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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Senator Latvala, Chair
Senator Clemens, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.

PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Latvala, Chair; Senator Clemens, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Gibson, Hukill, Sachs, and Thompson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/SB 584 Community Affairs / Brandes (Similar H 929)	Peril of Flood; Authorizing the Division of Emergency Management to administer a matching grant program to provide up to \$50 million annually in technical and financial assistance to local governments to implement certain flood risk reduction policies and projects; authorizing the Florida Communities Trust to undertake, coordinate, or fund flood mitigation projects and to acquire and dispose of real and personal property or specified interest when necessary or appropriate to reduce flood hazards, etc. CA 12/01/2015 Fav/CS ATD 01/13/2016 Fav/CS AP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
2	CS/SB 718 Transportation / Sobel (Identical H 1105)	Identification Cards; Requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue an identification card exhibiting a special designation for a person who has a developmental disability under certain circumstances; requiring payment of an additional fee and proof of diagnosis by a licensed physician; requiring the fee to be deposited into the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; requiring the department to develop rules to facilitate the issuance, requirements, and oversight of developmental disability identification cards; providing applicability, etc. TR 12/03/2015 Fav/CS ATD 01/13/2016 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
3	SB 746 Negron / Sachs (Compare H 427)	Vessel Registrations; Reducing vessel registration fees for recreational vessels equipped with certain position indicating and locating beacons; providing criteria for such reduction; clarifying county optional registration fees, etc. TR 12/03/2015 Favorable ATD 01/13/2016 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 1:30—3:30 p.m.

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
4	SB 7000 Community Affairs (Compare H 1361, S 1190)	Developments of Regional Impact; Providing that a proposed development that is consistent with certain comprehensive plans is not required to undergo review pursuant to the state coordinated review process, etc. ATD 01/13/2016 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
5	Presentation of Local Funding Initiative Requests (Presenters must be registered in advance with subcommittee staff by close of business on Monday, January 11, 2016).		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Brandes

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the peril of flood; creating s. 252.64, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Emergency Management to administer a matching grant program to provide up to \$50 million annually in technical and financial assistance to local governments to implement certain flood risk reduction policies and projects; limiting certain administrative costs of the division; requiring the division to rank applications for assistance based on certain criteria; authorizing the division to adopt rules; capping funds for administration; requiring the division to establish a system to monitor grants; amending s. 380.507, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Communities Trust to undertake, coordinate, or fund flood mitigation projects and to acquire and dispose of real and personal property or specified interest when necessary or appropriate to reduce flood hazards; amending s. 380.508, F.S.; specifying the purpose of acceptable flood mitigation projects undertaken, coordinated, or funded by the trust; amending s. 380.510, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; specifying certain required conditions to be included in trust grant or loan agreements for land acquisition; amending s. 472.0366, F.S.; authorizing the division to contract with third parties to store elevation certificates and maintain a database for public access to such certificates; amending s. 627.715, F.S.; authorizing an insurer to issue flood insurance policies on a

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flexible basis; extending the date by which an insurer may use certain statutory rate standards for establishing and using flood coverage rates; extending the date by which a surplus lines agent may export a contract or endorsement providing flood coverage to an eligible surplus lines insurer without making a diligent effort to seek such coverage from three or more authorized insurers; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 252.64, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

252.64 Local government flood hazard risk reduction assistance.—

(1) The Division of Emergency Management is authorized to administer a matching grant program to provide up to \$50 million annually in technical and financial assistance, subject to appropriation, to local governments to implement flood risk reduction policies and projects consistent with the coastal management element of a local government comprehensive plan required under s. 163.3178, an approved local hazard mitigation plan, or an adaptation action plan. To administer the program, the division may not spend more than 8 percent of funds appropriated to it under this section on administration.

(2) The division shall rank each received application for assistance and shall give priority to:

(a) Projects that provide the greatest scoring improvement within the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating

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59 System;

60 (b) The acquisition of flood-prone property for conversion
61 to open space in perpetuity, or the development of natural or
62 grey infrastructure, to reduce the risk of flooding;

63 (c) Applications submitted by local governments that have
64 encountered a significant increase in National Flood Insurance
65 premiums during the preceding 5 years;

66 (d) Projects that will protect the greatest number of
67 structures from frequent flooding;

68 (e) Applications that exceed the dollar-for-dollar matching
69 funds threshold; and

70 (f) Local governments that participate in the National
71 Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.

72 (3) The division may adopt rules to administer this section
73 and shall consult with the state land planning agency in
74 developing ranking criteria for project selection.

75 (4) A recipient may not spend more than 8 percent of grant
76 funds on administration.

77 (5) The division shall establish a system to monitor
78 grants, including site visits, to ensure proper expenditure of
79 funds and compliance with the conditions of the recipient's
80 contract.

81 Section 2. Present paragraphs (c) through (g) of subsection
82 (2) of section 380.507, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
83 paragraphs (d) through (h), respectively, a new paragraph (c) is
84 added to that subsection, and subsection (4) of that section is
85 amended, to read:

86 380.507 Powers of the trust.—The trust shall have all the
87 powers necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes and

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provisions of this part, including:

(2) To undertake, coordinate, or fund activities and projects which will help bring local comprehensive plans into compliance and help implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the conservation, recreation and open space, and coastal elements of local comprehensive plans, or which will otherwise serve to conserve natural resources and resolve land use conflicts, including, but not limited to:

(c) Flood mitigation projects.

(4) To acquire and dispose of real and personal property or any interest therein when necessary or appropriate to protect the natural environment, provide public access or public recreational facilities, including the Florida National Scenic Trail, preserve wildlife habitat areas, provide access for managing acquired lands, reduce flood hazards, or otherwise carry out the purposes of this part. If the trust acquires land for permanent state ownership, title to such land shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; otherwise, title to property acquired in partnership with a county or municipality shall vest in the name of the local government. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the trust may enter into an option agreement to purchase lands included in projects approved according to this part, when necessary to reserve lands during the preparation of project plans and during acquisition proceedings. The consideration for an option shall not exceed \$100,000.

Section 3. Present paragraphs (c) through (f) of subsection (4) of section 380.508, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) through (g), respectively, and a new paragraph

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(c) is added to that subsection, to read:

380.508 Projects; development, review, and approval.—

(4) Projects or activities which the trust undertakes, coordinates, or funds in any manner shall comply with the following guidelines:

(c) The purpose of acceptable flood mitigation projects, which should serve to lower a community's class rating under the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, shall be:

1. To acquire interests in lands designated as severe repetitive loss properties within coastal "V," "VE," and "V1-30" designated flood zones, as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which are suitable for enhancing beach and coastal access for the public, creating public parks, and providing flood control; or

2. To provide technical and financial assistance to local governments to implement flood risk reduction policies and projects consistent with the coastal element of the local government comprehensive plan required under s. 163.3178, an approved local hazard mitigation plan, or an adaptation action plan.

Project costs may include costs of providing parks, open space, public access sites, scenic easements, and other areas and facilities serving the public where such features are part of a project plan approved according to this part. In undertaking or coordinating projects or activities authorized by this part, the trust shall, when appropriate, use and promote the use of creative land acquisition methods, including the

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146 acquisition of less than fee interest through, among other
147 methods, conservation easements, transfer of development rights,
148 leases, and leaseback arrangements. The trust shall assist local
149 governments in the use of sound alternative methods of financing
150 for funding projects and activities authorized under this part.
151 Any funds over and above eligible project costs, which remain
152 after completion of a project approved according to this part,
153 shall be transmitted to the state and deposited into the Florida
154 Forever Trust Fund.

155 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
156 380.510, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is
157 added to that subsection, to read:

158 380.510 Conditions of grants and loans.—

159 (3) In the case of a grant or loan for land acquisition,
160 agreements shall provide all of the following:

161 (d) If any essential term or condition of a grant or loan
162 is violated, title to all interest in real property acquired
163 with state funds shall be conveyed or revert to the Board of
164 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The trust shall
165 treat such property in accordance with s. 380.508(4)(g) ~~or~~
166 ~~380.508(4)(f)~~.

167 (f) Land acquired for flood mitigation projects must be
168 maintained strictly for flood mitigation purposes or
169 conservation purposes. Conveyance of such lands to private
170 entities must contain conditions, covenants, restrictions, or
171 other provisions that ensure that the land will be maintained
172 for flood mitigation or conservation purposes.

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174 Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby a

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nonprofit organization or local government acquires real property under this section shall set forth the interest of the state. The trust shall keep at least one copy of any such instrument and shall provide at least one copy to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

Section 5. Subsection (3) is added to section 472.0366, Florida Statutes, to read:

472.0366 Elevation certificates; requirements for surveyors and mappers.—

(3) The division may contract with a third party to store elevation certificates received pursuant to this section. The division may also contract with a third party to maintain a centralized database allowing the public to access elevation certificates and the data contained within the certificates.

Section 6. Section 627.715, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.715 Flood insurance.—An authorized insurer may issue an insurance policy, contract, or endorsement providing personal lines residential coverage for the peril of flood on any structure or the contents of personal property contained therein, subject to this section. This section does not apply to commercial lines residential or commercial lines nonresidential coverage for the peril of flood. This section also does not apply to coverage for the peril of flood that is excess coverage over any other insurance covering the peril of flood. An insurer may issue flood insurance policies, contracts, or endorsements on a standard, preferred, customized, flexible, or supplemental basis.

(1)(a)1. Standard flood insurance must cover only losses

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from the peril of flood, as defined in paragraph (b), equivalent to that provided under a standard flood insurance policy under the National Flood Insurance Program. Standard flood insurance issued under this section must provide the same coverage, including deductibles and adjustment of losses, as that provided under a standard flood insurance policy under the National Flood Insurance Program.

2. Preferred flood insurance must include the same coverage as standard flood insurance but:

a. Include, within the definition of "flood," losses from water intrusion originating from outside the structure that are not otherwise covered under the definition of "flood" provided in paragraph (b).

b. Include coverage for additional living expenses.

c. Require that any loss under personal property or contents coverage that is repaired or replaced be adjusted only on the basis of replacement costs up to the policy limits.

3. Customized flood insurance must include coverage that is broader than the coverage provided under standard flood insurance.

4. Flexible flood insurance must cover losses from the peril of flood, as defined in paragraph (b), and may also include coverage for losses from water intrusion originating from outside the structure which is not otherwise covered by the definition of flood. Flexible flood insurance must include one or more of the following provisions:

a. An agreement between the insurer and the insured that the flood coverage is in a specified amount, such as coverage that is limited to the total amount of each outstanding mortgage

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applicable to the covered property.

b. A requirement for a deductible in an amount authorized under s. 627.701, including a deductible in an amount authorized for hurricanes.

c. A requirement that flood loss to a dwelling be adjusted in accordance with s. 627.7011(3) or adjusted only on the basis of the actual cash value of the property.

d. A restriction limiting flood coverage to the principal building defined in the policy.

e. A provision including or excluding coverage for additional living expenses.

f. A provision excluding coverage for personal property or contents as to the peril of flood.

5. Supplemental flood insurance may provide coverage designed to supplement a flood policy obtained from the National Flood Insurance Program or from an insurer issuing standard or preferred flood insurance pursuant to this section. Supplemental flood insurance may provide, but need not be limited to, coverage for jewelry, art, deductibles, and additional living expenses.

(b) "Flood" means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties, at least one of which is the policyholder's property, from:

1. Overflow of inland or tidal waters;
2. Unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source;
3. Mudflow; or
4. Collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake

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or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined in this paragraph.

(2) Flood coverage deductibles and policy limits pursuant to this section must be prominently noted on the policy declarations page or face page.

(3)(a) An insurer may establish and use flood coverage rates in accordance with the rate standards provided in s. 627.062.

