued a total of \$93 million in revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to finance the rehabilitation and preserve the affordability period on more than 1,000 units, all of which will provide rental housing for persons and families of low and moderate income.

The Housing and Community Development Division provided \$4.5 million in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds to assist in closing costs and down payment assistance and additional funds to assist homeowners with minor repairs and barrier-free retrofitting.

The County has continued to make progress on construction of affordable housing in the central County neighborhoods of Roosevelt Gardens and Washington Park. Contracts have been awarded or are in the process of being finalized for 66 affordable single family homes. The next phases to be implemented will involve more houses in these neighborhoods and in the central Broward County neighborhoods of Boulevard Gardens and Franklin Park.

In addition, the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness was implemented with an objective of increasing mobile homeless outreach countywide.

Broward County completed the twelfth year of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, designed to improve some unincorporated areas recently annexed communities. To date, 43 bid packages have been completed or are underway, for a total of \$435 million. More than 140 miles of sanitary sewer have been placed, 135 miles of water mains installed, and 115 miles of drainage pipes have been laid. The program has eliminated nearly 8,000 septic tanks.



Progress was substantial in funding several Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) during the past year. In April, the County disbursed a loan of \$3 million – convertible to a grant – to the Lauderhill CRA, for acquisition, demolition, and clearing on a site within the State Road 7 corridor. In addition, the County entered into agreements for grants of up to \$2.3 million for roadway and utility work in the corridor. In Central Lauderhill, the County agreed to provide up to \$3.8 million for a linear park and roadway improvements. An agreement was successfully negotiated with the City of Oakland Park and the Oakland Park CRA, to provide up to \$13 million in County funding for public improvement projects, including roadway construction, streetscape improvements, park upgrades and a downtown park gateway.

Environmental Protection



Protecting Broward County's air, water and unique environment remain priority concerns for the County Commission. In 2007, Broward County contracted with a consultant on the County's hydrologic model to develop a master plan that will identify alternative water supply projects and water management strategies, capable of satisfying the County's water demands through 2025. The County continues the development of the coastal water quality monitoring program, aimed at protecting Broward's coastal resources, worth an estimated \$2.1 billion in revenue.

Broward County maintained compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and sustained the air quality designation status of attainment for ozone.

Monitoring continues along Segment III of the Beach Renourishment Project, which was completed in late 2006. The project involved placing 1.9 million cubic yards of sand along 6.8 miles of beach in southern Broward County. By the end of 2008, the County expects to complete plans and obtain permits for Segment II, which includes Fort Lauderdale beaches and surrounding areas.

County Commissioners approved the Boat Facility Siting component of the state-required Manatee Protection Plan. Funding for implementation of the siting plan will come from a combination of one-time impact fees for new slips and a yearly manatee mitigation fee, assessed on all facilities regulated by the plan.



Emergency Planning

While some residents are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Wilma in 2005, steps were taken during 2007 to better prepare Broward County and its residents for a future hurricane or other disaster.

During 2007, more than 350 County and city employees were trained on the Incident Command System at our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). A second annual Hurricane Expo was held in early June at the EOC, exceeding attendance estimates for the first expo. With the beginning of the hurricane season in June, Broward County sent an updated 2007 Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide to every household in the County. For the second year in a row, Broward County hosted the Governor's Hurricane Conference in May, attended by more than 4,000 participants.

To enhance future preparedness for emergency situations, the Fort Lauderdale Urban Area Security Initiative—which includes Broward County—was awarded \$6.5 million in federal funds for the current fiscal year.



During the year, the County's Construction Management Division managed the repair and reconstruction of 115 County facilities, estimated at more than \$38 million that were damaged by Hurricane Wilma. This process included the documentation of damages and loss claim recovery negotiations with both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the County's insurance carrier.

A \$28 million construction project for three new fire rescue stations and a warehouse was launched (Everglades, Hazmat/TRT/Special Ops, Airport/Seaport/EMS), with completion expected in the summer of 2008.



In addition, the County purchased two 1,000-kilowatt generators, 64 smaller generators, seven portable pumps and two portable light trailers for use in an emergency or during a hurricane.

Culture, Learning and Recreation



Don Corson Light Project

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of Broward County's Public Art and Design Program, an unveiling of the Dan Corson Light Project was held at Huizenga Park in downtown Fort Lauderdale in January 2007. The project was heavily promoted in the local media, drawing thousands of spectators.

