



# Everglades Coalition

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Arthur R. Marshall Foundation  
Audubon of Florida  
Audubon Society of the Everglades  
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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  
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Florida Wildlife Federation  
Friends of Arthur R. Marshall  
Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge  
Friends of the Everglades  
Izaak Walton League  
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Loxahatchee River Coalition  
Martin County  
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Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
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Defense Council  
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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 a critical component of Everglades restoration is improving the quality of, and reducing phosphorus levels in, water that flows from Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) to the southern Everglades,

WHEREAS the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) is evaluating sites for a new landfill facility in Palm Beach County,

WHEREAS the SWA has considered the negative environmental consequences of locating a landfill directly adjacent to the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, as previously planned, and has hosted three new site proposals, Okeelanta, SR80/US98, and Hundley Farms

WHEREAS the selection committee has chosen the site at SR 80/ US 98 as the preferred site, which will have the lowest long-term cost and is farthest from environmentally sensitive or Everglades restoration lands,

WHEREAS the potential site at Okeelanta could seriously interfere with Everglades restoration efforts in the EAA,

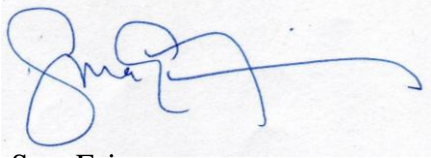
WHEREAS the potential site on Hundley Farms is 0.1 miles from Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 1W, has been unable to meet phosphorus clean-up standards, and locating a landfill on this site could increase phosphorus levels in the STA. Expansion of STA 1W has been promoted, and locating a landfill on this site would preclude options for expansion,

*Therefore be it resolved,*

The Everglades Coalition, with 51 organizations dedicated to protecting and restoring the Everglades ecosystem, hereby opposes a landfill being located adjacent to STA 1W at the Hundley Farms site, within the potential path for restoration at the Okeelanta site, or adjacent to the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

The Everglades Coalition hereby urges the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority to consider locating a future landfill only on land that does not conflict with Everglades restoration efforts and is located a sufficient distance from sensitive environmental lands.

Approved March 16, 2009

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Sara Fain  
National Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Perry', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Mark Perry  
State Co-Chair