Provide public accessibility to the Miccosukee Tribe-owned historic limerock caves located at 1750 NW South River Drive (26,345 square feet), which is across SW River Drive from Sewell Park. Sewell Park may feature kayak use along the Lawrence Canal to the limerock cave area. Inside existing Sewell Park, remove the second of two fences which blocks public access to 1/3 of the Park, construct restroom facility and guardhouse at park entrance, install historical markers, repair existing water fountain and pedestrian paths.

Construct riverwalk on FDOT-owned public right-of-way adjacent and beneath the north shore of the 27 Ave Bridge, with landscaping, decorative lighting, and a mural, to connect with planned riverwalk at Aquaticola development. Create new pocket park to the south east of the 27 Ave Bridge, along the north shore of the North Fork.

Create major park facility on County-owned property at SW 22 Ave Bridge, beneath the north shore of the Paint mural and landscape of the North Fork.

Create pocket park on County-owned easement on South River Drive and NW 1 St, by removing fence, installing landscaping, bench, and decorative lighting.

Create pocket park on BelSouth owned easement on South River Drive and NW 1 St, by removing fence, installing landscaping, bench, and decorative lighting.

Consider creating a new riverfront park on the north shore immediately west of the I-836 Bridge. The area would include the historically designated East Coast Fishermen structure. The potential new greenspace would include a riverwalk, landscaping, historical marker and decorative lighting. The FDOT-owned public right-of-way presently and adjacent to the east side of the Flagler Bridge should be improved with landscaping, decorative lighting, mural, and fence removal, which block public access to the existing pedestrian staircase.

Beautify FDOT-owned public right-of-way on both shores beneath and adjacent to the 1st ST Bridge, via constructing the riverwalk, landscaping, decorative lighting, murals and remove fencing blocking public access to existing pedestrian staircase. Adjacent on-road Greenway along South River Drive is currently under construction, and will break ground along North River Drive in 2026. New and planned developments and restaurants are immediately adjacent.

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Consider creating a new riverfront park on the north shore between Flagler and the 1st ST Bridge. The area would include the historically designated East Coast Fishermen structure. The potential new greenspace would include a riverwalk, landscaping, historical marker and decorative lighting. The FDOT-owned public right-of-way presently and adjacent to the east side of the Flagler Bridge should be improved with landscaping, decorative lighting, mural, and fence removal, which block public access to the existing pedestrian staircase.

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Expand Fern Isle Park to the north shore of the South Fork, onto a portion of the 366,121 square foot Police Benevolent Association property. The existing Tamiami Swing Bridge may be relocated to this location as a pedestrian bridge, linking Fern Isle Park with the expanded park area. Construct Greenway along both shores of the South Fork, remove fences blocking public access to the waterfront, and improve the western portion of Fern Isle Park.

Construct Riverwalk along both shores on Miami Dade Expressway Authority and City of Miami-owned public right-of-way, with landscaping, decorative lighting, and way-finding signage. The Riverwalk would connect with existing riverwalk on the south shore, immediately east of I-836, and planned riverwalk on the north shore, immediately west of I-836, at the approved “Miami Rivertown” mixed-use development.

Construct Riverwalk along both shores on FDOT-owned public right-of-way located beneath and adjacent to the planned new NW 5 ST Bridge, with landscaping, decorative lighting, and murals. Congress appropriated $3.7 million for this purpose in the FY ‘06 transportation bill.

Construct Riverwalk along both shores on FDOT-owned public right-of-way located beneath and adjacent to the planned new NW 12 Ave Bridge, with landscaping, decorative lighting, and murals.

Beautify Jose Marti Park area beneath I-85, via constructing riverwalk extension, with landscaping, decorative lighting, benches, etc., to connect the existing riverwalk to the west of I-85 in the Park with the funded on-road greenway exiting the Park onto SW 3rd Ave. The City of Miami owns this property.

Extend the “Beethoven Promenade” two additional blocks north, to the river’s south shore, along the existing pedestrian path. On the north shore provide Greenway connectivity between the existing publicly accessible riverwalk at the FPL utility site, proceeding east beneath Metrorail, to connect with the riverwalk section under construction at “Key” and “Wind” developments. In addition, beautify the existing pedestrian path proceeding north beneath the Metrorail to SW 3 ST with additional landscaping, decorative lighting, and the removal of all fences. Miami-Dade County owns this property.

Create a Miami Circle Visitors Center immediately adjacent to the Circle site, on Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) owned public right-of-way, beneath the south side of the Brickell Bridge. This area may include necessary accommodations such as restrooms, water fountains, historical exhibits, and perhaps a small cafe area.
Miami's 21st Century Park
An Integrated System of Parks and Greenways along the Miami River

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) adopted strategic plan, the Miami River Corridor Urban Infill Plan, recommends providing additional greenspace where feasible, increasing tree canopy, beautifying beneath bridges, and creating the Miami River Greenway. The following report outlines several potential opportunity sites to bring these recommendations to fruition. Creating new parks and green space are critical components to improving quality of life and our natural environment. Expanding the parks and greenways along the Miami River provide an opportunity for the City of Miami to create a single integrated "Central Park" system. The Miami River Greenway will become a destination landscape for tourists and residents alike, connecting the River's multi-cultural neighborhoods, parks, and providing public access to the riverfront. The MRC has partnered with the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, Congress, the Trust for Public Land, and the private development community in recently creating six new waterfront parks, and we look forward to continuing this mutual effort.

Rendition of Point Park, located at the confluence of the Miami River's north shore and the Saybold Canal. The Trust for Public Land, City of Miami and Spring Garden Civic Association have been instrumental in bringing this new park to fruition.

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