Artspace's first project—Sailboat Bend Artists Lofts in Fort Lauderdale—began accepting applications for the 37 units of affordable live/work housing, located near the West Side School, which will eventually house the Broward County Historical Commission.

Broward County's parks, natural areas and libraries continue to be built, renovated and enhanced.

To date, 75 park projects are either in design or under construction through the 2000 Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond program. At least 33 projects have been completed, including six major park projects.

In September 2007, the 66-acre Tall Cypress Natural Area in Coral Springs was reopened, which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. Within weeks, the new, 34-acre environmentally sensitive Highlands Scrub Natural Area opened in Pompano Beach, a small fragment of the remaining, very rare "scrub community" in Broward County.

T.Y. Park in Hollywood reopened in the fall of 2007, following nearly a year of renovations. The 150-acre park includes a new ADA-approved swimming facility, totally renovated campground, numerous amenities and new landscaping.

In late 2007, Broward County officials dedicated the 110-acre Central Broward Regional Park in Lauderhill, the first regional facility acquired and developed through the 2000 bond program. This multi-purpose park was completed with more than 50 percent minority participation. It includes a main event field with 5,000 covered seats and additional seating for 15,000—the first public venue for cricket in the United States. There are also four lighted soccer/football fields, tennis, basketball and netball courts, a natural trail, two covered playgrounds, as well as an aquatics center with instructional swimming pool and two interactive water playgrounds, two corporate pavilions and seven picnic shelters.

In 2007, Broward County opened two replacement libraries as a result of the 1999 Library Bond Issue. In February, the 70,000-square-foot South Regional/Broward Community College Library, opened as one of two certified "green buildings" in the County. In addition to the Environmental Protection Department Laboratory building, the library is certified by the U.S. Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design facility—or a LEED building—in recognition of the environmental, economic and health impacts of its construction.

In the fall of 2007, Broward County opened the new West Regional Library in Plantation, which more than doubled the size from its former building.

In April, the enhanced Riverland Branch Library was rededicated, which was heavily impacted by Hurricane Wilma. As the fiscal year drew to a close, the fifth anniversary of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center was celebrated. The facility is one of four such institutions in the country.

Accessible Information & Services

As residents become more accustomed to going online for information about Broward County programs and services, Broward County updated and improved the County's web site, www.broward.org, making the site more user-friendly with a new design, a calendar of events, and an enhanced search engine. The web site, with more than 25,000 pages of data, is utilized by nearly a third of the residents, double the national average. Nearly half a million visitors visit the web site each month.

E-commerce transactions show significant increases for auto tag payments, utility payments, permit applications and property tax payments. Last year, Broward County collected \$244.8 million in taxes through e-checks and credit cards.

In an effort to heighten awareness of the diversity among Broward County's 1.8 million residents, the County launched a new web site on Broward County's home page. The new site looks at diversity in the workplace, in business and the community. It recognizes individuals who have received honors and awards for their leadership and efforts to create a more inclusive community.

To protect the integrity of Broward County's records, 365 computer components from the County's primary Data Center were relocated to a hardened facility.

This year marked the launch of the Broward County Academy, an eight-week interactive program designed to inform participants about the services of Broward County government and to encourage community participation in government. The inaugural class this past winter was most successful and a second academy completed sessions in the fall.

Broward County continues to work with its partners in government—at the local, state and federal level, as well as the business community, not-for-profit agencies, civic groups and individual residents through the following:

- Coordinated efforts to promote regional cooperation among Broward's municipalities and adjacent counties. Workshops were held with the Legislative Delegation and the League of Cities.
- Worked with Broward County League of Cities on tax reform issues.
- Cooperated with the Charter Review Commission as they solicited public testimony and considered proposed changes to the Broward County Charter.

- Broward County was successful in encouraging and authorizing the Florida Department of Transportation to utilize funds to construct and maintain noise mitigation facilities and walls.
- Broward County successfully worked to extend until 2017 a provision that allows 90 percent of turnpike toll funds collected in South Florida to be retained for transportation projects in the respective counties.
- The Internal Investigations and Oversight Section of the Office of Equal Opportunity completed the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Update, which included a full review of County programs and facilities for accessibility, in compliance with federal regulations.
- Broward County's Call Center responded to approximately 40,000 inquiries a month, answering 72 percent of all calls within 24 seconds. The Call Center also provides mail fulfillment services, responds to resident email inquiries, schedules building inspections, and is capable of handling requests in virtually every major language in the world.





