



Everglades Coalition

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 Arthur R. Marshall Foundation
 Audubon of Florida
 Audubon Society of the Everglades
 Audubon of Southwest Florida
 Caloosahatchee River Citizens
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 Clean Water Action
 Clean Water Network
 Collier County Audubon Society
 Conservancy of Southwest Florida
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 Everglades Coordinating Council
 Everglades Foundation
 Everglades Law Center
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 Florida Keys Environmental Fund
 The Florida Native Plant Society
 Florida Oceanographic Society
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 Florida Wildlife Federation
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 Friends of the Everglades
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 Florida Division
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 Last Stand
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 Loxahatchee River Coalition
 Martin County
 Conservation Alliance
 National Audubon Society
 National Parks
 Conservation Association
 National Wildlife Federation
 National Wildlife Refuge
 Association
 Natural Resources
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 The Ocean Conservancy
 The Pegasus Foundation
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 Sierra Club Central Florida Group
 Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
 Sierra Club Miami Group
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 Tropical Audubon Society
 The Urban Environment League
 World Wildlife Fund

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Robert Niblock, Chairman and CEO
 Lowe's Companies, Inc.
 1000 Lowe's Boulevard
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Dear Mr. Niblock,

On behalf of the Everglades Coalition, we ask that Lowe's abandon its appeal to develop a store adjacent to America's Everglades. The Everglades Coalition is an alliance of 52 local, state and national conservation and environmental organizations dedicated to full restoration of the greater Everglades ecosystem and collectively represent more than over 6 million members nationwide.

The Everglades encompasses some of our most treasured protected places – Everglades and Biscayne National Parks, Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Crocodile Lake, Loxahatchee and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuges. Nearly 50% of Everglades wetlands have already been lost. Restoring America's Everglades is a critical issue to Floridians and Americans alike.

Miami-Dade County's approval has already been overturned by an administrative law judge. The judicial decision has been supported by Florida's Governor and Cabinet members. Continuing litigation in this economy is costly to Lowe's and to the taxpayers and residents Lowe's intends to serve.

Your investors can seek competitive returns without compromising the world's largest restoration efforts by rescinding your application to develop in Miami-Dade County wetlands adjacent to a world heritage site. Lowe's has the opportunity to emerge as an environmentally conscious leader in the home improvement and investor markets.

We ask Lowe's to become a partner in Everglades restoration by rethinking its siting strategy, developing a sustainable approach to meet the needs and ethos of Lowe's customers and shareholders, and voluntarily dismissing its appeal to build outside Miami-Dade's UDB.

Sincerely,

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