

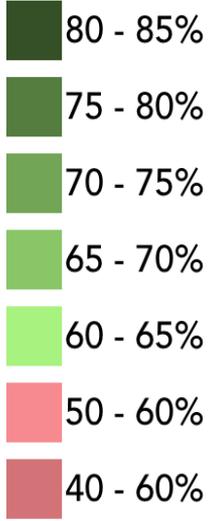
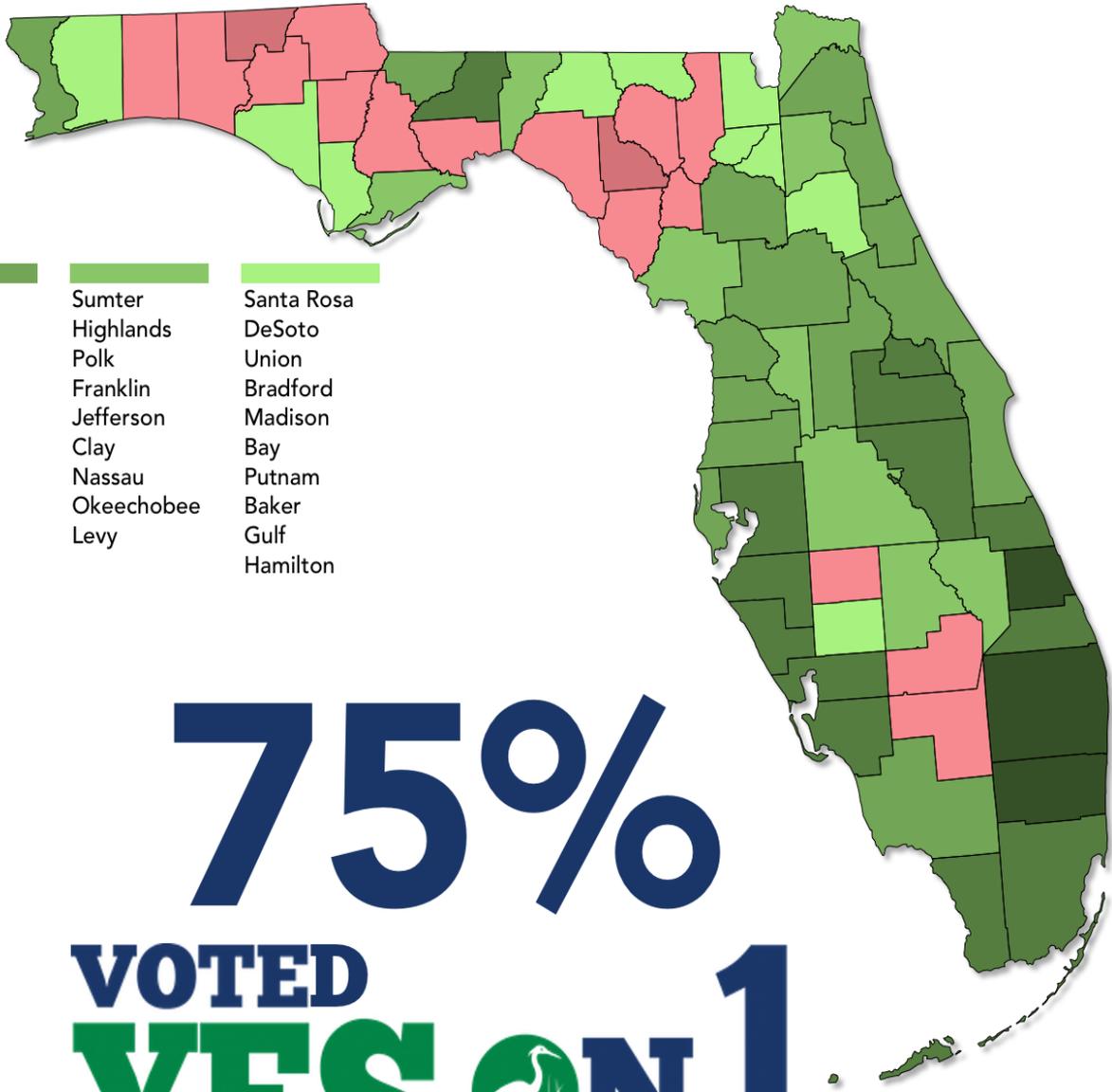


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# Water & Land Conservation Amendment 1 Implementation

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- Broward
- St. Lucie
  
- Orange
- Monroe
- Osceola
- Martin
- Sarasota
- Lee
- Indian River
- Leon
- Manatee
- Hillsborough
- Miami-Dade
- Charlotte
- Seminole
  