Awards/Recognitions

- Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau was a finalist for eight Flagler Awards for excellence in marketing; recipient of a Gold Service Award from the trade magazine *Meetings & Conventions*; the winner of a Pinnacle Award from *Successful Meetings* magazine; recipient of an Inner Circle Award from Association Meetings; and, recipient of an Award of Excellence from Corporate Meetings and Incentives.
- North Perry Airport was named "General Aviation Airport" of the year by the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Consumer Affairs Division received the National Association of Counties Achievement Award for its program "Credit and Credit Scoring: Do You Really Know the Score?"
- Americans for the Arts (AFTA) selected two Broward public art projects (among 40 nationally) for the National Year in Review—Millennium Springs (Hollywood ArtsPark) and Broward Light Project (Huizenga Plaza).
- Ten Broward County agencies won a total of 25 NACIO (National Association of Counties Information Officers) awards for exemplary public communications activities.
- Broward County's 4-H Program received the annual Youth Award from the Broward Partnership for the Homeless.
- The Broward County Library's e-newsletter won a National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) Gold Screen Award and 2007 APEX Award (Awards for Publications of Excellence).
- Broward County Parks & Recreation Division received national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation for Park and Recreation Agencies (one of 66 nationally).
- Broward County Parks & Recreation Division recognized by *New Times*, a weekly tabloid, with Best of 2007 awards for Tree Tops Park/Pine Island Ridges as "Best Public Park in Broward County," Fern Forest Nature Center's Cypress Creek Trail as the "Best Nature Trail," and Tradewind's Park's Disc Golf the "Best Place to Throw Around Your Plastic."
- Broward County received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 21st consecutive year.
- Broward County's Human Resources Division was recognized with ASTD Champions of the Workplace Learning Award for its program, Employee Essentials: New Hire Orientation and Customer Service Professional.
- Broward County received a 2007 Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers Award for Excellence in Public Procurement.
- Broward County received a 2007 FAPPO Award for Best Practice in Public Procurement.
- Broward County's Beach Nourishment project was selected as the winner of the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association's Golden Project Administration Award by the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Inc.
- Broward County's Environmental Protection Department Air Quality programs were prominently featured in the 2007 NACo publication, *Air Quality Improvement: A Guide to Local Governments*.
- Broward County's Elderly and Veterans Services Division received the 2007 Red Cross Partnership Award for its role in Hurricane Wilma recovery to the County's senior population.
- Broward County's Children's Services Administration Division's One Community Partnership was nationally recognized for achievement in communications at the Summer System of Care National Conference with an Excellence in Communications and Outreach Award for its mental health awareness program.



South Regional Library

Broward County Population*

Municipality	2007	2000
Coconut Creek	48,207	43,566
Cooper City	29,919	27,939
Coral Springs	129,766	117,549
Dania Beach	29,524	20,061
Davie	93,428	75,720
Deerfield Beach	75,829	64,583
Fort Lauderdale	179,971	152,397
Hallandale Beach	38,193	34,282
Hillsboro Beach	2,223	2,163
Hollywood	142,943	139,357
Lauderdale-by-the Sea	6,196	3,312
Lauderdale Lakes	32,314	31,705
Lauderhill	64,261	57,585
Lazy Lake Village	41	38
Lighthouse Point	10,964	10,767
Margate	55,661	53,909
Miramar	111,705	72,739
North Lauderdale	42,269	32,264
Oakland Park	42,081	30,966
Parkland	23,163	13,835
Pembroke Park	5,818	6,299
Pembroke Pines	152,888	137,427
Plantation	85,349	82,934
Pompano Beach	101,128	78,191
Sea Ranch Lakes	732	643
Southwest Ranches	8,461	**
Sunrise	89,633	85,779
Tamarac	59,949	55,588
Weston	62,233	49,286
West Park	13,930	
Wilton Manors	12,848	12,697
Unincorporated Broward	14,080	129,437
Total	1,765,707	1,623,018

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