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A Message from Elisa Jones, Executive Committee Chair



Dear Broward Sierra Group Members,

We hope you are enjoying your summer so far! We've got a lot planned for everyone in the coming months, so please keep an eye out and come meet your fellow members, add your voice to the momentum, get out in nature, and sign up to volunteer with us whenever you are able.

Be sure to check on the status of your **voter registration** and vote in the **upcoming August primaries** (if eligible), to help assure that candidates who protect wild places, safeguard public health, and support clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment, rise to the top with your continued support. You can find our local [Broward Sierra Group candidate endorsements here](#).

There may be some great news coming in mid-August as the [Solid Waste Authority Master Plan](#) and Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Amendments get ever closer to the threshold required for passage by the 28 ILA member cities and the county. Passage will allow the Authority to continue its work and move forward immediately with the initial implementation phase of the Master Plan for dealing with our garbage crisis and lack of recycling within Broward County.

Lastly, I sincerely hope you will join us at the **August 6th Broward Sierra Group General Meeting "Connecting People to Purpose: Nature, Community, and Action for 2027"** where we'll explore your ideas, inspiration, and preferred activities as members to help us plan our priorities, presence and member/volunteer events in 2027. It will be a fun night of community and creativity—and we'll be providing a light catered dinner as well! ***It means a lot to us to have you there. This meeting is for you!*** [Please register now so we know how many are coming.](#)

May you have a wonderful month! - Elisa

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GET READY FOR THE 2026 MIDTERM ELECTIONS!



Visit LWV's Vote411 now!

Check Your Status: [State of Florida Voter Lookup | Search](#)

Register to Vote: [Florida Online Voter Registration System](#)

Broward County: [Voter Information Lookup](#)

What You Can Do:

- Vote in every election—from local races to statewide contests
- Check your voter registration status and confirm your current form of ID is still acceptable.
- Encourage your friends and family members to verify their registrations.
- Sign up to vote by mail if eligible but note the postmark requirements for your ballot to count!

VOTER ALERT! Make Sure Your Voice Is Heard

Remember: Tuesday, August 18th, Primary Elections for non-partisan School Board and Circuit Judges in addition to party primaries.

Early Voting: Starts 2 weeks before Election Day: You can vote at any site in Broward county before Election Day when you have to vote at your designated voting location.

November 3rd Election Day for all State, County and Municipal elections.

If you Vote By Mail, your VBM registration expired December 31, 2024, due to Florida law requiring voters to renew their requests after each federal general election cycle.

Su solicitud de voto por correo venció el 31 de diciembre de 2024 debido a que la ley de Florida exige que los votantes renueven sus solicitudes después de cada ciclo de elecciones generales federales.

Renew Your Vote By Mail Request:

Online: Go to Broward County Supervisor of Elections website at browardvotes.gov. By phone: (954) 357- 7077.

Para renovar su solicitud de voto por correo:

En línea: Visite el sitio web del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Broward: browardvotes.gov.

Por telefono: (954) 357-7055.

2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

The Sierra Club is dedicated to electing leaders who share our values. For example, water protection, wildfire prevention, clean energy job creation, or community transition efforts. Since our founding in 1892, we have worked to protect wild places, safeguard public health, and ensure that every community enjoys clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment.

The following candidates have been approved by our Broward Sierra Group Executive Committee to receive the Sierra Club's endorsement. We are very proud to support their campaigns in recognition of a demonstrated commitment to protecting our environment and advancing clean energy solutions.

