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### FIU's Institute of Environment partnership strives to protect Biscayne Bay.

The [Institute of Environment](#) has renewed its partnership with the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit Coalition in support of a new effort: the implementation of a "Post Summit Plan of Action" focused on advocacy, communication and education.

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### Stormwater drainage filters prevent floods and pollution in local waterways.

The City of Miami recently announced its partnership with SOP Technologies to use the company's [stormwater curb drainage filters](#) to address stormwater flooding and pollution, while saving money for the city. Click below to read the message from the City's Resilience team.

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**Miami-Dade County Commissioner Levine Cava presents a resolution before the Board of County Commissioners seeking to repeal State preemption on single-use plastics/foam.**

Resolution urging the Florida legislature to repeal Florida laws that preempt local governments from regulating the use and sale of disposable plastic bags and polystyrene products.

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**Pollution is killing Biscayne Bay, there's very little time to save it, and it's going to cost a lot of money to rescue it.**

Recent studies and reports have concluded that the health of Biscayne Bay is at a tipping point. The ecosystem is threatened by nutrient pollution from storm-water runoff, sewage pipe breaks, septic tanks, fertilizers, plastic pollution and other contaminants.

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**Scientific evidence supports fertilizer regulation in South Florida.**

Residential lawn fertilization is estimated to be the second-largest source of household nitrogen in the United States. Nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus from fertilizers can pollute waterways.

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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, Steve Sauls and Tiffany Troxler.



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