



Everglades Coalition

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 Audubon Society of the Everglades
 Audubon Society of Southwest Florida
 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
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 Environment Florida
 The Environmental Coalition
 Everglades Coordinating Council
 Everglades Foundation
 Everglades Law Center
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 League of Women Voters of Florida
 Loxahatchee River Coalition
 Martin County Conservation Alliance
 National Audubon Society
 National Parks Conservation Association
 National Wildlife Federation
 National Wildlife Refuge Association
 Natural Resources Defense Council
 The Ocean Conservancy
 The Pegasus Foundation
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 Sierra Club
 Sierra Club Broward Group
 Sierra Club Central Florida Group
 Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
 Sierra Club Miami Group
 South Florida Audubon Society
 Tropical Audubon Society
 The Urban Environment League
 World Wildlife Fund

WHEREAS Kentucky-based Sawgrass Investors has proposed to develop 22 acres of land to build a 10-story hotel/office complex with hundreds of thousands of square feet of commercial, light industrial and warehouse space which, if completed, will be the only commercial development west of the Sawgrass Expressway, known as the “Everglades Corporate Park,”

WHEREAS to date, development west of the Sawgrass Expressway consists solely of the Doppler Radar Tower, a Florida Power and Light sub-station and a Florida Department of Transportation truck/trailer parking lot, all of which are located in Sunrise, Florida in Broward County,

WHEREAS the maximum building height previously allowed by the Federal Aviation Administration was 10 stories because of the site's close proximity to the Doppler Radar Tower,

WHEREAS the City of Sunrise previously voted 4-1 to allow a zoning change on the property to allow the maximum square footage to be built into a 10-story building by changing the setbacks on the property, and these changes apply only to this particular piece of property,

WHEREAS the project site is at the very edge of what constitutes the remainder of the Everglades, and borders a canal that is separated from Water Conservation Area 2B by only a pervious limestone levee,

WHEREAS the proposed Everglades Corporate Park may negatively impact water resources in the L35A canal, Water Conservation Area 2B, and waterways downstream from the project site, which serve as recharge areas for the Biscayne Aquifer and connect directly to the Everglades,

WHEREAS the South Florida Water Management District has expressed concerns that the City of Sunrise will not have sufficient water supply capacity to meet the obligations of the planned development, and a petition against the project has been filed by a citizen of Sunrise alleging the same,

WHEREAS provisions in place to protect south Florida’s water supply and the Everglades can be overwhelmed under extreme weather conditions, and

WHEREAS until now, the Sawgrass Expressway has been the *de facto* Urban Development Boundary in Broward County,

Therefore, be it resolved by the 53 organizations of the Everglades Coalition:

The Everglades Coalition is opposed to any development in the City of Sunrise west of the Sawgrass Expressway or along the L-35A canal, including development associated with the proposed Everglades Corporate Park.

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