(b) For flood coverage rates filed with the office before October 1, 2025 ~~2019~~, the insurer may also establish and use such rates in accordance with the rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals filed by the insurer with the office which allow the insurer a reasonable rate of return on flood coverage written in this state. Flood coverage rates established pursuant to this paragraph are not subject to s. 627.062(2)(a) and (f). An insurer shall notify the office of any change to such rates within 30 days after the effective date of the change. The notice must include the name of the insurer and the average statewide percentage change in rates. Actuarial data with regard to such rates for flood coverage must be maintained by the insurer for 2 years after the effective date of such rate change and is subject to examination by the office. The office may require the insurer to incur the costs associated with an examination. Upon examination, the office, in accordance with generally accepted and reasonable actuarial techniques, shall consider the rate factors in s. 627.062(2)(b), (c), and (d), and the standards in s. 627.062(2)(e), to determine if the rate is

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excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. If the office determines that a rate is excessive or unfairly discriminatory, the office shall require the insurer to provide appropriate credit to affected insureds or an appropriate refund to affected insureds who no longer receive coverage from the insurer.

(4) A surplus lines agent may export a contract or endorsement providing flood coverage to an eligible surplus lines insurer without making a diligent effort to seek such coverage from three or more authorized insurers under s. 626.916(1)(a). This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2017~~.

(5) In addition to any other applicable requirements, an insurer providing flood coverage in this state must:

(a) Notify the office at least 30 days before writing flood insurance in this state; and

(b) File a plan of operation and financial projections or revisions to such plan, as applicable, with the office.

(6) Citizens Property Insurance Corporation may not provide insurance for the peril of flood.

(7) The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund may not provide reimbursement for losses proximately caused by the peril of flood, including losses that occur during a covered event as defined in s. 215.555(2)(b).

(8) An agent must, upon receiving an application for flood coverage from an authorized or surplus lines insurer for a property receiving flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program, obtain an acknowledgment signed by the applicant before placing the coverage with the authorized or surplus lines insurer. The acknowledgment must notify the applicant that, if the applicant discontinues coverage under the

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320 National Flood Insurance Program which is provided at a
321 subsidized rate, the full risk rate for flood insurance may
322 apply to the property if the applicant later seeks to reinstate
323 coverage under the program.

324 (9) With respect to the regulation of flood coverage
325 written in this state by authorized insurers, this section
326 supersedes any other provision in the Florida Insurance Code in
327 the event of a conflict.

328 (10) If federal law or rule requires a certification by a
329 state insurance regulatory official as a condition of qualifying
330 for private flood insurance or disaster assistance, the
331 Commissioner of Insurance Regulation may provide the
332 certification, and such certification is not subject to review
333 under chapter 120.

334 (11) (a) An authorized insurer offering flood insurance may
335 request the office to certify that a policy, contract, or
336 endorsement provides coverage for the peril of flood which
337 equals or exceeds the flood coverage offered by the National
338 Flood Insurance Program. To be eligible for certification, such
339 policy, contract, or endorsement must contain a provision
340 stating that it meets the private flood insurance requirements
341 specified in 42 U.S.C. s. 4012a(b) and may not contain any
342 provision that is not in compliance with 42 U.S.C. s. 4012a(b).

343 (b) The authorized insurer or its agent may reference or
344 include a certification under paragraph (a) in advertising or
345 communications with an agent, a lending institution, an insured,
346 or a potential insured only for a policy, contract, or
347 endorsement that is certified under this subsection. The
348 authorized insurer may include a statement that notifies an

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insured of the certification on the declarations page or other
policy documentation related to flood coverage certified under
this subsection.

(c) An insurer or agent who knowingly misrepresents that a
flood policy, contract, or endorsement is certified under this
subsection commits an unfair or deceptive act under s. 626.9541.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: PCS/CS/SB 584 (794946)

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee (Recommended by Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development), Community Affairs Committee and Senator Brandes

SUBJECT: Peril of Flood

DATE: January 14, 2016

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Cochran</u>	<u>Yeatman</u>	<u>CA</u>	Fav/CS
2.	<u>Gusky</u>	<u>Miller</u>	<u>ATD</u>	Recommended: Fav/CS
3.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>AP</u>	<u> </u>

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

PCS/CS/SB 584 authorizes the Division of Emergency Management (division) to administer a matching grant program, subject to appropriation, that provides up to \$50 million annually in technical and financial assistance grants to local governments to implement certain flood risk reduction policies and projects. The division is also authorized to contract with third parties to store elevation certificates and maintain a centralized database allowing the public to access elevation certificates.

Flood mitigation projects are added to the list of eligible projects under the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) program. The bill includes language indicating the proper purpose of the flood mitigation projects under FCT project guidelines. The bill adds to the conditions of grants and loans that land acquired for flood mitigation projects must be maintained strictly for flood mitigation purposes or conservation.

Finally, the bill extends the informational filing of rates for flood coverage from October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2025, exempting insurers from the usual rate filing process. The bill also extends the expiration date of a provision which allows a surplus lines agent to obtain flood coverage through a surplus lines insurer without making a diligent effort to seek coverage from other authorized insurers from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2025.

The bill has potential fiscal impacts to the private and government sectors. See Section V.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2016.

II. Present Situation:

Flood Issues

Flood is defined in the standard National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy as a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties from:

- Overflow of inland or tidal waters;
- Unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source;
- Mudflow; or
- Collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined above.¹

National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System

The Community Rating System (CRS) of the NFIP recognizes floodplain management and outreach activities performed by communities that exceed the NFIP minimum standards.² CRS is a voluntary program that recognizes these efforts by reducing the cost of flood insurance premiums by 5 to 45 percent for flood insurance policies in communities that participate in the CRS.³ The CRS recognizes 19 creditable activities organized under four categories: Public Information, Mapping and Regulations, Flood Damage Reduction, and Warning and Response.⁴

Communities can choose to undertake any or all of these activities.⁵ Based on the number of credit points received for each activity, a community is ranked in one of ten CRS classes with Class 1 requiring the most credit points and giving the largest premium reduction.⁶ Most communities regularly implement activities that will earn credit under the CRS.⁷ In Florida, communities are automatically awarded CRS credit points for various activities due to the Florida Building Code, water quality, local drainage protection regulations, and additional credits based on water management district requirements.⁸

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is moving forward with the Florida CRS Initiative, designed to assist participating communities to better their CRS rating; and to

¹ Federal Emergency Management Agency, *Definitions*, <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/definitions> (last visited December 14, 2015).

² Florida Disaster, *What is CRS?*, <http://www.floridadisaster.org/mitigation/CRS/> (last visited November 18, 2015).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

enlist as many eligible non-participating communities as possible.⁹ Currently, the CRS is the only means for residents to receive a flood insurance premium reduction.¹⁰

Flood Insurance in Florida

NFIP Flood Insurance in Florida

The NFIP was created by the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968.¹¹ The NFIP is administered by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and provides property owners located in flood-prone areas the ability to purchase flood insurance protection from the federal government. Flood insurance through the NFIP is only available in communities that adopt and enforce federal floodplain management criteria.¹² Over two million NFIP policies are written on Florida properties, with approximately 268,500 policies receiving subsidized rates.¹³ This accounts for approximately 37 percent of the total policies written by the NFIP.

Historically, properties insured in Florida have paid approximately \$3.60 in premium for NFIP flood coverage for every \$1 received in claims payments.¹⁴ The rate impact of the Biggert-Waters Act on subsidized policies in Florida is approximately as follows:

- Approximately 50,000 secondary residences, businesses, and severe repetitive loss properties are subject to immediate, annual 25 percent increases until their premiums are full risk premiums.
- Approximately 103,000 primary residences will lose their subsidy if the property is sold, the policy lapses, the property suffers severe, repeated flood losses, or a new policy is purchased.
- Approximately 115,000 non-primary residences, business properties, and severe repetitive loss properties are subject to the elimination of subsidies once FEMA develops guidance for their removal.

Private Market Flood Insurance in Florida

Authorized insurers may sell five different types of flood insurance policies, contracts, or endorsements:

- Standard coverage, which covers only losses from the peril of flood, as defined in paragraph (b) of s. 627.715(1), F.S. The policy must be the same as coverage offered from the NFIP regarding the definition of flood, coverage, deductibles, and loss adjustment.¹⁵

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ National Emergency Management Agency, *National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973* <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/7277?id=2216> (last visited November 20, 2015).

¹² Federal Emergency Management Agency, *National Flood Insurance Program: Program Description*, pgs. 2-4., <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/1150?id=1480> (last visited November 20, 2015).

¹³ Office of Insurance Regulation, *The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012*, (Presentation to the Florida Senate Banking and Insurance Committee on October 8, 2013) http://flsenate.gov/PublishedContent/Committees/2012-2014/BI/MeetingRecords/MeetingPacket_2346.pdf (last visited November 18, 2015).

¹⁴ Wharton Center for Risk Management and Decision Processes, *Who's Paying and Who's Benefiting Most From Flood Insurance Under the NFIP? A Financial Analysis of the U.S. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)*, (Issue Brief, Fall 2011).

¹⁵ Section 627.715(1)(a)(1.), F.S.

- Preferred coverage, which includes the same coverage as standard flood insurance and also must cover flood losses caused by water intrusion from outside the structure that are not otherwise covered under the definition of flood in the bill.¹⁶
- Customized coverage, which is coverage that is broader than standard flood coverage.¹⁷
- Flexible coverage, which is defined as coverage for the peril of flood that may include water intrusion coverage and differs from standard or preferred coverage by:
 - Being in an agreed upon amount between the insurer and policyholder.
 - Including a deductible as authorized in s. 627.701, F.S.
 - Being adjusted in accordance with s. 627.7011(3), F.S., or adjusted only on the basis of the actual cash value of the property.
 - Covering only the principal building, as defined in the policy.
 - Including or excluding coverage for additional living expenses.
 - Excluding coverage for personal property or contents.¹⁸
- Supplemental coverage, which supplements an NFIP flood policy or a standard or preferred policy from a private market insurer. Supplemental coverage may provide coverage for jewelry, art, deductibles, and additional living expenses. It does not include excess flood coverage over other flood policies.¹⁹

Insurers must provide prominent notice on the policy declarations page or face page of deductibles and any other limitations on flood coverage or policy limits. Insurance agents that receive a flood insurance application must obtain a signed acknowledgement from the applicant stating that the full risk rate for flood insurance may apply to the property if flood insurance is later obtained under the NFIP.

An insurer may establish flood rates through the standard process in s. 627.062, F.S.²⁰ Alternatively, rates filed before October 1, 2019, may be established through a rate filing with the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) that is not required to be reviewed by the OIR before implementation of the rate (“file and use” review) or shortly after implementation of the rate (“use and file” review).²¹ Specifically, the flood rate is exempt from the “file and use” and “use and file” requirements of s. 627.062(2)(a), F.S.²² Such filings are also exempt from the requirement to provide information necessary to evaluate the company and the reasonableness of the rate. The OIR may, however, examine a rate filing at its discretion. To enable the office to conduct such examinations, insurers must maintain actuarial data related to flood coverage for 2 years after the effective date of the rate change.²³ Upon examination, the OIR will use actuarial techniques and the standards of the rating law to determine if the rate is excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory.²⁴

¹⁶ Section 627.715(1)(a)(2.), F.S.

¹⁷ Section 627.715(1)(a)(3.), F.S.

¹⁸ Section 627.715(1)(a)(4.), F.S.

¹⁹ Section 627.715(1)(a)(5.), F.S.

²⁰ Section 627.715(3)(a), F.S.

²¹ Section 627.715(3)(b), F.S.

