



EVERGLADES COALITION

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Audubon of Florida
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Broward County Audubon Society
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Clean Water Network
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Everglades Law Center
The Environmental Coalition
Everglades Coordinating Council
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Florida Division of the Izaak Walton
League of America
Florida Keys Chapter of the
Isaak Walton League of America
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Florida Sierra Club
Florida Wildlife Federation
Friends of the Everglades
Izaak Walton League of America
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League of Woman Voters of Florida
Loxahatchee River Coalition
Mangrove Chapter of the Izaak
Walton League of America
Martin County Conservation Alliance
National Audubon Society
National Parks Conservation
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National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
The Ocean Conservancy
The Pegasus Foundation
Sanibel-Captiva Conservation
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Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
Tropical Audubon Society
The Urban Environment League
World Wildlife Fund

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Office of Governor Charlie Crist
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist,

The Everglades Coalition, the Everglades Foundation and the Everglades Trust commend your Administration for its actions to protect the integrity of the Broward County Water Preserve Area. The Department of Community Affairs and the South Florida Water Management District have acted responsibly to protect this important public works project from the development of roads and other infrastructure. This project was identified over a decade ago as a critical part of restoring America's Everglades and securing the region's water supply. Since then the project has been endorsed by our member organizations, the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, the Governor's Commission for the Everglades, the Florida Legislature, two previous governors, two Presidents and the United States Congress.

It is regrettable that the City of Weston faces a school siting dilemma, and did not consider these issues in its comprehensive planning efforts over the years. We are very hopeful that the City and the Broward County School Board will find a solution that works for the families of Weston and that does not threaten America's Everglades.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Everglades restoration.

Sincerely,

Drew Martin
Co-Chair

Mark Perry
Co-Chair