Incumbent Endorsements - Updated 7/23/2026

- [Christine Hunschofsky](#) for Florida State Representative, District 95
- [Mitch Rosenwald](#) for Florida State Representative, District 98
- [Robin Bartleman](#) for Florida State Representative, District 103
- [Nick Sortal](#) for Mayor, City of Plantation
- [Denise Horland](#) for Plantation City Council, Group 2
- [Don D'Arminio](#) for Wilton Manors City Commission
- [Nora Rupert](#) for Broward School Board, District 7
- [Allen Zeman](#) for Broward School Board, District 8
- [Maura McCarthy Bulman](#) for Broward School Board, District 11
- [Neil Kerch](#) for Sunrise City Commission, Seat C
- [Jacqueline Guzman](#) for Sunrise Commissioner, Seat D
- [Tim Lonergan](#) for Oakland Park City Commission

More to come! [Find the most recent updates here.](#)



AUGUST BSG GENERAL MEETING

LIGHT CATERED DINNER PROVIDED

BRING YOUR REFILLABLE BOTTLE - NO PLASTIC BOTTLES

****IN-PERSON ATTENDEE PRIZE QUESTION****

OUR HOSTS: Elisa Jones & Robert Bouyer III, Chair & Vice Chair, Broward Sierra Group

DATE/TIME: Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 6:30 PM in-person and 6:45 PM online

LOCATION: [Veterans Park, 7600 NW 50th St, Lauderhill, FL 33351](#)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Member Gathering: *Connecting People to Purpose: Nature, Community, and Action for 2027.* Elisa and Robert will review the **Sierra Club Florida: 3-Year Strategic Plan (2026-2028)** and then open the floor to members for feedback and short brainstorming activities.

Our 2026 member gathering is an opportunity to **explore how we strengthen our mission** moving into 2027 by identifying group priorities, strengthening member engagement, exploring new ways of reaching more diverse audiences, and developing practical ideas, programs, and outreach strategies that help grow long term community involvement and leadership.

ECO ACTION: We'll take a look at the Broward Sierra Group table setup that we use for events and ask everyone to weigh in with suggestions for revamping our look and presentation to the public.

SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER BSG GENERAL MEETING



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

FEATURED SPEAKER: Jessie Bastos, Broward Soil and Water Conservation District

TOPIC/TRAINING: *Turning Your Ideas into Action - How to Become a Community Advocate & Change Maker*

DATE/TIME: Thursday, September 10, 2026 @ 6:30 PM in-person and 6:45 PM online

LOCATION: [Veterans Park, 7600 NW 50th St, Lauderhill, FL 33351](#)

Jessie Bastos is an elected member of the Broward Soil and Water Conservation District (Seat 4 since 2023). She chairs Davie's Agriculture and Environmental Advisory Committee and serves on the Davie Planning & Zoning Board. She also served on Broward Schools' Superintendent Task Force on Structure and Policy and is a food bank community garden volunteer with The Caring Community and a member of the Davie Area Land Trust.

OTHER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES – AUGUST 2026

- **Urban Farming and Gardening at Dania Beach PATCH.** Hosted by The Fruitful Field in Dania Beach. **08/01-29/2026, 8:30 AM.** Multiple dates available. [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **Virtual Screening: VS. GOLIATH.** Join us for a free, virtual screening of VS. GOLIATH, a new award-winning documentary following everyday people across the United States as they stand up to the fossil fuel industry and fight for the future of their communities. [Check out the trailer!](#) Each screening will be followed by a Q&A panel with activists featured in the episode. **08/04/2026, @8:00 PM.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)

