



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#26-0028

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lauderhill for the
Maintenance and Repair of a Stormwater System Starting at the
Intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Broward Boulevard Proceeding North
Along NW 35 Avenue and Ending at the New River C-12 Canal –
(Commission District 3)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion to adopt an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) and the City of Lauderhill (Lauderhill), in substantially the form attached, for maintenance and repair of an existing stormwater system starting at the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Broward Boulevard proceeding north along NW 35 Avenue and ending at the New River C-12 Canal.

Background

Following the impacts of Tropical Storm Eta in November 2020, the City engaged in discussions with Lauderhill to clarify roles and responsibilities of the stormwater management system shared between the two (2) cities. The City of Fort Lauderdale drainage system was designed to convey stormwater northward through the drainage system serviced by Lauderhill.

The existing regional stormwater system was constructed by the Broward County Engineering and Construction Department (2004-2006) and permitted by the South Florida Water Management District under Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) No. 06-02523.

The City of Fort Lauderdale, per the December 3, 2002, Fort Lauderdale Melrose Park Annexation Agreement, is required to maintain a drainage system from the Melrose Park neighborhood to Kentucky Ave and NW 35 Avenue.

Lauderhill, per the December 6, 2005, Lauderhill Annexation Agreement, is required to maintain the drainage system that conveys stormwater from the intersection of Broward Boulevard and NW 35 Avenue north to the discharge point at the New River Canal C-12.

The proposed ILA (Exhibit 1) specifically applies to the management, operation, maintenance, and repairs of the existing stormwater assets located from the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Auburn Boulevard in the Melrose Park neighborhood to the intersection of Broward Boulevard and NW 35 Avenue, going north along NW 35 Avenue in the City of Lauderhill, towards the intersection of NW 1 Court, and ending at the storm structure (housing the slide gates) and discharge outfall located at the New River Canal C-12 located at the south side of Sunrise Boulevard and approximately 676 feet west of NW 34 Avenue in the City of Lauderhill.

Lauderhill executed the proposed ILA on January 12, 2026.

On February 17, 2026, both cities' Public Works teams met to discuss in detail the required maintenance responsibilities by both parties as shown on page five (5) of the ILA, "Table 1 – Stormwater Assets Included in this Agreement." During the meeting, both cities' Public Works teams agreed to the inspection frequency, coordination, and reporting tasks as shown on Table 1 and to collaborate on getting the most efficient contractual method to perform future cleanings and inspections of the system moving forward.

The proposed ILA defines the owner of the asset, the inspecting entity, the inspection frequencies, maintaining entity, and the reporting requirements. Exhibit 2 includes a map of the impacted stormwater system and summarizes the roles and responsibilities of both parties.

The proposed ILA shall become effective upon approval of both parties and remain in effect for thirty (30) years. The ILA may be renewed by the parties for an additional thirty (30)-year term if agreed to by both parties. There is no compensation required from either party associated with the proposed ILA. While there is no current fiscal impact associated with the proposed ILA, if or when repairs or maintenance are required by either party and the City of Fort Lauderdale is found to be the fiscally responsible party, a current annual contract will be utilized to complete said repairs or maintenance. In addition, each party agrees to be responsible for the costs of potential future maintenance and repairs of the stormwater assets as shown under Section 2.4 in the ILA.

City staff recommend that the City Commission approve the proposed ILA with Lauderhill to optimize the stormwater system performance and mitigate future issues.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure and Resilience Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonable protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Stormwater System Map

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