- Pasco
- Collier
- Pinellas
- Brevard
- Volusia
- St. Johns
- Gadsden
- Marion
- Escambia
- Alachua
- Hernando
- Duval
- Flagler
- Lake
- Citrus
  
- Sumter
- Highlands
- Polk
- Franklin
- Jefferson
- Clay
- Nassau
- Okeechobee
- Levy
  
- Santa Rosa
- DeSoto
- Union
- Bradford
- Madison
- Bay
- Putnam
- Baker
- Gulf
- Hamilton

- Hardee
- Glades
- Columbia
- Liberty
- Gilchrist
- Hendry
- Jackson
- Wakulla
- Dixie
- Okaloosa
- Walton
- Taylor
- Suwannee
- Washington
- Calhoun
  
- Holmes
- Lafayette

75%

VOTED

YES

ON 1



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# Issues we heard most from voters.....

- Lack of funding for water and land conservation
- Proposed Surplus of conservation lands
- Crisis in the Indian River Lagoon
- Degradation of Florida's springs
- Concern about water issues



# What does the amendment do?

- Allocates 33% of existing excise tax on documents – the doc stamp tax – to water and land conservation, restoration, and management for twenty years



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(2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(e).

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Effective July 1, 2015

Dedicates 33% of Documentary Stamp Taxes  
To Lake Acquisition Trust Fund  
For 20 years.



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# FLORIDA LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND

Receives a minimum 33% of Net Revenues\* from Documentary Stamp Tax

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As provided by law, to  
finance and refinance

I.

II.

**a.**

the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitats;

**b.**

wildlife management areas;

**c.**

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**h.** working farms and ranches;

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**j.**

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# 20 Year Documentary Stamp Tax Forecast and LATF Distributions (\$ millions)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total Collections	2,305.9	2,462.9	2,599.0	2,691.6	2,776.8	2,867.3	2,957.1	3,066.8	3,188.6	3,316.0
Net Collections	2,296.1	2,453.1	2,589.2	2,681.8	2,767.0	2,857.5	2,947.3	3,057.0	3,178.8	3,306.2
Required Distribution to LATF	757.7	809.5	854.4	885.0	913.1	943.0	972.6	1,008.8	1,049.0	1,091.0

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Total Collections	3,435.8	3,560.0	3,688.6	3,821.9	3,960.0	4,103.1	4,251.4	4,405.0	4,564.2	4,729.1
Net Collections	3,426.0	3,550.2	3,678.8	3,812.1	3,950.2	4,093.3	4,241.6	4,395.2	4,554.4	4,719.3
Required Distribution to LATF	1,130.6	1,171.6	1,214.0	1,258.0	1,303.6	1,350.8	1,399.7	1,450.4	1,503.0	1,557.4

Total Estimated LATF Distributions - \$22,623.2

# Current Documentary Stamp Tax Expenditures for Conservation

Sec. 201.15, Fl. Stat.  
(millions)

Florida Forever/Save Our Everglades	\$176.8
Ecosystem Management Trust Fund	\$22.8
Land Acquisition Trust Fund	\$79.8
LATF Coastal Lands	\$15.0
Water Management Lands Trust Fund	\$61.2
Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund	\$61.9
State Game Trust Fund from CARL	\$7.8
State Game Trust Fund Lake Restoration	\$9.4
Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund	\$34.5
Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund	\$5.0



# FY 2015-16 Statutory Distributions by General Category (\$ millions)

Total General Revenue from Documentary Stamp Tax	\$1,036.2	44.9%
Total Environmental Purposes*	\$470.3	20.4%
Total Transportation Purposes	\$369.5	16.0%
Total Economic Development Purposes	\$152.7	6.6%
Total Affordable Housing	\$266.9	11.6%
	<u>\$2,295.51</u>	<u>99.5%<sup>†</sup></u>

Constitutionally required distribution to the LATF in FY 2015-16

\$757.7

\*Does not include amounts transferred to GR from the Water Mgt Lands TF

†Percentages based on total Documentary Stamp Tax collections. Percentages total less than 100% due to rounding and exclusion of DOR administrative costs.

