



Resilient NoMi
Plan . Protect . Preserve



Note from editor

Winter symbolizes a season of reflection, conservation, and resilience. Here in South Florida, we experience a subtler version of the winter season, marked by milder and refreshingly pleasant local temperatures. This winter, as we reflect on the achievements of 2023 and set our sights on the opportunities of the new year, the connection between the meaning of winter and sustainability becomes ever more profound. In April of the previous year, our community united for an impactful Earth Day Fair at the Enchanted Forest Park. The event encompassed diverse initiatives, from invasive plant removal to native tree planting, showcasing the power of local collaboration. The success of electronic and hazardous waste recycling demonstrated our dedication to responsible waste management. The past year's achievements, such as the citywide planting of 100 trees to combat urban heat and reduce stormwater runoff, collaboration with Miami Dade County on the ongoing Adaptation Action Area plan, and innovative projects like the Arch Creek East Preserve Planning Report, serve as foundations for a sustainable future. The planning assistance from the American Planning Association's Design-Preservation Rapid Assistance Teams represents a forward-looking initiative to reimagine our swale system with green infrastructure and integrate alternative transportation modes.

Stay tuned for exciting projects well underway for this year. Looking ahead to the last days of January 2024, I urge you to align yourselves with the global movement of Veganuary, as eating more plant-based meals supports a healthy planet. As we step further into 2024, let this serve as a reminder that actions beneficial to our environment often contribute to our own wellbeing.

"I realize there's something incredibly honest about trees in winter, how they're experts at letting things go." – Jeffrey McDaniel .

Cigarette Litter Prevention

Exciting news on our mission to combat cigarette litter! Our impactful Cigarette Litter Art Display, which recently caught the eye of local celebrity Success Jr., has been honored with the prestigious **2023 Innovation Award from Keep America Beautiful!**

Did you know? Cigarette butts are America's **most littered item**, posing severe threats to our environment, wildlife, beloved Biscayne Bay, and public health. The display continues to spread awareness across North Miami. Next Stop: NoMi's Griffing Center located at 12220 Griffing Blvd, North Miami, FL 33161.

As part of the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) initiative, we're offering **FREE** Cigarette Receptacles to local businesses! Swing by the Office of Land Use Services, 12400 NE 8th Avenue, North Miami, FL 33161, to grab yours. Let's keep **#NoMiNoButts**.



Upcoming Green Holidays

- January 1-31: Veganuary!
- February 2: World Wetlands Day
- February 26- March 1: National Invasive Species Awareness Week
- March 1: World Seagrass Day
- March 8th: Solar Appreciation Day
- March 14: International Day of Action for Rivers

What is a Coastal Wetland?

Coastal wetlands filter our water, protect our coastal communities from floods, and provide habitat for fish and other wildlife—but they're quickly disappearing.

Wetlands—including marshes, mangroves, and swamps—provide valuable benefits to people, wildlife, and communities. Wetlands help remove excess nutrients and pollutants. Wetlands also offer important habitat, and provide protection against coastal erosion.

Wetlands act as “nature’s kidneys” to filter and absorb pollution.



\$23 billion
in annual coastal protection services are provided by wetlands.

1.5 million gallons of floodwater can be stored by one acre of wetlands.



During storms, coastal wetlands absorb floods and wave energy, decreasing property damage by up to

20%.

8.1 million tons CO₂ are absorbed by U.S. wetlands each year. That's equivalent to more than 900 million gallons of gas.



Wetlands provide key habitat and nursery grounds for valuable wildlife like shrimp, salmon, and crabs.

80,000 acres

of wetlands in U.S. coastal watersheds may be lost each year to development, drainage, erosion, and sinking. That's approximately **seven football fields** every hour.



More information: <https://fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat-conservation>

Biscayne Bay

Biscayne Bay is a shallow, subtropical lagoon along the southeastern coast of Florida that supports 500 fish species and hundreds of bird species, including 36 that are endangered or threatened. Extensive seagrass beds, mangrove forests, and wetlands, are also found here.

NoMi's Wetlands can be seen along the Biscayne Bay coastline and canals in sites such as North Bayshore Park and the Arch Creek East Preserve. Let's keep our wetlands beautiful so they can serve us more efficiently!



Spread the Love for Good Neighbor Park this Valentine's Week!

Spread the Love for Good Neighbor Park this Valentine's Week! Join us on Saturday, February 17th, at 8:30 AM in the North Miami Stormwater Park, situated at 901 NE 144 Street, North Miami, FL 33161. Let's come together for some tough love as we eradicate invasive plants and make our park even more beautiful! Secure your spot by registering at: <https://nomisustainability.wufoo.com/forms/m1oqgm0o16o7h0r/>

The poster features a pink background with heart and floral illustrations. In the top left, a photo shows two volunteers in blue shirts cleaning. The North Miami Florida logo is in the top center. The event title 'Love Your Neighbor Good Neighbor Stormwater Park Clean-Up' is in a large, red, cursive font. Below it, the address '901 NE 144 Street, North Miami, FL 33161' and date 'Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.' are listed. Logos for 'KEEP North Miami BEAUTIFUL' and 'Resilient NoMi' are in the bottom center. A QR code with 'SCAN ME' is on the right. A 'Free Plant and Seed Giveaway' tag is at the bottom. A notice of filming and photography is at the very bottom.

Love Your Neighbor
Good Neighbor
Stormwater Park Clean-Up
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Saturday, February 17, 2024
from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Free Plant and Seed Giveaway

Volunteers, sign up by visiting:
<https://nomisustainability.wufoo.com/forms/m1oqgm0o16o7h0r/>
Must wear comfortable clothes and closed toed shoes. Hats, sunscreen, and water bottles are strongly recommended. Community service hours available.
For more information, contact Christina Viala | 305-893-6511 ext 19008.

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***"One kind word can warm three winter months."** -
Japanese Proverb*