

PREFACE

The Environmental Protection Guide is the second of three parts that will constitute the proposed Comprehensive Development Master Plan. Part 1, the Metropolitan Development Policies, was approved by the Metropolitan Dade County Planning Advisory Board on May 26, 1974, and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for their adoption. Parts 1 and 2 of the Plan will provide a basis for finalizing Part 3, the Metropolitan Development Guide. The three parts of the Plan are described below.

The recommended Metropolitan Development Policies (Part 1) consist of 250 goals, objectives and policies for managing development in Dade County. These policies not only provided a foundation for preparing the remaining two parts of the Plan but will also give direction for the preparation of neighborhood plans and other planning activities that are beyond the scope of this particular Plan.

The proposed Environmental Protection Guide (Part 2) provides detailed guidelines to be used in evaluating the effects of different types and intensities of urban development on the natural environment. It delineates geographic areas that are generally suitable for urban development, areas that are suitable for development providing certain conditions are met, and areas that should be conserved and protected.

The Metropolitan Development Guide (Part 3) will include a graphically illustrated 1985 medium-range plan and a longer-range plan to the year 2000. Although the level of specificity between the two will differ, they will generally indicate recommended densities, land use patterns, transportation facilities, and the extent of urbanization. It will provide guidelines for directing growth in a manner consistent with the policies contained in the Metropolitan Development Policies and the Environmental Protection Guide.