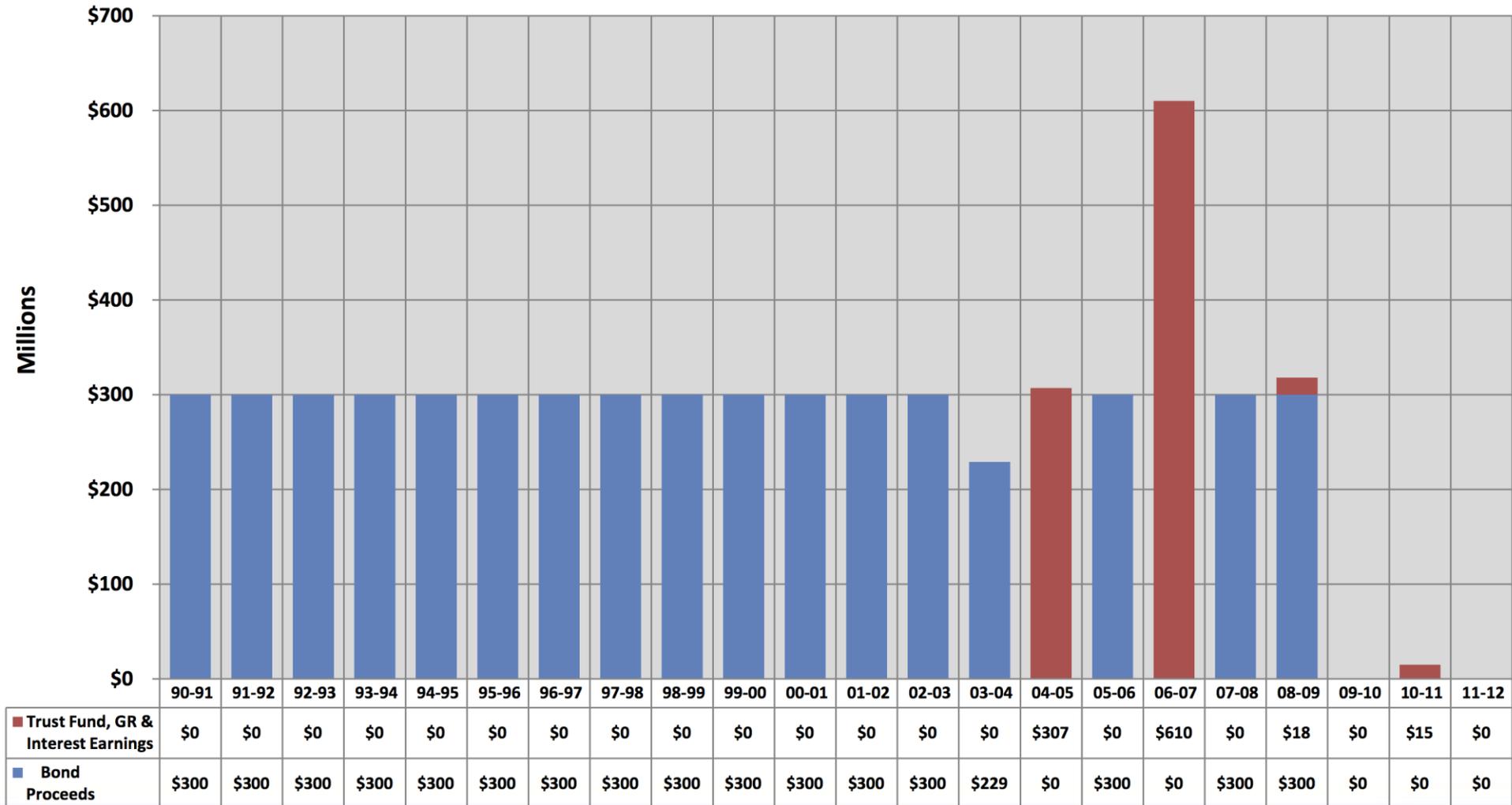
# PRESERVATION 2000

*Forever  
Florida*



**1** MILLION ACRES  
CONSERVED

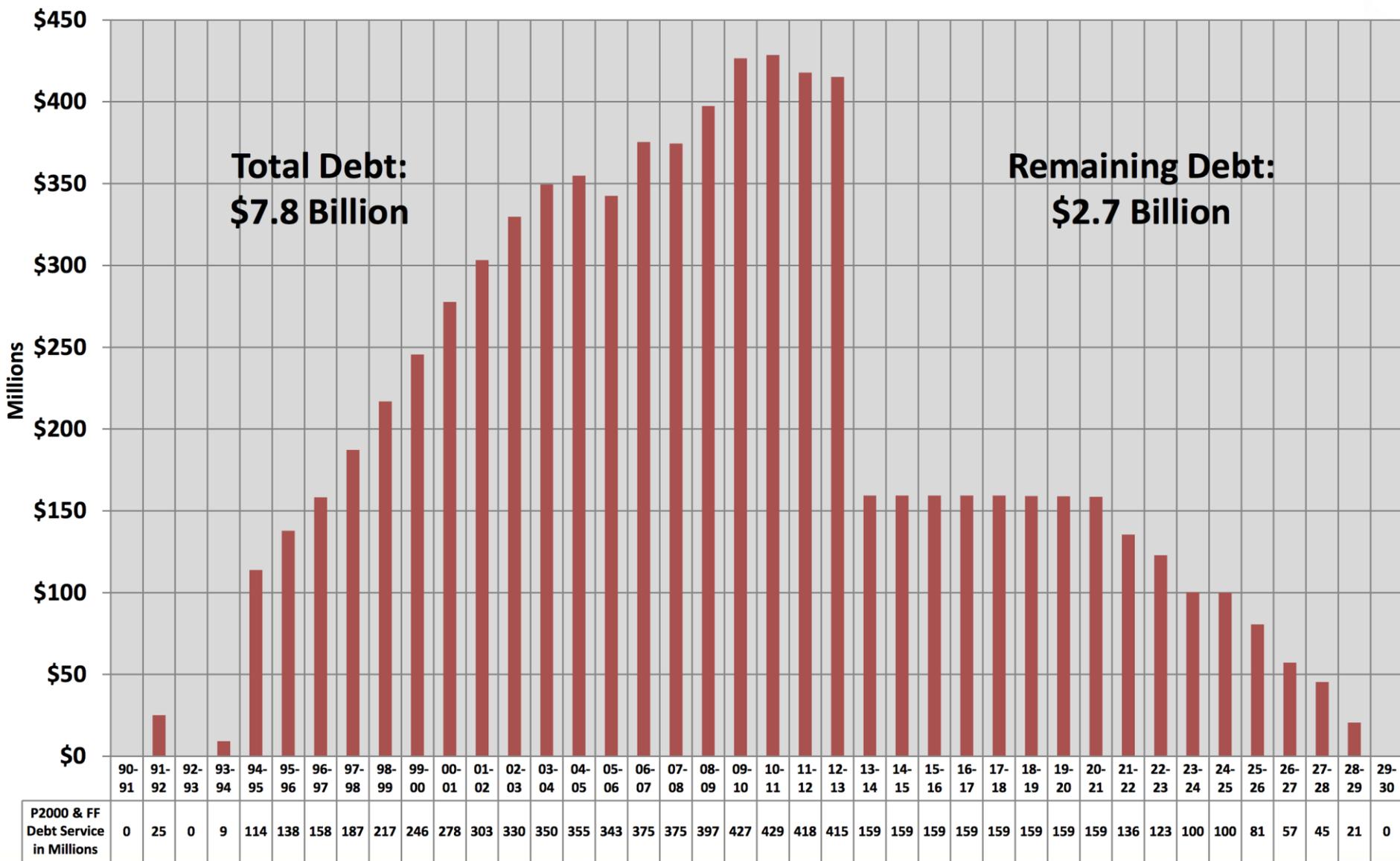
# P2000 and Florida Forever Appropriations



Source: Department of Environmental Protection

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# P2000 and Florida Forever Debt Service



