

DECF ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS 2026

WATER

Support

H239, S558 – *Standards for Storm Water Systems*

H981, S1066 – *Tributaries of the St. Johns River* - Removes the unused Rodman Dam and restores hundreds of acres of springs and conservation land.

H701, S1120 - *Water Management District* - promotes Everglades Restoration

H1167, S1468 – *Advanced Wastewater Treatment* - Enhances oversight of wastewater treatment plants

H1319, S1422 – *Surface Waters* - Could prevent construction of environmentally damaging cruise ports. Enhanced protection of coral reefs

H1089, S1196 - *Waste Facilities* - prohibits state from issuing permits water pollution protection from waste disposal and burning

Oppose:

H479, S718 - *land and Water Management* – preempts local govt from adopting water quality regulation

H589, S698 – *Onsight Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits* – Designed to circumvent DEP rules near springs and removes checkpoints and 180 day grace period

H1417, S1510 - *Department of Environmental Protection* - weakens water quality protections

ENERGY

Support:

S1532 - *Florida Public Service Commission* - Prevents some energy rate hikes

Oppose:

H1217, S1628 - *Net-zero Policies by Governmental Entities* - prohibits local governments from implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions

H7009, S7006 – *OGSR Public Service Commission* - authorizes secret rate decisions if “proprietary information”.

RESILIENCE

Support:

H1035, S302 - *Nature Based Coastal Resiliency* - Requires agencies to develop nature-based plans for coastal resiliency. Supports for Biscayne Bay

H185, S78 - *Home Hardening Products* - Sales tax exemption for home hardening products used on residential property

Oppose:

H941, S7040 - *Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund* - We oppose the spending of emergency funds on immigration and detention centers

LAND MANAGEMENT

Support:

SJR1364 - *Joint Resolution/Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission* - This would require the governor to only appoint FWC commissioners with wildlife experience

H441, S546 - *Conservation Lands* - Requires the Division of State Lands to publish certain information on its website before conservation lands are sold, protecting state lands from being developed without oversight or citizen knowledge. Would prevent surprise land swaps like Guana

H1183, S1342 - Promotes transportation hubs for affordable housing residents, reduces urban sprawl.

Oppose:

H299, S354 – *Blue Ribbon Projects* – Fast tracks 10,000+ acres of development and would destroy rural and conservation land

H691, S686 – *Agricultural Enclaves* – Preempts local land use policy and allows development on agricultural land

H1143, S948 – *Local Government Land Development Regulation*- Creates Florida Starter Home Act – Supportive of the Affordable Housing Goal, but opposed unless Act is amended to establish minimum water safety standards and protection of

environmentally sensitive lands, protection of wildlife habitat, protection of green space in urban areas.

H1421, S1658 – *Cattle Grazing on State Land* - This would lead to abuse and destruction of state lands.

H313, S48 – *Housing in Agricultural areas* – preempts local control over planning and zoning of affordable, increases density with no safeguards

H105, S588 – *Local Government Enforcement Action* – discourages municipal enforcement of environmental regulations

H 399, S208 – *Land Use and Development Regulations* – Essentially repeal of local comprehensive plans. Declares certain local land use regulations null and void, and prohibits local government from adopting certain regulations,

H1139, S548 – *Growth Management* – Makes Impact fee expansion difficult

H1049, S803 – *Building Permit Requirements for Mobile Homes* – Local government cannot deny permits

H1465, S840 – *Land Use Regulations for Local Governments Affected by Natural Disasters*.

H927, S1138 - *Local Land Planning and Development*, requires model ordinance to require local governments to allow private contractors to review development plans.

H673, S938 – *Release of conservation easements* - These bills amend the statute governing conservation easements (Section 704.06, Florida Statutes) to require water management districts to release a recorded conservation easement on a parcel if certain conditions are met.

S290 – *Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*- requires developers to use private contractors hired by developers to attest to the plan, restricts local government from control over the plan. Creates Florida's Farm Bill and contains language that could allow state conservation land acquired after Jan 1 2024 to be reviewed for agricultural "suitability" and discarded as surplus and sold as easements.

H673, S938 - *Release of Conservation Easements* - requires WMDs to release easements for development

NOTE: We opposed previous bills, H217, S218 – Land Use Regulation. We have changed, and now have no position on it. The bills were filed to “fix” problems with SB180, in response to a lawsuit brought by numerous municipalities challenging SB180. The worst of SB 180 was ostensibly worked out through these bills, which is why we no longer oppose them.

POLLUTION

Support:

H1285, S1474, S1294 - *Biosolids Management* - cannot renew permit if near WWTP

S1386 - *Implementation Of Recommendations Of the Blue* - Green Algae task force

Oppose:

H167 - *Former Phosphate Mining Lands* - conditions for cause of action against former phosphate mining sites; making it more difficult for lawsuits vs. Mosaic, in that it erodes the strict liability theory.

Single Use Plastic

Support:

H575, S240 - Preemption the way it is supposed to work; use and disposition of single-use, nonrecyclable auxiliary containers

S1058, S1230, H1019 - *Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances* - limits sale and use, and disposal options

Oppose:

H629, S766 - *Waste Management* - preempts local control of auxiliary containers to the state

Airport Expansion

Oppose:

H4005 - *Naples City Airport* - removes local control of airport located on city property, allowing airport expansion, increasing air and noise pollution