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.*

Insurers that seek to write flood coverage in Florida must notify the OIR at least 30 days before doing so and file a plan of operation, financial projections, and any such revisions with the OIR.²⁵ Surplus lines agents may export flood insurance without making a diligent effort to seek coverage from three or more authorized insurers until July 1, 2017.²⁶

Elevation Certificates

An elevation certificate is the certificate used to demonstrate the elevation of property which has been developed by FEMA pursuant to federal floodplain management regulation and which is completed by a surveyor and mapper.²⁷ The NFIP elevation certificate is used to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance to community floodplain management ordinances, to determine the proper insurance premium rate, or to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment.²⁸ As part of the agreement for making flood insurance available in a community, the NFIP requires each community to adopt floodplain management regulations that specify minimum requirements for reducing flood losses.²⁹ One such requirement is for the community to obtain the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new and substantially improved buildings, and maintain a record of such information.³⁰ The elevation certificate provides a way for a community to document compliance with the community's floodplain management ordinance. Surveyors and mappers are required to submit elevation certificates to the division within 30 days of completion.³¹

Florida Communities Trust (FCT)

The FCT was created in 1989 as a non-lapsing revolving fund to be used by local governments and nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of community based projects, urban open spaces, parks, and greenways.³² The fund is held and administered by the Florida Communities Trust, which acts as a non-regulatory agency within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The governing body of the FCT is the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and four members appointed by the Governor: a former elected official of county government, a former elected official of a municipal government, a representative of a nonprofit organization, and a representative of the development industry.³³

The FCT is responsible for assisting local governments in implementing local comprehensive plans and bringing plans into compliance. The FCT is also tasked with responding to development patterns that degrade natural areas, enhancing resource values, restoring urban

²⁵ Section 627.715(5), F.S.

²⁶ Section 627.715(4), F.S.

²⁷ Section 472.0366(1)(b), F.S.

²⁸ Federal Emergency Management Agency, *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions*, <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160> (last visited November 18, 2015).

²⁹ Federal Emergency Management Agency, *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions Form 086-0-33* (2012).

³⁰ *Id.*

³¹ Section 472.0366(2), F.S.

³² Chapter 89-175, s. 28, Laws of Fla.

³³ Section 380.504, F.S.

waterfronts, preserving working waterfronts, reserving land for purchase at a later date, promoting innovative land acquisition methods, and providing public access to water fronts.³⁴

The FCT receives approximately 21 percent of Florida Forever funds each year. Emphasis is placed on funding projects in low income or otherwise disadvantaged communities. A dollar for dollar local match is required for 75 percent of these funds. The local government match can consist of federal grants or funds, private donations, or environmental mitigation funds.³⁵ The FCT was last funded in 2011.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 creates s. 252.64, F.S., to authorize the division to administer a matching grant program, subject to appropriation, that provides up to \$50 million annually in technical and financial assistance to local governments to implement certain flood risk reduction policies and projects consistent with: the coastal management element of a local government comprehensive plan required under s. 163.3178, F.S.; an approved local hazard mitigation plan; or an adaptation action plan. Subject to appropriation, the division may not spend more than 8 percent of funds appropriated for the matching grant program on administration. The bill requires the division to rank applications submitted by local governments for assistance based on certain criteria and to give priority to:

- Projects providing the greatest scoring improvement within the NFIP's CRS;
- Acquisition of flood-prone property for conversion to open space in perpetuity, or the development of natural or green infrastructure, to reduce the risk of flooding;
- Applications submitted by local governments that have encountered a significant increase in NFIP premiums during the preceding 5 years;
- Projects that will protect the greatest number of structures from frequent flooding;
- Applications that exceed the dollar-for-dollar matching funds threshold; and
- Local governments that participate in the NFIP's CRS.

The division is also given authority to adopt rules to administer this section, and must consult with the state land planning agency in developing ranking criteria for project selection. Recipients of grant funds may not spend more than 8 percent of those funds on administration. The division is also required to establish a monitoring system to ensure proper expenditure of grant funds and compliance with the recipient's contract.

Section 2 redesignates paragraphs (c) through (g) as (d) through (h) in s. 380.507(2), F.S. This section also adds a new paragraph (c), which adds flood mitigation projects to the list of purposes of the FCT. The section also amends subsection (4) to include that the FCT can acquire and dispose of real and personal property or any interest therein when necessary or appropriate to reduce flood hazards.

Section 3 redesignates paragraphs (c) through (f) as (d) through (g) in s. 380.508(4), F.S. This section also adds a new paragraph (c) which defines the purpose of acceptable flood mitigation

³⁴ Section 380.502, F.S.

³⁵ Section 259.105(3)(c), F.S.

projects undertaken by the FCT. The purpose of such projects should serve to lower a community's rating under the NFIP's CRS, and to:

- Acquire interests in lands designated as severe repetitive loss properties within coastal high hazard areas³⁶ which are suitable for enhancing beach and coastal access for the public, creating public parks, and providing flood control; or
- Provide technical and financial assistance to local governments to implement flood risk reduction policies and projects consistent with the coastal element of the local government comprehensive plan required under s. 163.3178, F.S., an approved local hazard mitigation plan, or an adaptation action plan.

Section 4 amends paragraph (d) of s. 380.510(3), F.S., to refer to the new paragraph numbering in s. 380.508(4), F.S. Specifically, it redesignates a reference from s. 380.508(4)(f), F.S., to s. 380.508(4)(g), F.S. A new paragraph (f) is added to this section and states that land acquired for flood mitigation projects must be maintained strictly for flood mitigation purposes or conservation purposes. Any conveyance to a private entity must contain conditions, covenants, restrictions, or other provisions that ensure that the land will be maintained for flood mitigation or conservation purposes.

Section 5 authorizes the division to contract with a third party to store elevation certificates received pursuant to s. 472.0366, F.S. The division may also contract with a third party to maintain a centralized database allowing the public to access elevation certificates and the data contained within the certificates.

Section 6 inserts the word “flexible” into s. 627.715, F.S., as a technical change. Flexible flood insurance is already a part of the statute, but is currently missing from the introductory paragraph that lists policy types. This section extends the informational filing of rates for flood coverage from October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2025. For rates filed before this date, the insurer may also establish and use such rates in accordance with the rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals filed by the insurer with the office which allow the insurer a reasonable rate of return on flood coverage. The bill also extends the expiration date of a provision which allows a surplus lines agent to obtain flood coverage through a surplus lines insurer without making a diligent effort to seek coverage from other authorized insurers from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2025.

Section 7 provides an effective date of July 1, 2016.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

³⁶ See *supra*, note 1. “Coastal High Hazard Areas” are Special Flood Hazard Areas along the coasts that have additional hazards due to wind and wave action. These areas are identified on Flood Insurance Rate Maps as zones V, V1-V30 and VE.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

To the extent that the implementation of the flood mitigation matching grant program results in more communities participating in NFIP's CRS program and participating communities receiving more credits in the program, there may be a reduction in consumers' flood insurance premiums ranging from 5 to 45 percent.

This bill extends the informational filing of rates for flood coverage from October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2025. While the rate filings may be submitted as informational, the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) does have the ability to audit any of the admitted market information rate filings to ensure that the rates are not excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory.³⁷ The informational rate filings may attract insurers to the private flood market, and consumers would still be protected by the ability of OIR to audit the rates.³⁸

The bill also extends the expiration date of a provision which allows a surplus lines agent to obtain flood coverage through a surplus lines insurer without making a diligent effort to seek coverage from other authorized insurers from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2025. This may attract surplus lines carriers to the private flood market and allow for more private flood policies to be written.³⁹ Rates and forms for surplus lines policies are not reviewed by the OIR and therefore it is unknown whether or not the rates would be actuarially sound and the coverage comparable to the NFIP.⁴⁰ However, the concern may be alleviated by the fact that due to competition in the market, it is unlikely that a surplus lines company would have higher rates or lower coverage than NFIP.⁴¹

C. Government Sector Impact:

If the Legislature provides an appropriation to create the matching grant program, the Division of Emergency Management would require seven additional full-time employees including a program administrator and six project managers. The estimated cost for personnel would be \$598,716 per year for salary, benefits, travel, and expenses. An additional \$500,000 in funding for program support and contractual services would be

³⁷ Office of Insurance Regulation, *SB 584 Agency Bill Analysis* (November 16, 2015) (on file with the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development).

³⁸ *Id.*

³⁹ *Id.*

⁴⁰ *Id.*

⁴¹ *Id.*

required in the first year, of which \$150,000 would be a recurring need.⁴² Subject to appropriation, the division may not spend more than 8 percent of funds appropriated for the matching grant program on administration.

If the Legislature provides an appropriation to create the matching grant program, there may be a positive fiscal impact to local governments who are awarded funds to implement flood reduction policies and projects. A local government may not spend more than 8 percent of funds awarded on administration.

The bill authorizes, but does not require, the division to contract with third parties to store elevation certificates and maintain a centralized database that allows the public to access elevation certificates. According to the division, the fiscal impact would be dependent on the type of system required to collect the elevation certificates for use by the public,⁴³ and is indeterminate at this time.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates section 252.64 of the Florida Statutes.

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 380.507, 380.508, 380.510, 472.0366, and 627.715.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Community Affairs on December 1, 2015:

Clarifies that the \$50 million matching grant program cap is annual, subject to appropriation; extends the 8 percent administration expense cap to the division, where it was previously only extended to the localities receiving grant monies.

Recommended CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development on January 13, 2016:

Corrects a cross reference to s. 626.916, F.S., and changes one of the criteria for ranking applications for the matching grant program from the development of “grey infrastructure” to “green infrastructure.”

⁴² Division of Emergency Management, *SB 584 Agency Bill Analysis* (November 13, 2015) (on file with the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development).

⁴³ *Id.*

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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S-001 (10/14/14)

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Sobel

596-01805-16

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to identification cards; amending s.
322.051, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway
Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue an identification
card exhibiting a special designation for a person who
has a developmental disability under certain
circumstances; requiring payment of an additional fee
and proof of diagnosis by a licensed physician;
requiring the fee to be deposited into the Agency for
Persons with Disabilities Operations and Maintenance
Trust Fund; authorizing issuance of a replacement
identification card that includes the special
designation without payment of a specified fee;
requiring the department to develop rules to
facilitate the issuance, requirements, and oversight
of developmental disability identification cards;
providing applicability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (8) of
section 322.051, Florida Statutes, to read:

322.051 Identification cards.—

(8)

(c)1. Upon request by a person who has a developmental
disability, or by a parent or guardian of a child or ward who
has a developmental disability, the department shall issue an
identification card exhibiting a capital "D" for the person,
child, or ward if the person or the parent or guardian of the

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child or ward submits:

a. Payment of an additional \$10 fee; and

b. Proof acceptable to the department of a diagnosis by a
licensed physician of a developmental disability as defined in
s. 393.063.

2. The department shall deposit the additional \$10 fee into
the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Operations and
Maintenance Trust Fund under s. 20.1971(2).

3. A replacement identification card that includes the
designation may be issued without payment of the fee required
under s. 322.21(1)(f).

4. The department shall develop rules to facilitate the
issuance, requirements, and oversight of developmental
disability identification cards under this section.

Section 2. The amendments made by this act to s. 322.051,
Florida Statutes, shall apply upon implementation of new designs
for the driver license and identification card by the Department
of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: CS/SB 718

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Sobel

SUBJECT: Identification Cards

DATE: January 11, 2016

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Jones	Eichin	TR	Fav/CS
2.	Gusky	Miller	ATD	Recommended: Favorable
3.			AP	

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 718 allows a person with a developmental disability, or a parent or guardian of a child or ward with a developmental disability to voluntarily request to be issued an identification card with a “D” designation for the person diagnosed with a developmental disability.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) will issue the identification card upon proof of diagnosis of a developmental disability by a licensed physician and payment of a \$10 fee. The additional \$10 fee is deposited into the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). A replacement identification card that includes the designation may be issued without payment of the \$25 replacement fee.