- **Markham Park Butterfly & Bird Garden Cleanup.** Organized by Broward County Parks & Recreation Division in Sunrise. **08/08/26 @ 8:00 AM.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep.** The City of Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep team needs your help to maintain our pristine beaches and will welcome you every second Saturday of the month at the HUB, 300 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. **08/08/2026 @ 8:00 AM.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **Pembroke Park Community Garden WEEKEND Clean-up.** Volunteers are needed to help Pembroke Park's Community Garden thrive with healthy vegetable and herb plants. Volunteers will be pulling weeds, placing mulch, clearing, harvesting, mixing soil, planting, watering, composting, placing plant IDs. Volunteers may go home with vegetables and herbs from the garden. **08/08/2026 @9:00 AM.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **EcoAction Workday - Secret Woods Nature Center.** Help the environment by volunteering to clear natural areas of garbage and invasive plants. These events provide an opportunity for students to earn community service hours working along park staff pick sticking litter and debris from the New River and removing invasive exotic plants. **08/08/2026 @9:00 AM.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **Monthly Dose of Climate Hope! with Bill McKibben.** When it comes to climate change, doom-and-gloom stories are everywhere. But there's another story unfolding, too. A story driven by grassroots movements, historic victories against big oil, and a growing generation of experienced, energized citizens who refuse to sit on the sidelines. **Online event. 08/12/2026, 4 PM - 5 PM EDT.** [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **Table with Broward Sierra at NSU's Center for Student Leadership & Global Engagement's Fall Volunteer Fair.** Join Elisa Jones at the table to talk with college students about the Sierra Club Broward Group! Please email us at outreachbrowardsierra@gmail.com to learn more and volunteer. **Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 12 PM-3 PM.**
- **Zero Waste USA Networking Event.** We will have two guest speakers who will speak about their Zero Waste consulting work, their careers, and how they got there. Guest speakers: Amber Barbella of Diversion Designers and Daniella Menendez of Circular Consultancy. **Online event. Thursday, August 27, 2026 @3:00 - 4:30 pm EDT.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 2, 2026

Honoring Our Volunteers & Leaders – *Please join us in celebration!*

Gala Tickets & Sponsorships: <https://givebutter.com/2026BSGGala> - **Tickets on sale August 1st**



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IS YOUR WATER CLEAN?



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WATERKEEPER®**

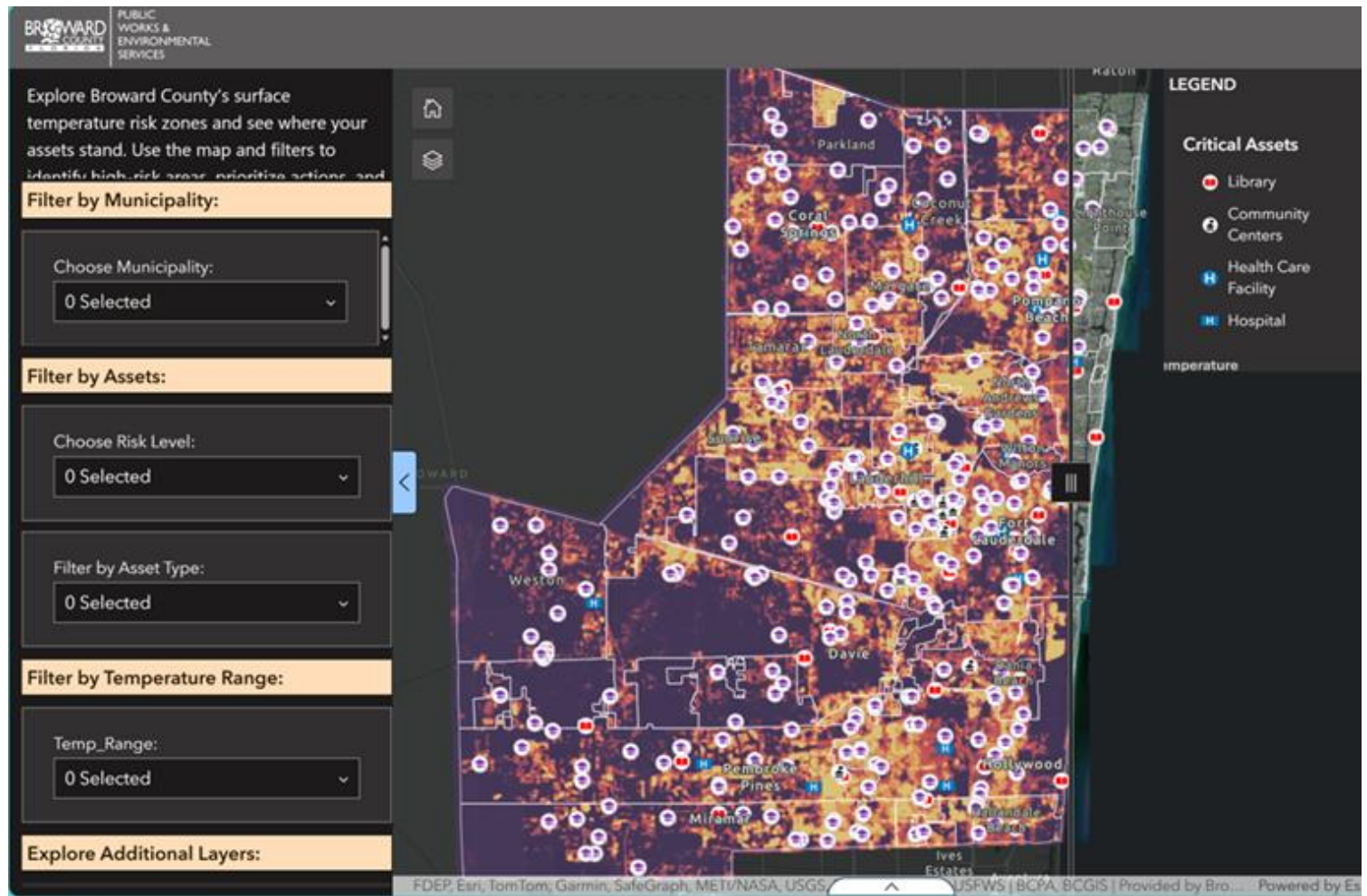
At Miami Waterkeeper, ensuring the safety of your favorite waterways is our top priority. We conduct weekly water quality testing to provide you with up-to-date information on the bacteria levels in the areas you love to swim and play.

[LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

BEAT THE HEAT BROWARD

Summer is almost here and Broward Public Works & Environmental Services has put together an extreme heat resource for Broward residents called "Beat the Heat Broward" where you can learn more about extreme heat risks across our county and look up local hotspots, use the Heat Dashboard to see the heatmaps for your own neighborhood and find local Cooling Centers that offer relief!

Visit the [Beat the Heat Website](#) for more information.



Check out the Sierra Club Daily Ray of Hope!

<https://www.sierraclub.org/other/authors/daily-ray-hope-team>

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Juvenile quail, San Louis Obispo, California

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The Future of Recycling and Solid Waste Management in Broward County - Your Public Support Is Needed Now Before It's Too Late!

On April 17, 2026, the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) of Broward County Governing Board approved the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Master Plan triggering a 120-day window for the 28 member cities and Broward County to vote on continuing the work of the SWA past August 14, 2026.

As a Broward Sierra Group member, we strongly encourage you to attend your city's scheduled commission meeting and request their support and approval for continuing the Authority!

Upcoming Commission Meetings to Vote on the SWA "Master Plan" (Facilities Amendment)

You can find the most up-to-date city commission voting information here:

[Master Plan Voting Schedule - Broward Solid Waste Authority](#)

Deerfield Beach - July 30, 2026, at 7 p.m. (workshop)

August 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Miramar – Voting Date TBD

AUGUST SPOTLIGHT: MEMBER VOICES & CITIZENS' WATCH*

- **[Solid Waste Authority of Broward County's Comprehensive Plan to Avert 5 Million Tons of Waste Per Year | Sierra Club](#)**. *"Approval of this comprehensive (waste) plan matters to all of us."* - Article by Linda Thompson Gonzalez, Broward Sierra Group
- **[The Future Is Ours: So Is Broward's Waste Problem](#)**. Article by Siyona Narang, Jurnee Harrison and Inika Chemuru, Broward Sierra Junior Team. Our generation grew up hearing three words: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. We were told that if we followed these three Rs, we could save the planet and make a meaningful impact on the communities around us. Yet with decades of environmental education, residents in Broward County generate a staggering 5.3 million tons of waste each year.
- **If you have a blog article to contribute to the newsletter or an environmental watch notice on public policy decisions or upcoming resident rallies and protests, please send all information*

and links to outreachbrowardsierra@gmail.com, or you can simply fill out our **short [Ideas & Suggestions Form](#)**.

