

# 2024 Florida Legislative Priorities



The Everglades Coalition is an alliance of nearly **60 local, state, and national conservation and environmental organizations** dedicated to full restoration of the greater Everglades ecosystem, from the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes into Lake Okeechobee, through the “River of Grass,” out to Florida Bay and the Florida Keys. The Everglades is widely recognized as one of the world’s most unique and spectacular natural wonders, and Florida has a compelling interest in protecting and restoring the ecosystem due to its tremendous economic and ecological value.

## In 2024, the Everglades Coalition Urges the Florida Legislature to:

- 1** Fully fund Everglades restoration
- 2** Strengthen protection for all Florida waters
- 3** Reinstate strong statewide and regional land use planning to guide sustainable growth
- 4** Protect investments in Everglades restoration from the impacts of climate change

- 9 Million** Floridians depend on the Greater Everglades Ecosystem for their daily water supply
- 1.7 Million** Amount of jobs in Florida that depend on tourism
- \$19.6 Billion** Amount of sales, income, and value-added impacts from Florida’s commercial seafood industry
- \$431 Million** Visitor spending at national parks in South Florida
- 86,000** Jobs supported by Florida’s commercial seafood industry
- 40%** Percentage of American recreational fishing trips taken in Florida
- \$410 Million** Amount the Everglades add to Florida’s GDP



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