To the extent that individuals apply for and obtain the “D” designation authorized in the bill at the time their identification cards are issued, renewed, or replaced, there will be a positive fiscal impact on the APD’s Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund, and a negative fiscal impact on the General Revenue Fund, the DHSMV’s Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and issuing county tax collectors. These impacts are indeterminate and expected to be insignificant.¹

¹ Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *SB 718 Agency Bill Analysis* (December 9, 2015) (on file with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development).

The bill provides an effective date of October 1, 2016, however, the bill specifies that the “D” designation will not be available on identification cards until the DHSMV implements the new designs for the driver license and identification card, which is anticipated to be in 2017.

II. Present Situation:

Developmental Disabilities in Florida

Section 393.063(9), F.S., defines developmental disabilities to mean “a disorder or syndrome that is attributable to intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, autism, spina bifida, or Prader-Willi syndrome; that manifests before the age of 18; and that constitutes a substantial handicap that can reasonably be expected to continue indefinitely.”

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council estimates there are approximately 100,000 individuals living in the state who meet the developmental disability criteria.²

Identification Cards in Florida

Any person who is five years of age or older, or any person who has a disability, regardless of age, who applies for a disabled parking permit, may be issued an identification card by the DHSMV upon completion of an application and payment of a \$25 fee.³ For an original identification card the \$25 fee is deposited into the General Revenue Fund. For a replacement identification card \$9 is deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund (HSOTF) or retained by the tax collector issuing the replacement, and \$16 is deposited into the General Revenue Fund.⁴

An identification card issued to a person 5 to 14 years of age expires, unless canceled earlier, on the fourth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue. An identification card issued to a person 15 years of age or older expires, unless canceled earlier, on the eighth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue.⁵

In fiscal year 2014-2015, there were 533,584 identification cards issued statewide.⁶

Identification Cards for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Other states have implemented Disability Identification Cards for individuals with developmental disabilities. These identification cards serve as an indicator for police and others that an individual has a developmental disability.

For example, in Illinois, the Disabled Person Identification Card is used to signify an individual has a physical, developmental, visual, hearing, or mental disability, and classifies each

² DHSMV Agency Analysis, *supra* note 1.

³ Section 322.051, F.S.

⁴ Section 322.21(1)(f), F.S.

⁵ Section 322.051(2)(a), F.S.

⁶ Email from Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (Nov. 24, 2015) (on file with the Senate Committee on Transportation).

disability.⁷ The card is able to be used as proof of a disability as well as proof of identification for the individual. In Georgia, disability symbols can be placed on a license, permit, or identification card issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services.⁸ Conditions such as PTSD, Dementia, Autism, and developmental disabilities, confirmed by a medical doctor, can be indicated on the back of an individual's license, permit, or identification card.⁹

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

The APD serves over 50,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities.¹⁰ Revenues deposited into the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the APD consist of receipts from third-party payors of health care services, such as Medicaid.¹¹ These funds are used to provide services to agency clients and administer those services.¹² These services include: life skills development and job training, personal care assistance, therapeutic and wellness support, transportation services, and specialized medical assistance.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill allows a person with a developmental disability¹³, or the parent or guardian of a child or ward with a developmental disability, to voluntarily request to be issued an identification card exhibiting a "D" designation for the person who has been diagnosed by a licensed physician as having a developmental disability.

The DHSMV will issue the identification card upon proof of diagnosis of a developmental disability, acceptable to the department, and an additional fee of \$10. The \$10 fee will be deposited into the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the APD. A replacement identification card that includes the "D" designation may be issued without payment of the required \$25 fee. The bill requires the DHSMV to develop rules for implementing the identification card designation.

The designated identification card could help law enforcement and other officials identify if they are dealing with a developmentally disabled individual. However, it is unknown how many individuals may apply for this designated identification card.

The bill provides that the changes made to the identification card by this bill will apply upon implementation of new designs for the driver license and identification card by the DHSMV, which is currently anticipated to be in 2017¹⁴.

This bill takes effect October 1, 2016.

⁷ See 15 ILCS 335/4a

⁸ O.C.G.A. s. 40-5-171 (2010).

⁹ Georgia Department of Driver Services, *DDs-29 Revised (3/23/2011) Form*, <http://www.dds.ga.gov/docs/forms/DDS-29-12610.pdf> (last visited Nov. 23, 2015).

¹⁰ Agency for Persons with Disabilities, *About Us*, <http://apd.myflorida.com/about/> (last visited Nov. 23, 2015).

¹¹ Section 20.1971(2)(a), F.S.

¹² Email from Agency for Persons with Disabilities, (Mar. 18, 2015) (on file with the Senate Committee on Transportation).

¹³ As defined in s. 393.063, F.S.

¹⁴ As stated in the DHSMV analysis of SB 158, (Sept. 3, 2015) (on file with the Senate Committee on Transportation).

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Under CS/SB 718, individuals requesting a “D” designation on an identification card must pay an additional \$10 fee. A replacement identification card including the designation may be issued without payment of the \$25 replacement fee.

Revenue from the \$10 additional fee may have a minimal positive impact on clients of the APD, since the funds are deposited into its Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund for client services. However, it is unknown how many individuals may apply for an identification card with the “D” designation.

C. Government Sector Impact:

How many of the approximately 100,000 individuals living in the state who meet the developmental disability criteria that may apply for an identification card with the “D” designation is unknown. Waiver of the \$25 fee for a replacement identification card will have a negative fiscal impact on the General Revenue Fund, the DHSMV’s Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and issuing county tax collectors. These impacts are indeterminate and expected to be insignificant.¹⁵ Revenue from the \$10 additional fee will have a positive fiscal impact on the APD’s Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund. However, because how many individuals may apply for the “D” designated identification card is unknown, that impact is indeterminate.

¹⁵ DHSMV Agency Analysis, *supra* note 1.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

Section 20.1971(2)(a), F.S., should be amended to specifically include the additional \$10 fee collected from individuals requesting the “D” designation on an identification card as a receipt that may be credited to the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the APD.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 322.051 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Transportation on December 3, 2015:

The CS adds that changes made to the identification cards by this bill will apply upon implementation of new designs for the driver license and identification card by the DHSMV.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

By Senator Negrón

32-00714-16

2016746__

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to vessel registrations; amending s.
328.72, F.S.; defining terms; reducing vessel
registration fees for recreational vessels equipped
with certain position indicating and locating beacons;
providing criteria for such reduction; amending s.
328.66, F.S.; clarifying county optional registration
fees; providing an appropriation; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 328.72, Florida
Statutes, is amended, and subsection (18) is added to that
section, to read:

328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.-

(1) VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.—Vessels that are required to
be registered shall be classified for registration purposes
according to the following schedule~~7~~, and, except as provided in
subsection (18), the registration certificate fee shall be in
the following amounts:

(a) Class A-1—Less than 12 feet in length, and all canoes
to which propulsion motors have been attached, regardless of
length: \$5.50 for each 12-month period registered.

(b) Class A-2—12 feet or more and less than 16 feet in
length: \$16.25 for each 12-month period registered.

(To county): 2.85 for each 12-month period registered.

(c) Class 1—16 feet or more and less than 26 feet in

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length: \$28.75 for each 12-month period registered.

(To county): 8.85 for each 12-month period registered.

(d) Class 2-26 feet or more and less than 40 feet in length: \$78.25 for each 12-month period registered.

(To county): 32.85 for each 12-month period registered.

(e) Class 3-40 feet or more and less than 65 feet in length: \$127.75 for each 12-month period registered.

(To county): 56.85 for each 12-month period registered.

(f) Class 4-65 feet or more and less than 110 feet in length: \$152.75 for each 12-month period registered.

(To county): 68.85 for each 12-month period registered.

(g) Class 5-110 feet or more in length: \$189.75 for each 12-month period registered.

(To county): 86.85 for each 12-month period registered.

(h) Dealer registration certificate: \$25.50 for each 12-month period registered.

The county portion of the vessel registration fee is derived from recreational vessels only.

(18) REDUCED VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.-

(a) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

1. "Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon" means an electronic device designed to be installed on a vessel which, when activated, transmits a distress call on a designated emergency frequency to a satellite receiver and is used by rescue personnel to locate the position of the signal.

2. "Personal Locator Beacon" means an electronic device designed to be carried on a person which, when activated, will transmit a distress call on a designated emergency frequency to a satellite receiver and is used by rescue personnel to locate

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the position of the signal.

(b) The registration certificate fee imposed pursuant to subsection (1) for a recreational vessel equipped with an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or for a recreational vessel whose owner owns a Personal Locator Beacon shall be reduced to the following amounts:

1. Class A-1: \$2.95 for each 12-month period registered.
2. Class A-2: \$11.00 for each 12-month period registered.
3. Class 1: \$20.40 for each 12-month period registered.
4. Class 2: \$57.50 for each 12-month period registered.
5. Class 3: \$94.65 for each 12-month period registered.
6. Class 4: \$113.40 for each 12-month period registered.
7. Class 5: \$141.15 for each 12-month period registered.

(c) A person who owns a Personal Locator Beacon and who owns more than one recreational vessel may only apply the applicable reduced fee pursuant to this subsection to one vessel.

(d) In order to qualify for reduced vessel registration fees pursuant to this subsection, a vessel owner must demonstrate that the Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or Personal Locator Beacon is registered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under 47 C.F.R. part 80 or part 95. The owner must provide proof of registration from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 328.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

328.66 County and municipality optional registration fee.—

(1) Any county may impose an annual registration fee on vessels registered, operated, used, or stored on the waters of

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88 this state within its jurisdiction. This fee shall be 50 percent
89 of the applicable state registration fee as listed in the s.
90 328.72(1)(a)-(g) fee schedule, without considering the reduced
91 vessel registration fee provisions as specified in s.
92 328.72(18). However, the first \$1 of every registration imposed
93 under this subsection shall be remitted to the state for deposit
94 in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund created within the Fish and
95 Wildlife Conservation Commission, and shall be used only for the
96 purposes specified in s. 379.2431(4). All other moneys received
97 from such fee shall be expended for the patrol, regulation, and
98 maintenance of the lakes, rivers, and waters and for other
99 boating-related activities of such municipality or county. A
100 municipality that was imposing a registration fee before April
101 1, 1984, may continue to levy such fee, notwithstanding the
102 provisions of this section.

103 Section 3. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of \$5
104 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the General
105 Revenue Fund to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
106 Vehicles for the purpose of offsetting the reduction in the base
107 vessel registration fees as provided by this act.

108 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: SB 746

INTRODUCER: Senators Negron and Sachs

SUBJECT: Vessel Registrations

DATE: January 12, 2016

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Jones	Eichin	TR	Favorable
2.	Gusky	Miller	ATD	Recommended: Favorable
3.			AP	

I. Summary:

SB 746 reduces state vessel registration fees for recreational vessels equipped with an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or whose owner owns a Personal Locator Beacon. The beacon must be registered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in order for the owner to qualify for the reduced registration fee. Annual base vessel registration fees are reduced by a minimum of \$2.55 and a maximum of \$48.60, depending on the length of the vessel.

The bill appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to offset the reduction in the base vessel registration fees.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2016.

II. Present Situation:

Vessel Registration

The term “vessel” is synonymous with boat and includes every description of watercraft, barge, or airboat, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.¹ Vessels operated, used, or stored on the waters of this state must be registered with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) as a commercial or recreational² vessel, unless:

- The vessel is operated, used, and stored exclusively on private lakes and ponds;
- The vessel is owned by the U.S. Government;

¹ Section 327.02(43), F.S.

² Section 327.02(37), F.S. defines a “recreational vessel” as a vessel manufactured and used primarily for noncommercial purposes, or a vessel leased, rented, or chartered to a person for his or her noncommercial use.

