

# Miami-Dade Infrastructure: A County at Risk

Miami-Dade sits on a low-lying coastal area averaging 6ft above sea level.

It faces threats from sea-level rise, flooding, storm surges, and aging roads and bridges.

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# The Looming Problem: Data Silos and Inefficient Response

## **Pre-GIS Challenges**

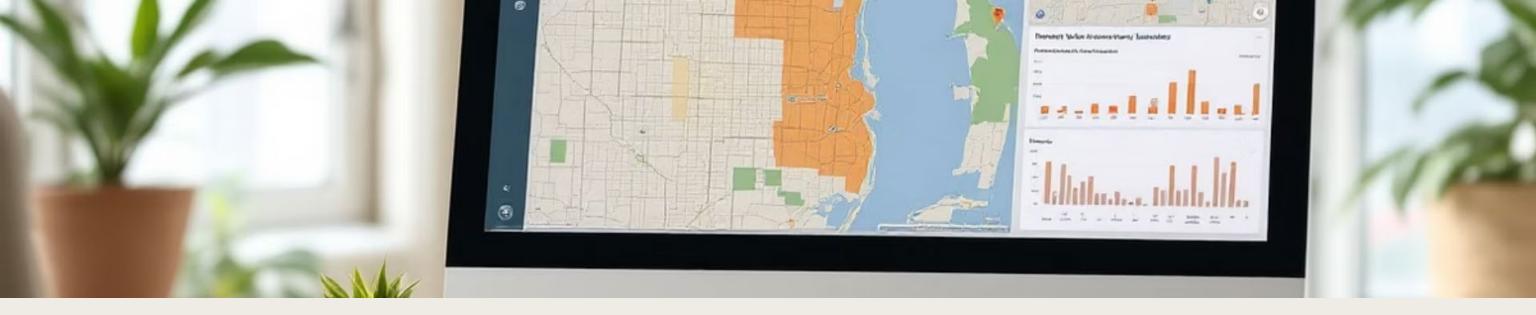
Scattered data slowed emergency response and damaged assessment post-hurricane.

## Planning Inefficiencies

Overlapping projects caused wasted resources and poor coordination.

# 2017 Hurricane Irma Impact

Damage estimate reached \$2.5 billion, exposing urgent data gaps.



# GIS to the Rescue: Centralized Vulnerability Mapping

County-wide Implementation

Unified system integrates data from water, transport, utilities, and more.

# **Vulnerability Assessment**

Maps highlight infrastructure at risk from climate and aging factors.

# Real-Time Monitoring

Sensors and weather data feed live updates for predictive preparedness.



# How GIS Mapping Works: Specific Data Layers

Sea Level Rise	NOAA data with 1-foot increments to 6 feet
Flood Zones	FEMA maps and historical flood analysis
Critical Infrastructure	Hospitals, schools, emergency services mapped
Socioeconomic Data	Populations at risk and evacuation routes identified