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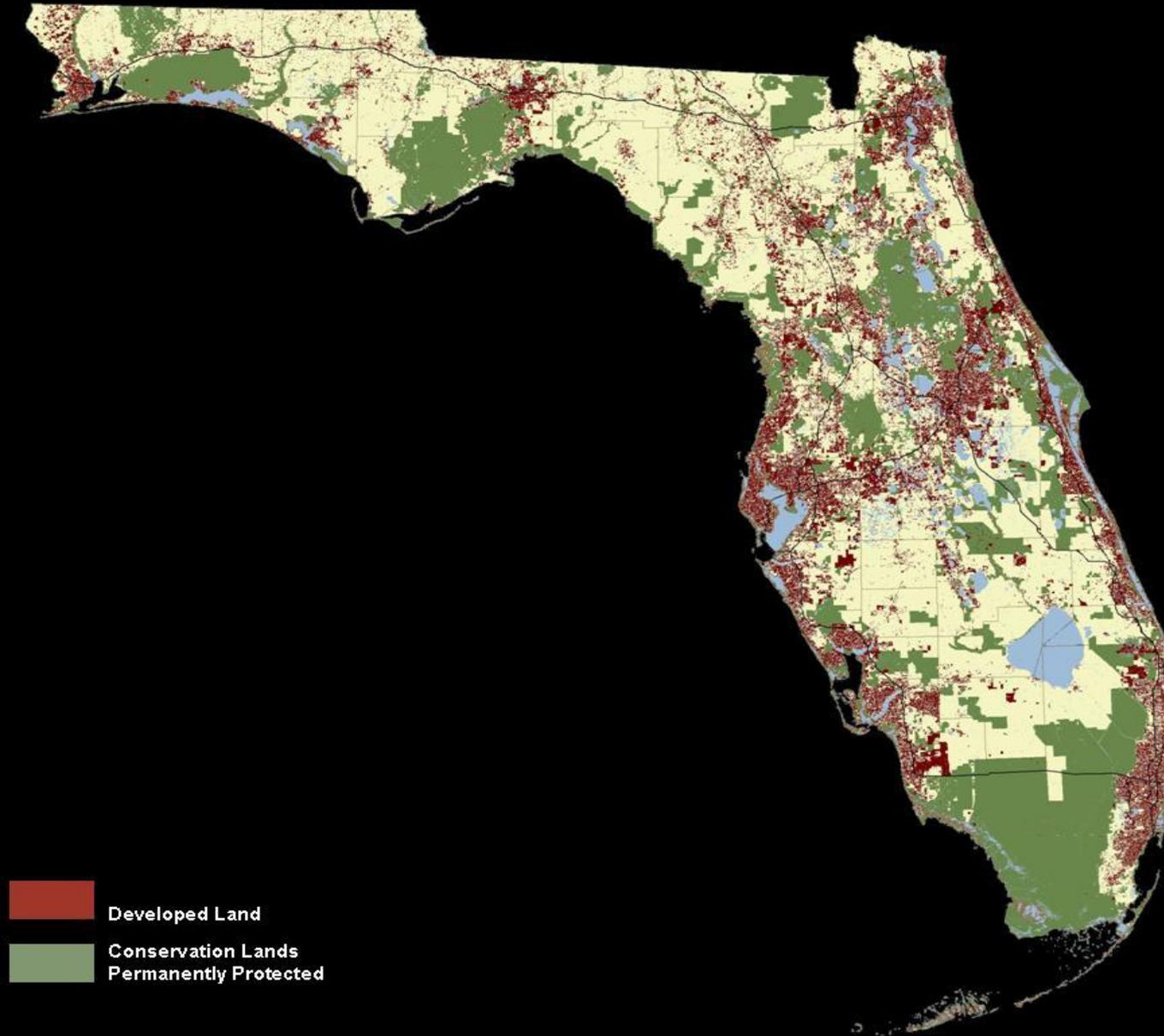
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- 575,070 acres of rare species habitat conservation areas,
- 962 sites that are habitats for 329 different rare species
- 370 miles of priority recreational trails,
- 800 historic sites
- 22 new state parks
- Progress toward Everglades Restoration



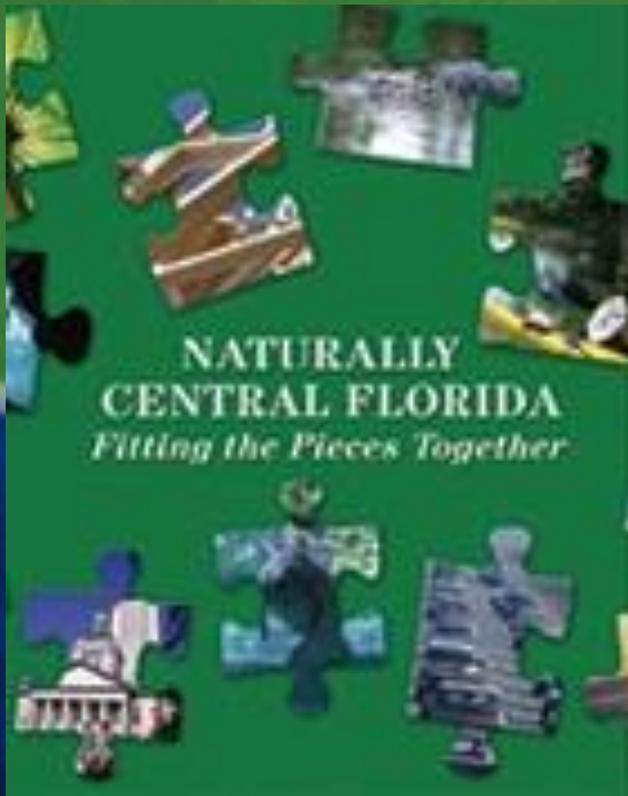
# Existing Developed Lands and Permanent Conservation Lands