- The vessel is used exclusively as a ship's lifeboat; or
- The vessel is non-motor-powered and less than 16 feet in length or a non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing shell, or rowing scull, regardless of length.³

Section 328.72(12), F.S., provides that vessel registration periods are for 12 or 24 months. An individual who owns a vessel is eligible to register the vessel for a 12 or 24 month period that begins the first day of the birth month of the owner and ends the last day of the month preceding the owner's birth month. The registration period for vessels owned by companies, corporations, governmental entities, and registrations issued to dealers and manufacturers is July 1 to June 30.⁴

The base registration fee for vessels is determined by the length of the vessel. The vessel registration fee for a 12-month period is as follows:

- *Class A-1*: Less than 12 feet in length and all canoes to which propulsion motors have been attached, regardless of length: \$5.50;
- *Class A-2*: 12 feet or more and less than 16 feet in length: \$16.25;
- *Class 1*: 16 feet or more and less than 26 feet in length: \$28.75;
- *Class 2*: 26 feet or more and less than 40 feet in length: \$78.25;
- *Class 3*: 40 feet or more and less than 65 feet in length: \$127.75;
- *Class 4*: 65 feet or more and less than 110 feet in length: \$152.75;
- *Class 5*: 110 feet or more in length: \$189.75; and
- *Dealer Registration Certificate*: \$25.50.

Additionally, any county may impose an annual registration fee on vessels registered, operated, used, or stored on waters within its jurisdiction. This fee is 50 percent of the applicable state registration fee, and the first \$1 of every registration must be remitted to the state for deposit into the Save the Manatee Trust Fund.⁵ The Optional County Fee is retained by the county where the vessel is registered and is to be used for patrol, regulation, and maintenance of the lakes, rivers, and waters and for other boating-related activities within the county.⁶ According to the DHSMV, the counties of Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and Volusia charge the Optional County Fee.⁷

NOAA Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) operates the nation's Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking (SARSAT) system to detect mariners, aviators, and others all over the globe by using satellites in low-earth and geostationary orbits to detect and locate beacon-users in distress.⁸

³ Section 328.48(2), F.S.

⁴ Section 328.72(12)(c)2., F.S.

⁵ Section 328.66, F.S.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ See Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Vessel Registration Chart*, available at: <http://www3.flhsmv.gov/dmv/proc/fees/fees-04.pdf> (last visited Nov. 24, 2015).

⁸ See the NOAA SARSAT website: <http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/index.html>. (last visited Dec. 14, 2015).

The United States and the governments of Canada, France, and Russia have an agreement to provide for long-term operation of the COSPAS-SARSAT⁹ (C-S) Program, which also provides space-based relay of distress signals or alerts from emergency beacons. The program provides alerts to search and rescue authorities internationally.

Ground stations are called Local User Terminals (LUTs), which are satellite receiving units. LUTs are fully automated and unmanned. When an LUT receives a distress signal detected by satellite, it is transmitted to the mission control center (MCC) that operates that particular LUT. The MCC collects, stores, and sorts alerts from LUTs and other MCCs and distributes the alerts to search and rescue authorities and other MCCs.¹⁰

Locator Beacons

The emergency beacons used to detect those in distress operate only in the 406.0 to 406.1 megahertz (MHz) frequency band to transmit digital messages to satellites for transmission to the appropriate LUT. The frequency is restricted to low power satellite emergency position-indicating beacons in the mobile satellite service. According to NOAA, two types of 406 MHz emergency beacons are:

- *Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons*, or EPIRBs:
 - An EPIRB is an emergency position-indicating radio beacon used in maritime watercraft that can be automatically or manually activated to transmit a distress signal to a satellite. EPIRBs that activate automatically typically have a hydro-static release mechanism that, when immersed, allows the beacon to release from its bracket, float to the surface and start transmitting. The beacon, along with the bracket, has to sink to approximately 3 meters before it will activate automatically. This should be taken into account when mounting an automatic EPIRB; and
- *Personal Locator Beacons*, or PLBs:
 - A PLB is a personal locator beacon designed to be carried by an individual that can only be activated manually. PLBs can be used by people operating in remote areas.¹¹

According to NOAA, the average cost of a global positioning system (GPS)-equipped EPIRB is \$800; the average cost of a PLB is \$300.¹²

Registration of Beacons with NOAA

Registration of a 406 MHz emergency beacon, and subsequent updating if the information changes, is free and required by Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 80 for EPIRBs and part 95 for PLBs. Information provided in a registration is used by search and rescue authorities, along with the distress signal from the beacon, solely to help locate and rescue those

⁹ COSPAS is a Russian acronym for “Space System for Search of Vessels in Distress.” See the SARSAT FAQ website: <http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/faq%202.html>. (last visited Nov. 24, 2015).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² See *supra*, note 8.

in distress. NOAA provides an online system for initial and updated beacon registrations, and registration must be renewed every two years.¹³

NOAA indicated, as of October 6, 2015, 12,295 EPIRBs were registered indicating the vessel was registered in Florida, and 26,078 PLBs were registered indicating boat usage with a Florida mailing addresses.¹⁴ Based on this data, approximately 10 percent of vessels currently registered in Florida would qualify for the reduced registration fee.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 of the bill reduces vessel registration fees for recreational vessels that are equipped with an EPIRB registered with NOAA or whose owner owns a PLB registered with NOAA. A person who owns a PLB and more than one recreational vessel may only receive a reduced registration fee for one vessel.

This reduction in fees may increase the amount of vessels or owners of vessels equipped with locator beacons. The registration fees are reduced as follows:

Recreational Vessel Registration Fees for Each 12-Month Period		
<i>Class of Vessel</i>	<i>Current Base Fee</i>	<i>Reduced Base Fee</i>
Class A-1	\$5.50	\$2.95
Class A-2	\$16.25	\$11.00
Class 1	\$28.75	\$20.40
Class 2	\$78.25	\$57.50
Class 3	\$127.75	\$94.65
Class 4	\$152.75	\$113.40
Class 5	\$189.75	\$141.15

Section 2 provides that the County Optional Fee for vessel registrations remains 50 percent of the applicable state registration fee *without* consideration of the reduced fees.

Section 3 appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the DHSMV for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to offset the reduction in base vessel registration fees.

Section 4 provides that the bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

¹³ *Id.*, NOAA prefers owners register beacons online at www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov, however individuals may also mail or fax signed registration forms.

¹⁴ Revenue Estimating Conference, *Analysis of HB 427 - Vessel Registration Location Indicating Services* (Oct. 29, 2015) available at: http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/conferences/revenueimpact/archives/2016/_pdf/Impact1029.pdf (last visited Nov. 25, 2015).

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

The bill reduces recreational vessel registration fees for vessels equipped with or whose owner owns certain registered locator beacons. The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) reviewed the related bill, HB 427, on October 29, 2015, and estimated the bill will reduce the total sum of recreational vessel registration fees collected by the DHSMV as follows:

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 – (\$500,000)
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 – (\$600,000)
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 – (\$600,000)
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – (\$700,000)
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – (\$800,000).¹⁵

The actual reduction in fees collected will depend on the number of vessel owners and the size of their vessels that qualify for the reduced fee.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Individuals who have certain locator beacons registered with NOAA will receive a discount in recreational vessel registration fees.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill appropriates \$5 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the DHSMV for the purpose of offsetting the reduction in recreational vessel registration fees. According to the DHSMV, reducing the registration fees will solely reduce the funds distributed to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund.¹⁶

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *SB 746 Agency Bill Analysis* (December 4, 2015) (on file with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development).

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends sections 328.72 and 328.66 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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Appearing at request of Chair:

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Lobbyist registered with Legislature:

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No

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S-001 (10/14/14)

By the Committee on Community Affairs

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to developments of regional impact;
amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; clarifying statutory
language; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; providing that a
proposed development that is consistent with certain
comprehensive plans is not required to undergo review
pursuant to the state coordinated review process;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
163.3184, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3184 Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or plan
amendment.—

(2) COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND PLAN AMENDMENTS.—

(c) Plan amendments that are in an area of critical state
concern designated pursuant to s. 380.05; propose a rural land
stewardship area pursuant to s. 163.3248; propose a sector plan
pursuant to s. 163.3245 or an amendment to an adopted sector
plan; update a comprehensive plan based on an evaluation and
appraisal pursuant to s. 163.3191; propose a development that is
subject to the state coordinated review process ~~qualifies as a~~
~~development of regional impact~~ pursuant to s. 380.06(30) ~~s.~~
~~380.06~~; or are new plans for newly incorporated municipalities
adopted pursuant to s. 163.3167 shall follow the state
coordinated review process in subsection (4).

Section 2. Subsection (30) of section 380.06, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

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30 380.06 Developments of regional impact.—

31 (30) ~~NEW~~ PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS.—A ~~new~~ proposed development
32 otherwise subject to the review requirements of this section
33 shall be approved by a local government pursuant to s.
34 163.3184(4) in lieu of proceeding in accordance with this
35 section. However, if the proposed development is consistent with
36 the comprehensive plan as provided in s. 163.3194(3)(b), the
37 development is not required to undergo review pursuant to s.
38 163.3184(4) or this section.

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: PCS/SB 7000 (697286)

INTRODUCER: Fiscal Policy Committee (Recommended by Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development) and Community Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: Developments of Regional Impact

DATE: January 14, 2016

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
	Stearns	Yeatman		CA Submitted as Committee Bill
1.	Gusky	Miller	ATD	Recommended: Fav/CS
2.			FP	

I. Summary:

PCS/SB 7000 clarifies that certain proposed developments which are currently consistent with the local government comprehensive plan are not required to be reviewed pursuant to the State Coordinated Review Process for comprehensive plan amendments.

To the extent that developments are not subject to the State Coordinated Review Process, the regulatory compliance costs for those developments would be reduced for both the private sector and for local and state governments. The fiscal impact to the private sector is indeterminate, but expected to be positive; for local and state governments, the bill has an indeterminate, but expected to be insignificant, positive fiscal impact.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2016.

II. Present Situation:

Development of Regional Impact Background

A development of regional impact (DRI) is defined in s. 380.06, F.S., as “any development which, because of its character, magnitude, or location, would have a substantial effect upon the health, safety, or welfare of citizens of more than one county.” The DRI program was initially created in 1972 as an interim program intended to be replaced by comprehensive planning and permitting programs. The DRI program provided a lengthy and complicated review process for proposed projects that was largely duplicated by the successor comprehensive planning review process.

Comprehensive planning was first required by law in 1975. However, the Growth Management Act of 1985 is considered the watershed law that brought truly modern planning requirements

into force. In recognition of this fact, the Environmental Land Management Study Committee in 1992 recommended that the DRI program be eliminated and relegated to an enhanced version of the Intergovernmental Coordination Element (ICE) that is required to be included in local comprehensive plans.¹ After much controversy, this recommendation was not implemented, and the DRI program continued in its previous form.

However, over the ensuing years, the program was amended to include a number of exemptions. The following list of exemptions is not exhaustive, but illustrates the number and variety of the exemptions from the DRI program that have been enacted:

- Certain projects that created at least 100 jobs that met certain qualifications – 1997.
- Certain expansions to port harbors, certain port transportation facilities and certain intermodal transportation facilities – 1999.
- The thresholds used to identify projects subject to the program were increased by 150 percent for development in areas designated as rural areas of critical economic concern (now known as Rural Areas of Opportunity) – 2001.
- Certain proposed facilities for the storage of any petroleum product or certain expansions of existing petroleum product storage facilities – 2002.
- Any renovation or redevelopment within the same land parcel which does not change land use or increase density or intensity of use – 2002.
- Certain waterport or marina developments – 2002.
- The establishment, relocation, or expansion of any military installation as defined in s. 163.3175, F.S. – 2005.

In 2009, the Legislature enacted the most significant exemption from the DRI program: the exemption for Dense Urban Land Areas (DULAs). By 2015, when the Legislature eliminated the requirement that new DRIs undergo the DRI review process, eight counties and 243 cities qualified as DULAs. This meant that all projects within those counties and cities were exempted from the DRI program. The areas qualifying as DULAs accounted for more than half of Florida's population.

