

Timeline

- **1945 (August)** Virginia Key Beach Park opened as Miami-Dade County's "Colored Only" beach.
- **1979** Dade County gives the historic Virginia Key Beach Park property to the City of Miami.
- **1982** the City of Miami closes the historic beach Park citing high maintenance costs.
- **1987** a Master Plan for Virginia Key was developed by the City of Miami.
- **1998** City of Miami facing fiscal crisis considers private development of the public site for exclusive use.
- **1999 (June)** Miami City Commission established an official Virginia Key Park Civil Rights Task Force.
- **2000 (January)** a Virginia Key Beach Park Planning Charrette was conducted to determine future use of the historic property.
- **2000 (December)** Miami City Commission established the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust.
- **2002 (June)** Historic Virginia Key Beach Park is placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **2003 (February)** Virginia Key Beach Park Trust starts \$30 million Master Plan process.
- **2003 (November)** Groundbreaking for phase one of restoration & repair of historic Virginia Key Beach Park.
- **2004 (July) Restoration of existing buildings completed.**
- **2004 (August)** Shoreline re-nourishment project begins on historic Virginia Key Beach Park.
- **2004 (November)** County-wide bond program is passed by voters and the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust is awarded \$15.5 million for construction.
- **2005 (January)** Sanitary Sewer project begins on historic Virginia Key Beach Park.
- 2005 (August) Sanitary Sewer Project completed. Parking Lot and Circulation Roads Project begins
- 2005 (October) Virginia Key Beach Park Museum Design Team is selected. Virginia Key Beach Park Trust moves main office to the historic beach park site.
- 2006 (April) Parking Lot and Circulation Roads Project Completed. Virginia Key Beach Park Museum Design Team presents final museum design.
- 2006 (November) Virginia Key Beach Park opens to the public.
- 2008 (August) Virginia Key Beach Park Museum and Cultural Center completed.