Two-day workshop seeks riverfront urban design strategies

An urban design and planning firm has partnered with local officials to examine the Miami River Greenway, Jose Marti Park, Virginia Key, sea level rise and more. A two-day charrette/workshop is set to begin June 22 in Miami.

SWA is a landscape architecture, urban design and planning firm with a network of seven studios worldwide.

SWA Project on the City is an action-oriented initiative that seeks to improve the quality of life in dense urban cities around the US.

SWA in conjunction with the Miami River Commission, Trust for Public Land, Miami-Dade County Planning, Miami-Dade Office of Resilience and the City of Miami Office of Resilience & Sustainability have identified three significant projects within the City of Miami that can benefit from an experienced and knowledgeable group of experts focused on key issues.

Over the course of a two-day charrette/workshop, SWA principals aim to develop design strategies for challenges and issues dealing with open space, programming, infrastructure and resiliency within Jose Marti Park, the Miami River Greenway and Little River Park.

The proposed solutions for the three case studies will incorporate needs and issues identified by public agencies and community stakeholders and subsequently presented to the same group at the conclusion of the two-day workshop.

SWA has invited government agencies, district representatives, businesses and residents to join the initiative.

Jose Marti Park is a city-owned park at 351 SW Fourth St., on the Miami River.

The Miami River Greenway is a public pedestrian and bicycle trail along the historic river, from near the airport to Biscayne Bay. The greenway is a riverwalk directly along the shoreline, wherever feasible, and then continues around neighborhoods and marine industrial businesses as an on-road greenway.

Little River Park is a county-owned park at 10525 NW 24th Ave., in northeast Miami-Dade County.

SWA's collective aim is to identify key issues pertaining to open space, infrastructure, mobility, ecology and climate change and provide insight and ideas that can guide future planning and design efforts. This program is conducted pro-bono for select clients across the US.

The workshop will be held at the James L. Knight Convention Center in Miami.

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