Comprehensive Plans and the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process

The landmark Growth Management Act of 1985 required every city and county to create and implement a comprehensive plan to guide future development. A locality's comprehensive plan lays out the locations for future public facilities, including roads, water and sewer facilities, neighborhoods, parks, schools, and commercial and industrial developments. Development that does not conform to the comprehensive plan may not be approved by a local government unless the local government amends its comprehensive plan first.

State law requires a proposed comprehensive plan amendment to receive three public hearings, the first held by the local planning board.² The local commission (city or county) must then hold an initial public hearing regarding the proposed amendment and subsequently transmit it to

¹ See Richard G. Rubino and Earl M. Starnes, *Lessons Learned? The History of Planning in Florida*. Tallahassee, FL: Sentry Press, 2008. ISBN 978-1-889574-31-8.

² Section 163.3174(4)(a), F.S.

several statutorily identified reviewing agencies,³ including the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the relevant Regional Planning Council (RPC), and adjacent local governments that request to participate in the review process.⁴

The state and regional agencies review the proposed amendment for impacts related to their statutory purview. The RPC reviews the amendment specifically for “extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region” as well as adverse effects on regional resources or facilities.⁵ Upon receipt of the reports from the various agencies, the local government holds a second public hearing at which the governing body votes to approve the amendment or not. If the amendment receives a favorable vote it is transmitted to the DEO for final review.⁶ The DEO then has either 31 days or 45 days (depending on the review process to which the amendment is subject) to determine whether the proposed comprehensive plan amendment is in compliance with all relevant agency rules and laws.⁷

The Expedited State Review Process vs. the State Coordinated Review Process

In 2011, the Florida Legislature bifurcated the process for approving comprehensive plan amendments. Most plan amendments were placed into the Expedited State Review Process, while plan amendments related to large-scale developments were placed into the State Coordinated Review Process. The two processes operate in much the same way, however, the State Coordinated Review Process provides a longer review period and requires all agency comments to be coordinated by the DEO, rather than communicated directly to the permitting local government by each individual reviewing agency.

2015 Changes to the DRI Law

In 2015, the Florida Legislature, in an effort to reduce duplicative and burdensome regulation, eliminated the requirement that new developments be reviewed pursuant to the DRI process. Instead, the Legislature directed that proposed developments only need to comply with the requirements of the State Coordinated Review Process.⁸

However, there has been some confusion regarding whether the new statutory language requires new DRI-sized projects that comply with the existing comprehensive plan to nevertheless be reviewed pursuant to the State Coordinated Review Process and to obtain a plan amendment.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 163.3184, F.S., to remove an obsolete reference to “a development that qualifies as a development of regional impact.” In 2015, the Legislature eliminated the requirement that new developments be reviewed pursuant to the DRI process.

³ Section 163.3184, F.S.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Section 163.3184(3)(b)3.a., F.S.

⁶ Section 163.3184, F.S.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Section 380.06(30), F.S.

Section 2 amends s. 380.06(30), F.S., to clarify that a proposed development that is consistent with the existing comprehensive plan is not required to undergo review pursuant to the state coordinated review process for comprehensive plan amendments. The section is further amended to specify that the subsection does not apply to amendments to a development order governing an existing development of regional impact.

Section 3 provides an effective date of July 1, 2016.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

To the extent that developments are not subject to the State Coordinated Review Process, the regulatory compliance costs for those developments would be reduced for private sector developers. The bill has an indeterminate, but expected to be positive, fiscal impact to the private sector.

C. Government Sector Impact:

To the extent that developments are not subject to the State Coordinated Review Process, the regulatory compliance costs for review of those developments would be reduced for local and state governments. The bill has an indeterminate, but expected to be insignificant, positive fiscal impact to local and state governments.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 163.3184 and 380.06.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

Recommended CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development on January 13, 2016:

Adds language to s. 380.06(30), F.S., to specify that the provisions of that subsection do not apply to amendments to a development order governing an existing development of regional impact.

B. Amendments:

None.

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Wednesday, January 13th

Meeting DateBill Number (if applicable)Topic Helping Working Families Recoup Their Hard-Earned MoneyAmendment Barcode (if applicable)✓ Name Ted GrangerJob Title PresidentAddress 307 E. 7th Ave.Phone 850-488-8276StreetTallahasseeFL32303Email tgranger@uwof.orgCityStateZipSpeaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ InformationWaive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)Representing United Way of FloridaAppearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ NoLobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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*Meeting Date**Bill Number (if applicable)*Topic Volusia County Marine Science Center Expansion

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*Amendment Barcode (if applicable)*Name Michael BrothersJob Title Marine Science Center ManagerAddress 100 Lighthouse Drive*Street*Ponce Inlet, FL 32127*City**State**Zip*Phone 386-304-5545Email mbrothers@volusia.orgSpeaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ InformationWaive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)Representing Volusia CountyAppearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ NoLobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Local Funding Initiative Request 4

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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City

State

Zip

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority / UPR

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic

Special appropriation requests 4

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

Nancy Sikes-Kline

Job Title

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Phone

904 806 6203

Street

City

St Augustine

State

FL

Zip

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Email

nsikeskline@citystaug.com

Speaking:

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For

☐

Against

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Information

Waive Speaking:

☐

In Support

☐

Against

(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing

City of St Augustine

Appearing at request of Chair:

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Yes

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No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:

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Yes

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No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic APPRENTICE TRAINING - AMSKILLS - 4

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Job Title EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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City State Zip

Email TCHARLTON@AMSKILLS.ORG

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing AMSKILLS

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Tampa Bay Regional Forensic Program

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Katherine Eagan

Job Title CEO, HART

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City

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State

33605

Zip

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

NA

NA

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing SELF

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Topic _____

Amendment Barcode (if applicable) _____

Name _____

Job Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Street

Email _____

City

State

Zip

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
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Representing _____

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Topic DEERFIELD BEACH AFRICAN-AMERICAN Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Theodis Times II MEMORIAL

Job Title Funeral Director

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Street

Deerfield Beach FL 33441 Email nwprovo at msn
City State Zip

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing DEERFIELD BEACH AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEMORIAL

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Lake Technical College - Center for Advanced Manufacturing

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Dr. Diane Culpepper

Job Title Director

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City State Zip

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Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Lake Technical College

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Lake Technical College - Center for Advanced Manufacturing

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Commissioner Leslie Campione

Job Title Lake County Commissioner - District 4

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Tavares

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32778

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City

State

Zip

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Lake Technical College

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Lake Technical College - Center for Advanced Manufacturing

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name C.A. Vossberg

Job Title President, Electron Machine Corporation

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City

State

Zip

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Electron Machine Corporation

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Meeting Date

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Santa Rosa County TED projects

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name ~~Sen~~ Commissioner Jayer Williamson

Job Title Santa Rosa County Commissioner

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Phone 850-723-1924

Street

Duce

FL

State

32521

Zip

Email jayerwilliamson@^{Santa Rosa}flgov

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Santa Rosa County

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic STEM Discovery Center

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Heather Norton

Job Title Vice President of Education, Orlando Science Center

Address 777 E. Princeton Street

Phone 407-514-2097

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Orlando

FL

32803

City

State

Zip

Email hnorton@osc.org

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
 (The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Orlando Science Center - STEM Discovery Center Request

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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*Meeting Date**Bill Number (if applicable)*Topic Local Funding Initiative Request - FY 2016 - 2017*Amendment Barcode (if applicable)*Name Kent KyleJob Title Development OfficerAddress 4820 Bayshore DrivePhone 239-643-7275*Street*NaplesFL34119Email kkyle@naplesgarden.org*City**State**Zip*Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ InformationWaive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)Representing Naples Botanical Garden, Inc.Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ NoLobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No*While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.****This form is part of the public record for this meeting.***

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Bill Number (if applicable)Topic DEERING ESTATE FOUNDATION FUNDING REQUEST

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name MARY PETTITJob Title EXECUTIVE DIRECTORAddress 16701 SW 72 AVENUE

Street

Miami

City

FL

State

33157

Zip

Phone 786-942-4671Email mpettit@deeringestate.orgSpeaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ InformationWaive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)Representing THE DEERING ESTATE FOUNDATION, INC.Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ NoLobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic FIRST COAST MARITIME ACADEMY

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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City

State

Zip

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Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing FIRST COAST MARITIME ACADEMY

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Village of Palmetto Bay Funding Request

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Phone 305-302-3713

Palmetto Bay FL 33157
City State Zip

Email eflinn@palmetto-bay-fl.gov

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing _____

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Local Funding Requests

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Jordan Connors

Job Title _____

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City State Zip

Phone 772-418-6068

Email jordan@jordanconnors.co.

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing City of Port St Lucie - Southern Extension of the Riverwalk Boardwalk and Westmoreland River Park Design

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Bill Number (if applicable) _____

Topic _____ 19

Amendment Barcode (if applicable) _____

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Job Title SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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DORSMOUTH NH 03801

City

State

Zip

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing GoFormz

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Local Funding Request 20
 Name Jordan Connors

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Job Title _____

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Street
Port St Lucie FL 34953
City State Zip

Phone 772 418-6068

Email jordan@jordanconnors.com

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
 (The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing City of Palmetto - Bartfield Road Reconstruction

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic St. Johns Ferry

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Richard ClarkJob Title Government Affairs OfficerAddress Hogen St 121 W. ForsythPhone 904-632-5256

Street

JacksonvilleFL32202

City

State

Zip

Email rc Clark@jtafla.comSpeaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ InformationWaive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)Representing Jacksonville Transportation AuthorityAppearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ NoLobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Brevard EOC/Public Safety Facility Funding Request

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Kimberly Prosser

Job Title Emergency Management Director, Brevard County

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Rockledge

City

FL

State

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Zip

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Email kimberly.prosser@brevardcounty.us

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Brevard County Emergency Management

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic City of Daytona Beach - East International Speedway Blvd. Improvement Project & Derbyshire Athletic Facility

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Beth G. Lemke

Job Title President - Planning Solutions Corp.

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Phone 407.491.9477

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Daytona Beach

Florida

32114

Email blemke@planningsolutionscorp.com

City

State

Zip

Speaking: ☒ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing City of Daytona Beach

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Got Skills? Get Skills...AMskills!

AMskills - American Manufacturing Skills (AMskills) Request for Funding

The American Manufacturing Skills Initiative, known as **AMskills**, is an industry-led economic and workforce development initiative. **AMskills** offers a high-tech, German based, dual education, four-year apprenticeship program to Tampa Bay students seeking a career in advanced manufacturing companies.

The program blends academic studies with practical "hands on" experience and starts as an after school program in a student's junior year of High School.

Initial Certifications

Electronics Technician
Mechatronics Technician
Industrial Mechanic
Tools Mechanic
CNC Machinist

AMskills Current Program Summary

- 31 students between the ages of 16 to 20
- 5 Locations in Pinellas (3), Pasco (1) and Hernando (1) Counties
- 11 manufacturing partners providing apprenticeship opportunities
- Students spend three afternoons per week in an **AMskills** Training Center and two afternoons a week with their manufacturing sponsor
- Beyond High School, apprentices will split their time between **AMskills**, their manufacturing sponsor and college.

