

2017 Legislative Priorities

Restore the Everglades and Eliminate Harmful Freshwater Discharges into the St. Lucie River Estuary and Indian River and Lake Worth Lagoons



Legislative Initiatives in Support of these Priorities Include:

- significantly increasing the long-term use of Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Amendment 1) monies for Everglades restoration, including bonding these monies;
- restoring historic flows south to Everglades National Park;
- creating significant additional storage in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River/Indian River Lagoon Estuary basins;
- establishing water management system interconnections between the St. Johns River Water Management District and South Florida Water Management District beneficial to Everglades and regional estuary restoration, and protection of the Region's drinking water supply;
- creating significant additional storage in the Northern and Southern Everglades;
- adequately funding local government efforts to comply with Total Maximum Daily Load regulations and targets contained in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Basin Management Action Plans;
- supporting local and regional efforts to increase water storage, aquifer recharge and the health and longevity of the Region's ground and surface fresh water supply;
- better managing Lake Okeechobee and improving the Herbert Hoover Dike;
- increasing freshwater flows to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River; and
- increase funding for and reduce the cost of converting coastal septic systems to central sewer systems and provide incentives for property owners and local governments to encourage conversions.

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