# How Show We Grow? Myregion.org



Central Florida Conservation Priorities  
Greater Kissimmee Prairie  
Green Swamp  
Indian River Lagoon  
St. Johns River  
Volusia Conservation Corridor  
Wekiva-Ocala Greenway



## Springs Protection

Sen. David Simmons' Bill  
Springs and Aquifer Protection  
Act

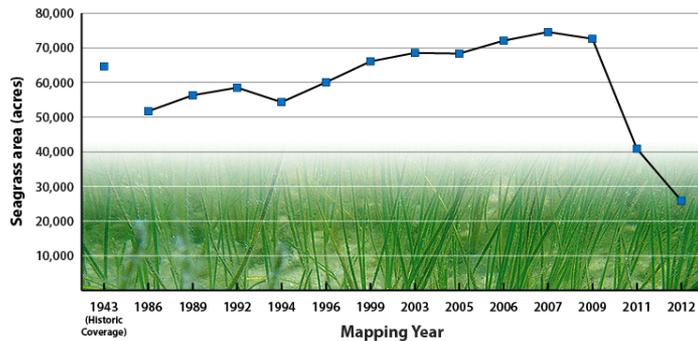
Silver Springs  
Blue Springs  
Wekiva Springs  
Gemini Springs



# Crisis in the Indian River Lagoon

## Indian River Lagoon Seagrass Coverage

(within SJRWMD to Fort Pierce Inlet)



- Aerial photographs of lagoon seagrass are taken every two years and new seagrass maps are produced from this photography. Scientists monitor seagrass transects and collect water quality samples monthly.
- Scientists recorded a 60 percent loss of seagrass in the lagoon between 2009 and 2012.



**2013**

**250 manatee deaths**

**200 dolphin deaths**

**250 pelican deaths**

**Loss of 47,000 acres of seagrass**

**250,000 septic tanks in ILR basin**



## Other issues

Stormwater retrofits

Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades

Beach Renourishment

Land Management

Five Year Plans

Administration

**Will Amendment 1 become the next  
Lottery?**

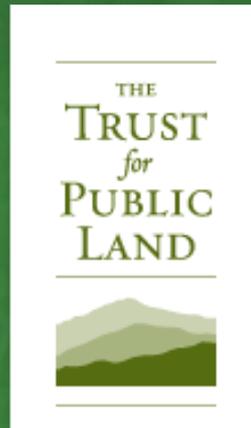
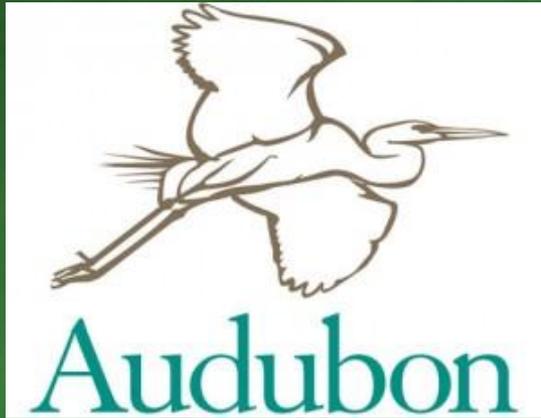


## **Submit a Comment to the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation**

The Senate is currently taking public comment on the implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Amendment. Please use the form below to submit a comment to the committee.

<http://www.flsenate.gov/media/topics/wlc>





## Position of the Sponsoring Organizations:

- The intent of Amendment 1 is to restore spending for a highly successful group of long-standing programs authorized in Florida statutes.
- The amendment was drafted so that no implementing legislation is required
- Legislature could simply appropriate funds to existing water and land conservation programs.

Amendment 1 allows for renewed state spending on water and land conservation that will help Florida's economy by protecting water resources, providing access to public lands, and keeping working lands, farms, and forests as part of Florida's rural landscapes.



# Coalition Position FY 2015-2016

<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$173.3</b>
<b>Everglades, Estuaries, Northern Everglades</b>	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Florida Forever</b>	<b>\$170</b>
DEP/WMD/FCT	\$125
Springs	\$30
Trails	\$15
<b>Springs</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Land Management</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>Rural Family Lands</b>	<b>\$44</b>
<b>Beach Management</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Total 2015-26</b>	<b>\$757.3 million</b>



VOTE  
**YES**  
 **ON 1**



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