



TOWN OF CUTLER BAY

2018-02

State Legislative Session

Funding Request(s)

PROJECT:

**CUTLER BAY WETLAND
OBSERVATION PAVILION
(SW 97TH AVENUE)**



Cutler Bay Wetland Pavilion

Project Narrative

Requested Amount \$200,000 ~ Town Match: \$200,000

The purpose of this request is to provide construction funding for an environmentally educational observation structure that will enable citizens to learn about the Biscayne Bay. The observation structure can further the general public's support in protecting environmentally sensitive wetlands and unique fauna and flora associated with the bay and its region.

The site is envisioned as a joint public-private partnership; while the center will be funded from the grant. Functions included within the observation structure will:

- Provide for the education of the general public
- Provide observation opportunities for professionals and the general public
- Support efforts to re-hydrate the Biscayne Bay
- Provide interpretive information for guests
- Document both fauna and flora present in the associated wetlands

The "proposed" observation structure can also provide a major resource for Miami-Dade County Schools and other local institutions of higher learning, to educate and employ students in the effort to preserve Biscayne Bay.



BALD EAGLE

BELTED KINGFISHER

GREAT BLUE HERON

PURPLE GALLINULE

ROSEATE SPOONBILL

WOOD STORK

CONNECT TO OLD CUTLER RD BICYCLE ROUTE



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE #2 // CUL DE SAC IF WARRANTED

SW224 ST

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE #3 // CUL DE SAC IF WARRANTED

TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY TOWN

BIRD SANCTUARY

SW97 AVE

(EMERGENCY AND UTILITIES ACCESS ONLY)

WETLANDS

LAKES BY THE BAY

LENNAR

← SFWMD C-1 CANAL

← BOX CULVERT

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE #1

FLOWWAY

CONNECT TO SW 87 AVE BICYCLE ROUTE



SW232 ST

SOUTH DISTRICT WWTP



OBSERVATION TOWER



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