# Implementing the Solution: Tools and Tech

### Software

Esri ArcGIS Enterprise and Cityworks for asset management

# **Data Acquisition**

LiDAR elevation data and high-res aerial imagery enhance accuracy

# **Open Data Initiative**

Public access promotes
transparency and community
engagement

# **Training**

150+ staff trained in GIS technologies and workflows

# Tangible Results: Enhanced Planning and Response 30%

#### Faster Emergency Response

Emergency response improved by 30% during the 2022 hurricane season

15%

#### **Cost Reductions**

Planning costs lowered by 15% through optimized resource use

\$5M

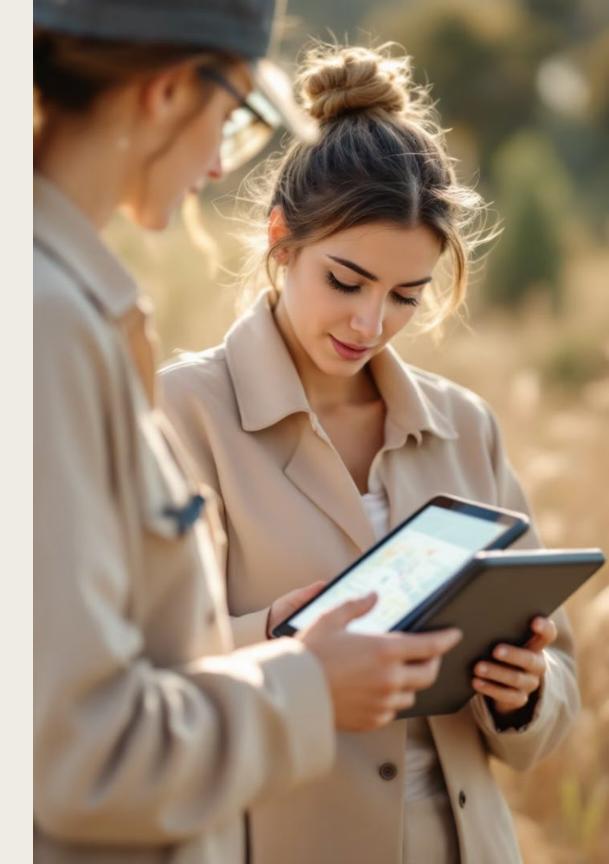
### **Grant Funding**

\$5 million secured based on vulnerability mapping evidence

20%

#### Flood Insurance Benefits

20% reduction in flood premiums for high-risk neighborhoods



# Challenges and Lessons Learned

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## **Data Issues**

Format inconsistencies and quality control hurdles

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# **Funding Challenges**

Securing sustained finances for GIS system upkeep

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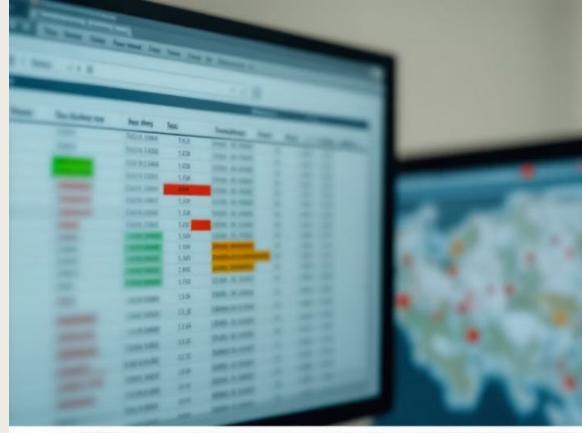
## Collaboration

Navigating diverse stakeholder interests across agencies

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# **Political Support**

Maintaining commitment across changing administrations





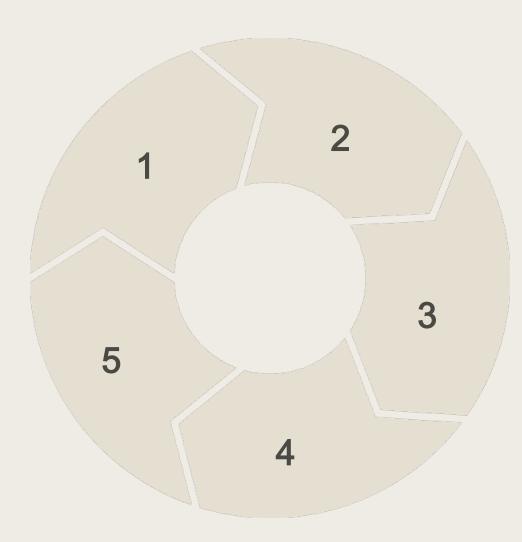
# The Future: Resilient Miami-Dade

# **Machine Learning**

Predictive failure models enhance proactive maintenance

# **Community Engagement**

Public education empowers residents to prepare and respond



### **Smart Infrastructure**

IoT sensors provide real-time monitoring and alerts

# **Climate Planning**

GIS integrated into long-term resilience strategies

# **Regional Collaboration**

Data sharing boosts resilience across neighboring counties