

State Policy Foundations of a Resilient Florida



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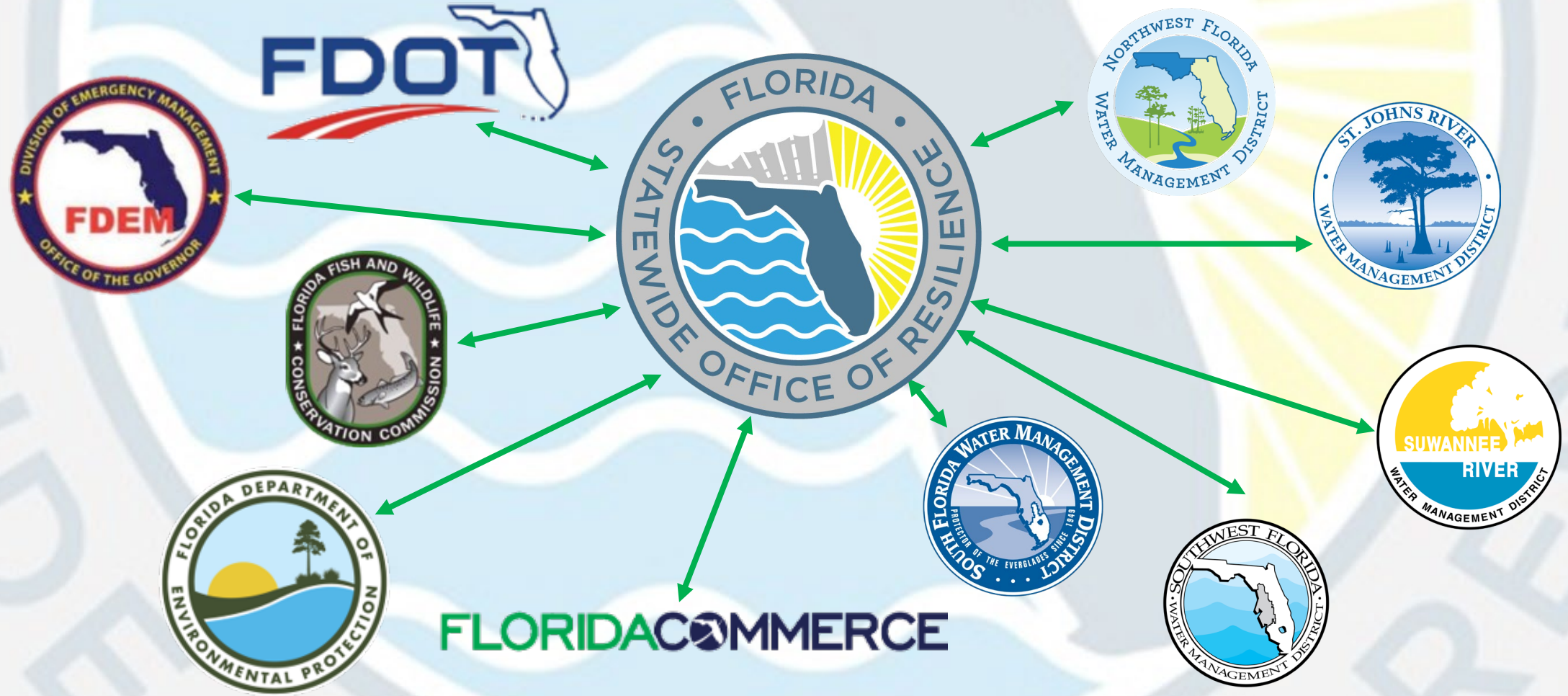
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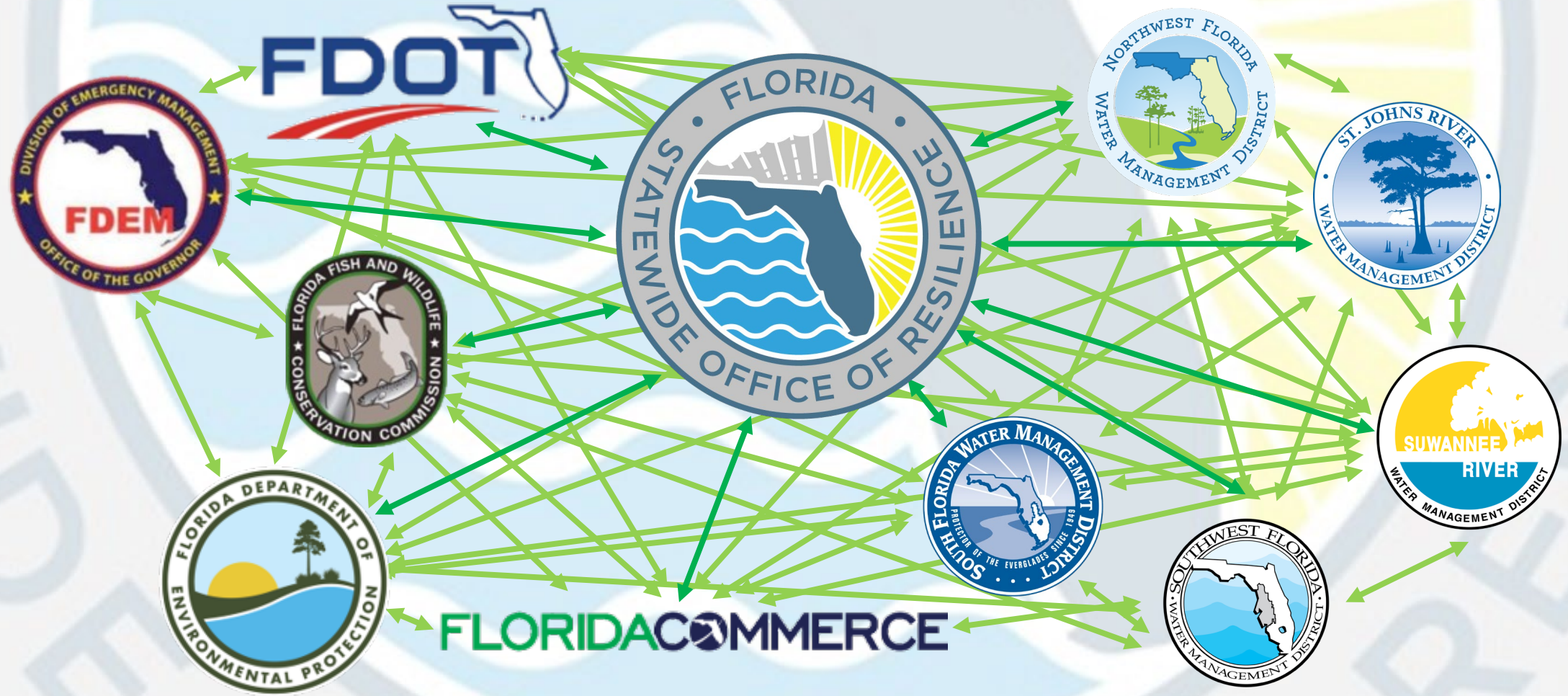
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The Statewide Office of Resilience Supports Local Communities