AMskills Funding Request



Equipment

Brooksville Haas Mill and Lathe + Tooling	\$100,000
Pasco County - Haas CNC Lathe + Tooling	\$50,000
Dixie Hollins Haas Mill & Lathe + Tooling	\$100,000
Ancillary Workshop Equipment (all 5 centers)	\$25,000
Furniture (Pasco/Hernando/PTC)	\$25,000
Further Sets of Tooling (10) - 2 per center)	\$20,000
<u>Computers – Students x 30</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>

Sub Total\$355,000

Staffing

Adult Education Instructors	\$60,000
<u>Curriculum Development</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

Sub Total\$85,000

Scholarships

5 Students each County (15 total) @ \$4k\$60,000

Grand Total\$500,000

Manufacturers Institute 2015 Reports

74%

of Companies Stated
LACK OF SKILLED WORKERS
Adversely Affected Their Business

Partners



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Training America's Future Manufacturing Technicians, Engineers & CEO's

Deerfield Beach African-American Memorial Park Project

Project Summary

The purpose of this project is to establish a memorial park on the site of an African-American cemetery established during the segregation era. While the cemetery became inactive in the late 1930s to early 1940s, it still contains human remains. The park would memorialize and honor the black citizens of Deerfield Beach buried in the cemetery, many of whom are unknown.

The project has significance for Deerfield Beach, Broward County, the State of Florida, and the United States. Deerfield Beach has an interest, and arguably an obligation, to commemorate its citizens who would otherwise pass into obscurity, particularly when the cause of their obscurity is the racial segregation practiced in the past. The cemetery is an important part of the City's history, and equally important, an artifact of the segregation era. For both these reasons, it should be preserved. The State benefits as well as the City. Florida has an interest in preserving black cemeteries from the segregation era for historical and educational purposes. The cemetery will do its part in teaching and reminding Floridians what the segregation era was like. The United States has the same interests as Florida. The project has widespread support throughout the entire Deerfield Beach community.

Deerfield Beach owes its origin to the construction of the Florida East Coast Railway in the 1890s. The City began as a place for railroad workers to live as they built and then operated and maintained the railroad. The African-American community of Deerfield Beach has the same origin. Many black persons came to the City to work on the railroad, and then to farm and operate small businesses serving the black community, as well as doing many other kinds of jobs. Sometime in the 1890s, a black church was established to serve the community's religious needs.

Because of racial segregation, African-Americans could not be buried in the established white cemeteries. In 1896, a local farmer gave the church permission to bury its members on a parcel of land he owned immediately adjacent to the church. The farmer never deeded the parcel to the church, so the plot has always been privately owned. There is evidence that bodies were buried there from approximately 1897 through 1937. In 1974, an owner of the property began clearing the property with a view to developing it. All of the grave stones and markers were removed. Outcry from the black community put an end to the development at that time. Since then the property has been treated as a vacant lot, despite the presence of human remains.

There is archival evidence that at least 34 known persons were buried in the cemetery. But that evidence is incomplete judging from interviews with members of the African-American community, 300 to 400 persons possibly were buried there. There are reports that at least one former slave and a Seminole Indian were buried there. A 1941-1942 survey by the Veterans' Grave Registration Project of the Works Projects Administration identified the cemetery as containing the remains of World War I veterans. An unknown number of remains were removed from the black cemetery and reinterred in a City cemetery in the wake of the controversy in 1974, but there are no records as to whether any more than two individuals were removed, and more importantly, how many graves might still remain.

In 1986, a prospective property buyer, Robert Kassab, commissioned a survey prior to his purchase, by two scientists and a team of researchers from Florida Atlantic University to determine the presence and location of human remains. The scientists used the best technology then available (a proton precession magnetometer), and conducted subsurface testing and found no evidence of graves or human remains. Based on these results, Mr. Kassab then purchased the property.

In 2004, Christopher Eck, a Broward County Preservation Officer, and the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, commissioned a new archeological survey by Archeological & Historical Conservancy, using the latest available ground penetrating radar (GPR) technology, with subsequent trenching and systematic shovel tests. This survey found no physical evidence of graves or human remains; however, they consulted archival records and the statements of members of the African-American community. Based on the latter evidence, they concluded that the site had a "medium to high probability of containing some evidence of unmarked human graves," despite the lack of physical evidence.

In 2015, the property owner, Mr. Kassab, applied for and received permits from the City of Deerfield Beach to build 42 townhomes and entered into a contact with a national home builder for the development on the cemetery site. The possible presence of human remains was thoroughly discussed during a contentious application process and in the African-American community. In the end, the City Commission decided that because no physical evidence of human remains had been found to date, the site's past use as a cemetery should not block the townhome development project. But the Commission required that an archeologist monitor the construction project to ensure that human remains, if there are any, be properly treated in accordance with Chapter 872 of the Florida Statutes.

Before proceeding to construction, Mr. Kassab voluntarily commissioned a third archival and archeological study using a state-of-the-art high density GPR scan of the entire parcel, in order to determine conclusively whether unmarked graves or human remains were present. This study identified twenty-two graves, two of which were tested and affirmed to have human remains. The other grave sites were avoided to minimize impacts. In light of these results, Mr. Kassab immediately suspended the study and began cooperating with the City to explore the possibility of establishing a memorial park on the site of the cemetery which would otherwise not be viable without state funding. Mr. Kassab is willing to sell the land to the City at the fair market value established in his sale contract with the home developer. It should be recalled that Mr. Kassab purchased the property only after commissioning a survey concluding it contained no human remains, and commissioned another one concluding the same, before beginning a construction project that had already been approved.

The importance and value of the memorial park project is clear. The cemetery site contains the remains of unidentified African-American citizens, including WWI veterans, whose obscurity is the result of racial injustice. The cemetery is both a symbol and an artifact of that injustice. It is also an important part of the history of Deerfield Beach and the State of Florida. The City has an interest and an obligation in commemorating its citizens, preserving its history, and in ensuring the proper treatment of human remains. The State has the same interest in preserving its history,

and also has an interest in recalling the segregation era and teaching its citizens what that era was like, and correcting that historic injustice. The United States has essentially the same interests as the State.

If the proposed memorial park is not established, the site will remain an unsightly vacant lot until the remains are disinterred and the property developed. The result will be to lose an important historical and symbolic asset, and cause great distress to the Deerfield Beach community. That is not an acceptable state of affairs, given the important interests involved, and the claims of the African-American community. The park is the best solution available, given the indisputable presence of human remains.

Project Costs

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| 1. Architectural & Engineering - DR Horton, In-kind: | \$ 20,000 |
| 2. Plan Review & Permitting - City of Deerfield Beach, In-kind: | \$ 5,000 |
| 3. Archeological Study - Robert L. Kassab, Property Owner, In-kind: | \$ 125,000 |
| 4. Property Purchase - State of FL: | \$1,550,000 |
| 5. Site work - State of FL: | \$ 604,502 |
| • Aluminum fencing around perimeter | |
| • Landscaping, sod, irrigation system | |
| • Security lighting | |
| • 6' Walkways | |
| • Memorial plaque/monument | |
| • Park Benches | |
| 6. Annual Park Operations & Maintenance - City of Deerfield Beach, In-kind: | \$ 75,000 |
| • Landscape maintenance | |
| • Irrigation system water & maintenance | |
| • Security Lighting System electricity & maintenance | |

Total Project Cost: **\$2,379,502**



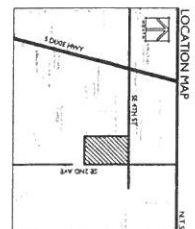
Memorial Park Concept
Deerfield Beach, Florida
Conceptual Cost Estimate
12/3/2015

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Description/ Notes
Landscape Elements					
Trees - shade in planter	8	EA	\$500.00	\$4,000	In planters around memorial
Trees - flowering	39	EA	\$500.00	\$19,500	Around property
Date Palms	4	EA	\$2,500.00	\$10,000	Around central memorial
Canopy & Flowering Trees	50	EA	\$500.00	\$25,000	Palms at Entry Signs and Guard House
Large Shrubs - hedge	88	EA	\$50.00	\$4,400	7 Gallon Shrubs/ Accent Plantings
Medium Shrubs - planter	89	EA	\$15.00	\$1,335	3 Gallon/ Accent Plantings
Small Shrubs - planter	148	EA	\$9.00	\$1,332	3 Gallon Shrubs
Sod	117,321	SF	\$0.45	\$52,794	Quantity in square feet
Irrigation					
Irrigation	117,945		\$0.75	\$88,459	Irrigation allowance to accommodate proposed plantings
Subtotal				\$206,820	
Contingency (10%)				\$20,682	
PROJECT Subtotal				\$227,502	

Sidewalks - 6'	\$120,000
Pavers	\$25,000
Center memorial area including a fountain or waterfall	\$60,000
Kiosk with information posters on the cemetery's history	\$10,000
Park Benches	\$12,000
Decorative aluminum fence and gates - 4' high	\$95,000
Security lighting system and electrical work required	\$55,000
Project Total	\$604,502

Notes:

1. Please note that this cost estimate was prepared based on conceptual renderings and are not based on final plans or actual quantities. This represents our best estimate of approximate costs at this time in the project.
2. The above estimate was prepared by a Registered Landscape Architect licensed to practice in the State of Florida and is hereby certified as our professional opinion of construction costs.
3. The opinion of probable construction costs provided herein are made on the basis of experience and represent our best judgement as Landscape Architects familiar with the construction industry. The firm cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or the construction cost will not vary from our opinions of probable costs. If the Owner wishes greater assurances as to the construction cost, we recommend the employment of an independent cost estimator.



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Historic Black Cemetery Timeline

1890s	Holiness Church of God constructed
1896	Permission to bury dead on the property granted
1897	Historic Black Cemetery in use
1925	City of Deerfield Beach incorporated
1933-1935	Earliest known records of burials on the parcel
1940-1941	WPA Veterans' Graves Registration Project
1940s	Church destroyed in fire
1950	Pineview Cemetery land deeded to City of Deerfield
1/6/1966	Ecklund Rodriguez, T. Brickman survey
1973	Bulldozing by then property owner Grasso
11/14/1974	Some graves removed and reinterred at Pineview Cemetery
01/23/1986	First archeological study (by FAU) - results negative
03/07/1986	Property purchased by Rob Kassab from Robert Eisen
09/10/2004	Second archeological study by Deerfield Beach Historical Society initiated
01/19/2005	Second archeological study completed – results negative
07/16/2014	Contract for property sale to townhome developer
11/19/2014	Community Appearance Board application approved
01/21/2015	Townhome Site Plan & Plat approval granted
05/20/2015	Third archeological study begins – voluntarily funded by property owner
08/27/2015	Third archeological study suspended after discovery of human remains
12/09/2015	Application by City of Deerfield to the State of FL to purchase property for establishment of a Memorial Park and Historic Preserve



STEM Discovery Center at the Orlando Science Center

TOTAL REQUEST - \$2.1 Million for FY 2015-16

Funds will be used to create the STEM Discovery Center at the Orlando Science Center. The STEM Discovery Center encompasses eight laboratory-style learning spaces and a 2500 sq. ft. "Maker Space" exhibit designed to promote STEM learning for students, families and teachers.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

