



Everglades Coalition

EVERGLADES COALITION US SUGAR ACQUISITION RESOLUTION

1000 Friends of Florida
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation
Audubon of Florida
Audubon Society of the Everglades
Audubon Society of Southwest Florida
Broward County Audubon Society
Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association
Clean Water Action
Clean Water Network
Collier County Audubon Society
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Defenders of Wildlife
Ding Darling Wildlife Society
Earthjustice
Environment Florida
The Environmental Coalition
Everglades Coordinating Council
Everglades Foundation
Everglades Law Center
Florida Defenders of the Environment
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
The Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Florida Sierra Club
Florida Wildlife Federation
Friends of Arthur R. Marshall
Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge
Friends of the Everglades
Izaak Walton League
Florida Keys Chapter
Florida Division
Izaak Walton League of America
Mangrove Chapter
Last Stand
League of Women
Voters of Florida
Loxahatchee River Coalition
Martin County
Conservation Alliance
National Audubon Society
National Parks
Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources
Defense Council
The Ocean Conservancy
The Pegasus Foundation
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Conservation Foundation
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Sierra Club
Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Central Florida Group
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
Tropical Audubon Society
The Urban Environment League

WHEREAS the Everglades ecosystem, spanning from the Kissimmee River Valley to Florida Bay, is a significant national resource and international treasure,

WHEREAS restoration of the Everglades has commenced to return the abundance of wildlife once found in the Everglades, to recover thousands of acres of marshes and estuarine habitat, and to benefit Florida and National Parks and ecosystem-based economies,

WHEREAS restoring the hydrology of the Everglades is of utmost importance for restoration efforts to recreate the quantity, quality, timing and distribution of water found in the historical system,

WHEREAS the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) is a critical connection between Lake Okeechobee and the southern Everglades,

WHEREAS the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has agreed to purchase approximately 180,000 acres of land from U.S. Sugar Corp. to use to store, treat and convey water south from Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades.

Therefore be it resolved,

The Everglades Coalition, with 51 organizations dedicated to protecting and restoring the Everglades ecosystem, hereby supports the SFWMD purchase for restoration.

The Everglades Coalition hereby urges the Florida legislature to support the acquisition as a way to finally connect the ecosystem as a whole, to restore the abundance of America's Everglades, and to ensure a dependable water supply for South Florida's future.

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