- Meet communities *where they are* through Regional Resilience Tours
- Assist and accelerate DEP implementation of the Resilient Florida framework
- Advance ongoing state ecosystem restoration efforts / lower barriers to use of nature-based features and natural infrastructure
- Facilitate partnerships to capitalize on strategic collaborations and funding opportunities





RESILIENT FLORIDA FRAMEWORK

PLANNING GRANTS

To assist local governments with Vulnerability Assessments, Peril of Flood Comprehensive Plan Amendments

STATEWIDE FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCE PLAN

To assist local governments and eligible entities in implementing projects that address flooding and sea level rise

STATEWIDE DATA SET AND ASSESSMENT

Collection of local vulnerability assessments and data to assist in creating a Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Assessment

REGIONAL RESILIENCE ENTITIES

Technical Support, develop project applications for members and multijurisdictional collaboration

Up-to-date, realistic, and consistent standards and projections of compound flooding





Resilient Florida Grant Program - All Grants

- Implementation (IMP)
- Planning (PLN)
- ◆ Regional Resilience Entity (RRE)

Resilient Florida Statewide Investments to Date

21 Regional Resilience Entity Awards
- \$5,000,000

300 Planning Grant Awards
- \$68,482,784

348 Implementation Grant Awards
- \$1,477,938,506
+ Match committed
- \$1,399,350,181

STATEWIDE RESILIENCE INVESTMENTS

\$2,950,771,471



<https://bit.ly/RFLgrantsDashboard>

Dry Tortugas National Park

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2024: Refinements to Resilient Florida programs (HB 1557) & Seminole Gaming Compact revenue sharing (SB 1638)

Refinements to Resilient Florida programs (HB 1557)

- Deepens interdependence, coordination, and consultation on standards, scenarios, and analysis between DEP/CSO, CRO, & Flood Hub
- Encourages the development of a bona fide, evolving statewide strategy for facilitating local resilience and adaptation efforts rather than simply funding a collection projects from around the state year to year

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Thank you!

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