UPCOMING GROUP OUTINGS

Broward Sierra Group invites you to join us in the Great Outdoors!

The BSG Outings Committee has been busy at work planning out some engaging and exciting events for us all! A concerted search has now brought our total Outings Leaders up to seven for the BSG, but we are always looking for more. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in leading a group of club members in an activity that they are passionate about, please reach out to Jordan Holaday at outreachbrowardsierra@gmail.com.



Bonnet House Tram Tour

Saturday, August 1, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Leader: Camila Vallejo

Cost: Bonnet House \$25.00 (please bring exact change).

A docent-guided tour will lead you through the rooms of the Main House where you will learn the history of the Birch/Bartlett family and discover the charm and whimsy of this beachfront estate. Following a guided tour of the Main House, a Nature Trail Driver will take you on a 15-minute ride around the trail to share information about plants, animals, and ecosystems of this 35-acre coastal wilderness.



Outdoor Safety 101: Be Prepared, Not Lucky

Saturday, August 8, 2026 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Leader: Alfredo Aguirre

Cost: No cost, donations accepted.

Whether you're heading out for a short day hike or a multi-day backpacking trip, preparation can make the difference between a great adventure and an emergency. This class covers practical outdoor safety skills, including trip planning, navigation, wildlife awareness, water purification, emergency signaling, first aid, and essential gear.



Perseids Meteor Shower Viewing Party

Saturday, August 15, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Leader: Max Goldstein

Cost: \$3/ members \$5/non-members

Come chill for an evening at Markham Park with marshmallows and sit back and enjoy the dark night sky as the showiest meteor shower appears! Feel free to bring a tent and wait for when the show really gets started around 2:00 AM!



Fall Birding at Plantation Preserve

Saturday, Aug 22, 2026 @ 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Leader: Jay Aguilera

Cost: No cost, donations accepted.

Join us for a morning of quality time outdoors, new friends, and hopefully some lifers as we bird the iconic Linear Trail at Plantation Preserve. Every year, tens of millions of birds fly south over Florida before they take on their daring flight over the Caribbean. Let's catch a glimpse into the wonderful world of birds by grabbing our binoculars, opening our ears, and waking up just a little earlier to spot our feathered friends on their journey!



Turtle Trek in Pompano Beach

Friday, August 28, 2026 @ 8:30pm

Leader: Hipolito Arriaga

Cost: No cost, donations accepted.

Come join an evening of learning about Broward County's favorite marine reptilians, the sea turtles! Following a debriefing about sea turtles, participants will take a nocturnal hike. We will explain how and why nests are protected, the incubation cycle and what happens to hatchlings on densely urbanized beaches. We'll discuss hatchling disorientation due to artificial lights, why this occurs and what YOU can do to make a difference.



BROWARD SIERRA GROUP JUNIOR TEAM



Awarded by the Broward
County Commission

The Broward Sierra Group - Junior Team
is a group of students in grades 7-12 who
are passionate about

- sustainability and preservation
- climate and wildlife advocacy
- environmental education

JOIN TODAY!



*Lobbied representatives and
senators in Tallahassee*



*Collected petitions for the Right
to Clean Water in Florida*



*Written and published letters to
the editors in newspapers*



Spoken at commission meetings



*Tabled at events and reached
1000+ community members*



*Supported candidates in their
campaigns through canvassing*



*School service hours are available, and active
members get free Sierra Club membership!*



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