

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2025

Funding Priorities

- Support the inclusion of at least \$750 million in the State's budget for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and associated Everglades restoration projects.
- Support continued funding and timely completion of the C43 Reservoir.
- Support funding for additional water quality monitoring and transparency in reporting water quality results.
- Support funding for Florida Forever and secure the Florida Wildlife Corridor, state parks, and other conservation lands.
- Support continued funding for the Resilient Florida Grant Program and other programs for the planning and implementation of responsible nature-based and hybrid solutions.

Policy Priorities

- Oppose preemption and support local government home rule authority to implement policies more stringent than state standards.
- Oppose any legislation that would infringe on local government's ability to adopt strong and stringent fertilizer ordinances to protect water quality. Specifically, we oppose legislation that would impinge on existing ordinances, limit amendments, or prohibit adoption of new strong fertilizer ordinances.
- Support funding for continued research and management of endangered smalltooth sawfish. The population is facing threats due to the unusual mortality event in the Florida Keys with associated reports of spinning fish. At least 43 smalltooth sawfish were lost in 2024.

- Support legislation removing the harmful fee-shifting provision from Florida Statute Ch. 163.3215, which has had a chilling effect on the public's ability to defend local comprehensive plans through challenging inconsistent developments.
- Support legislation that promotes the thoughtful and balanced use of nature-based and hybrid solutions to flooding and other impacts introduced by a changing climate. Oppose resiliency solutions that would significantly compromise ecological integrity or displace the protective benefits of existing natural systems.
- Oppose legislation that would impede local government action on mitigating the causes of climate change. Mitigating climate change and its subsequent impacts will improve the resiliency of both human communities and natural systems as well as provide significant potential for economic savings.