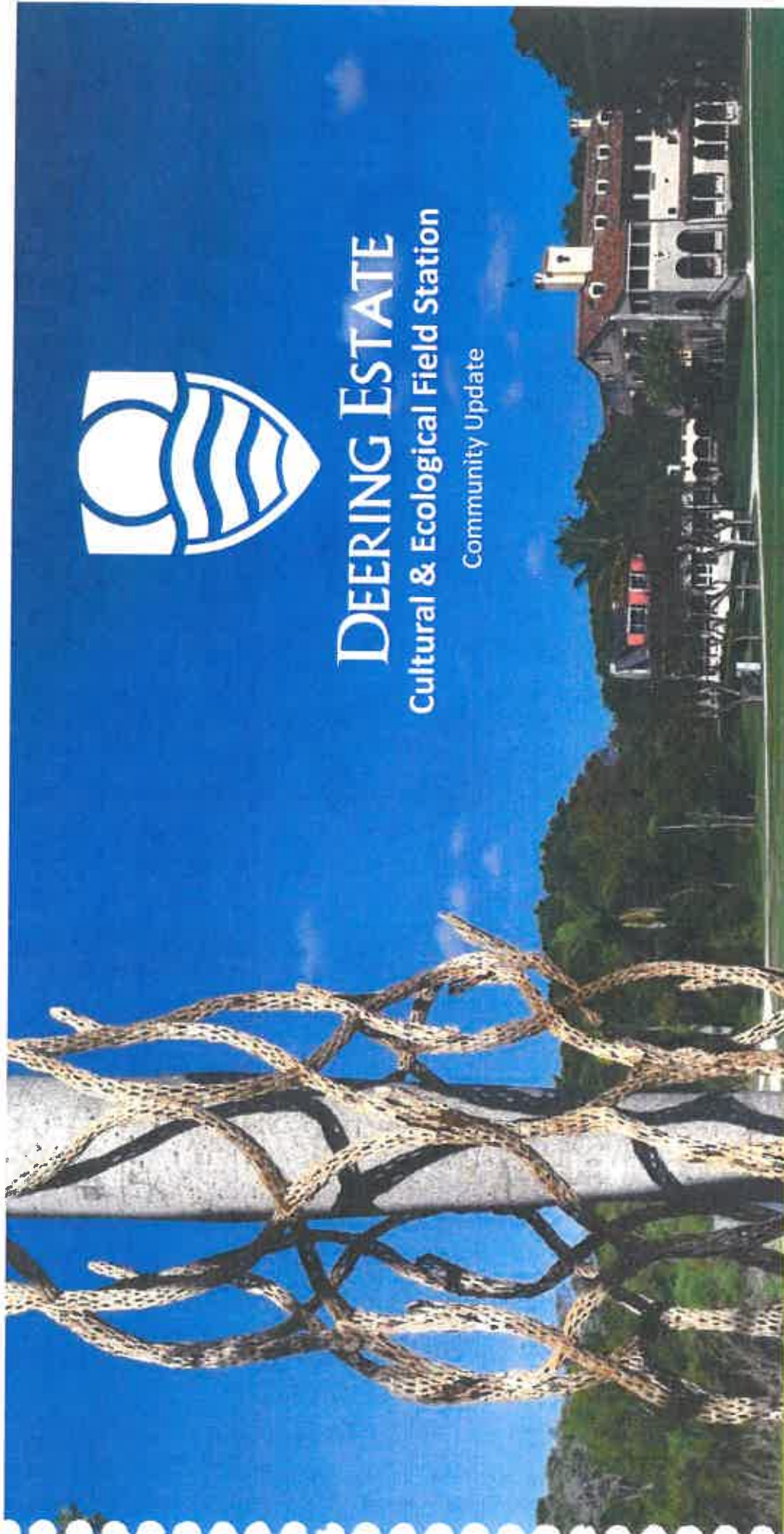
- The U.S. Department of Labor reports that 16 of the highest-paying jobs in 2010 required STEM skills and these workers earned 26% more than their peers.
- A dedicated STEM Discovery Center at the Orlando Science Center will provide hands on, challenged-based educational opportunities for the community, including teachers and students that are crucial to developing our growing STEM workforce.
- The "Maker Space" is an exhibit component to the STEM Discovery Center, which will provide tools, software, and equipment to offer guests an authentic experience where they can design, make, build, test and learn.

IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

- The STEM Discovery Center will incorporate a proactive hands-on environment that serves audiences of all ages through a variety of programs, and enable the Orlando Science Center to reach 500,000 people annually.
- The STEM Discovery Center will introduce and reinforce hard to teach science content and foster 21st century skill development, such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. Participants will be able to see themselves as scientists and engineers through role-play and authentic experiences.
- The Maker Space within the STEM Discovery Center elevates the idea that all education should be explorative, immersive, and cross-contextual.
- Nationally, Maker Spaces are being used to fill the anticipated demand for professionals in the sciences, tech, engineering, and math arenas. Robotics, computer programming, 3D printing, and wearable technology are all natural extensions to creating a stronger and more compelling STEM connection.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Orlando Science Center serves as the Central Florida hub for STEM learning. Our partners include Lockheed Martin, Bright House Networks, Siemens, Orange County Public Schools, City of Orlando, Orange County and many others. The Science Center is an endorsed partner with Boston Museum of Science's "Engineering is Elementary" curriculum, which focuses on the engineering design process in the context of a relevant real-world setting.



DEERING ESTATE

Cultural & Ecological Field Station

Community Update

Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department



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...Discover Experience our
More next 30 Years...



CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL FIELD STATION



OUTCOMES

- On January 1, 2015, the Deering Estate became an international cultural and ecological field station, elevating the focus on research, learning, and community engagement in urban ecology, conservation biology, paleoclimatology, amongst other cross cutting disciplines.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Deering Estate, the Deering Estate Foundation, and Florida International University SEAS
- Provide opportunities for conservationists and preservationists regionally and worldwide to explore innovative ways to preserve the rich cultural and natural resources, part of our local communities.

WHAT IS A FIELD STATION?

Field Stations provide living, outdoor laboratories for students, researchers, and the general public interested in the environment and conservation.

All field stations share a commitment to advancing our understanding of the earth through a focus on:

- *Research & discovery*
- *Teaching & learning*
- *Conservation management best practices*
- *Awareness & community engagement*

Field Stations constitute an important part of a nation's research infrastructure, one that enables scientists to better understand the world's complex natural history and socio-environmental systems, and to better measure the rapid environmental changes that are stressing natural and social systems.



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CULTURAL & ECOLOGICAL FIELD STATION COMPONENTS





INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION RESEARCH & LEARNING

- April 22, 2015 (Earth Day)
- Donation from Marta Weeks-Wulf on behalf of the Weeks family
- 8.75 acre, west edge of Old Cutler Road, adjacent to the Deering Estate.
- 7+ acres of tropical hardwood hammock, maintained under an Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) covenant;
- 10,500 square foot energy efficient, custom home built in 1982
- Research Access Point & Contemplative Study
- Welcome visiting academics, scientists, researchers, students, and educators ready to engage in interdisciplinary, ground-breaking research.



OUTCOMES



RESEARCH & DISCOVERY THEMES

Conservation Biology

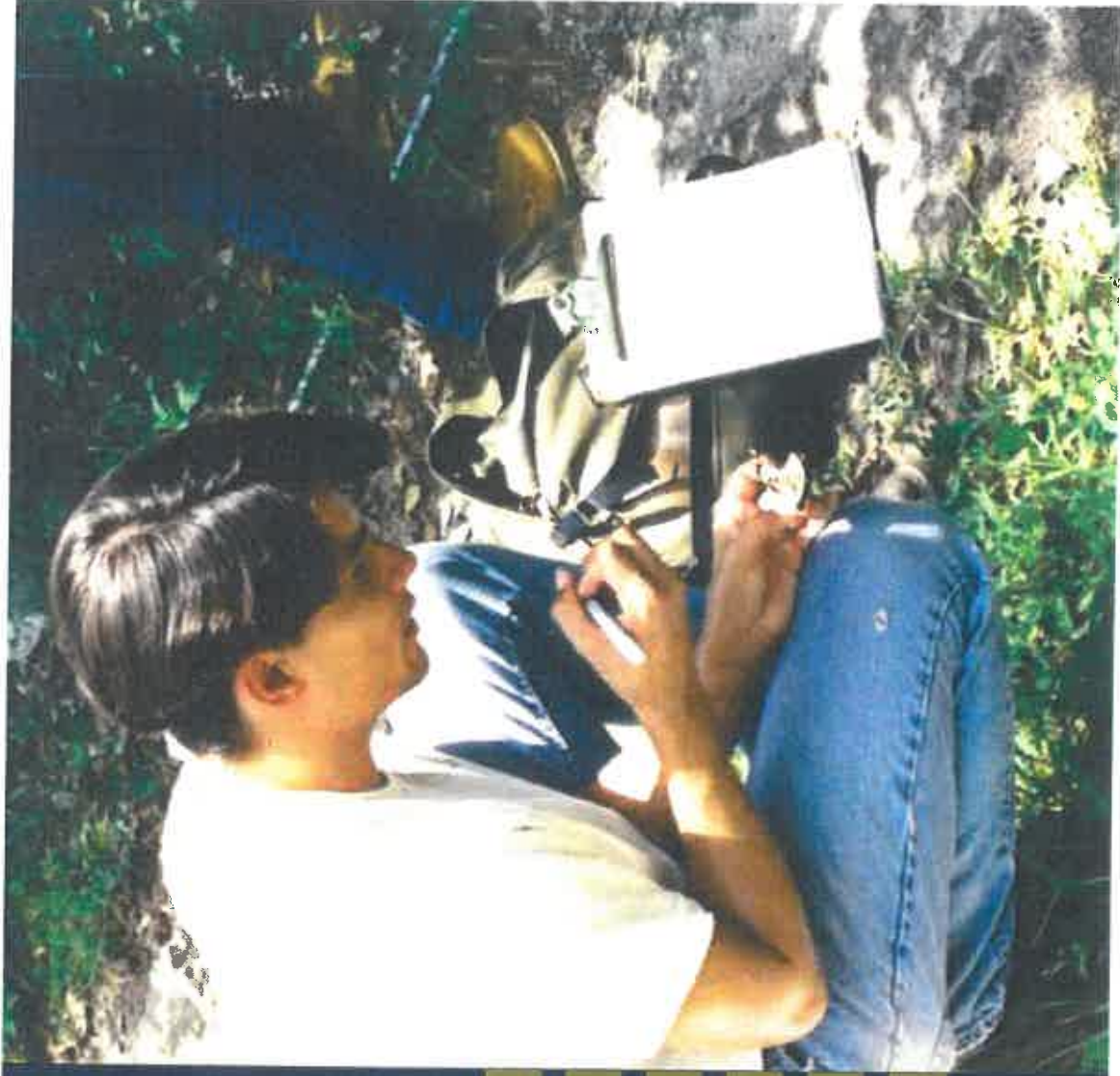
Restoration Ecology

Coastal Wetland Ecology

Geology, Geophysics, and Paleoclimatology

Activity Theory in Formal and Informal Science Education

Socio-Cultural Studies





LEARNING OUTCOMES

Living Classroom, environmental education, programs for grades K-22 will integrate these resources into interdisciplinary informal STEM + Arts learning experiences and complement research conducted onsite, building broader audiences and educating future generations about the importance of preserving biodiversity.

National Science Foundation, Research Experiences for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Post Doctoral Students...

- Undergraduate, Graduate, PhD Classes
- Graduate Certificate & Field Study Programs
- Professional Development for Conservationists

Learning Outcomes for K-12 students, teachers, and parent educators...

- K-12 Living Classroom Programs
- What makes a teacher effective?
- Year-round Teacher Education Workshops
- Summer Institute



INFORMAL STEM + Arts LEARNING

Onsite: EcoAcademy for Parent Educators and Youth (Homeschool Program); Field Study Trips; Scout Programs; Science Discovery Camps; Teacher Work Day Camps, Special Family Events

Marine Conservation Science and Policy

SEA (Shore Ecology & Awareness) Program – Sailing and Paddle Sports

Wildlife Conservation Program – Service Learning

Everglades Literacy Project – NEW

Miami Datalam - NEW

Junior Naturalist Program – Counselor in Training

Outreach: NESTT Program; Miami Datalam; AP Environmental Science – coming soon; Iprep & Global Studies Integration – coming soon

Citizen Science: Soil & Water Testing for Enhanced Stewardship, Other Opportunities – NABA Butterfly Surveys, Christmas Bird Count, Boa GPS Tracking, Marine Mammal Observation Logs, Oyster and Sea Grass Monitoring, Coastal Clean Ups, Trail Monitoring

Nature Based Recreation: Canoe Tours, Archaeology Day, Deering Goes to the Birds, Speaking Sustainably Film & Lecture Series, Nite Hikes, Bike Tours, Special Field Study Trips, Service Learning, amongst others





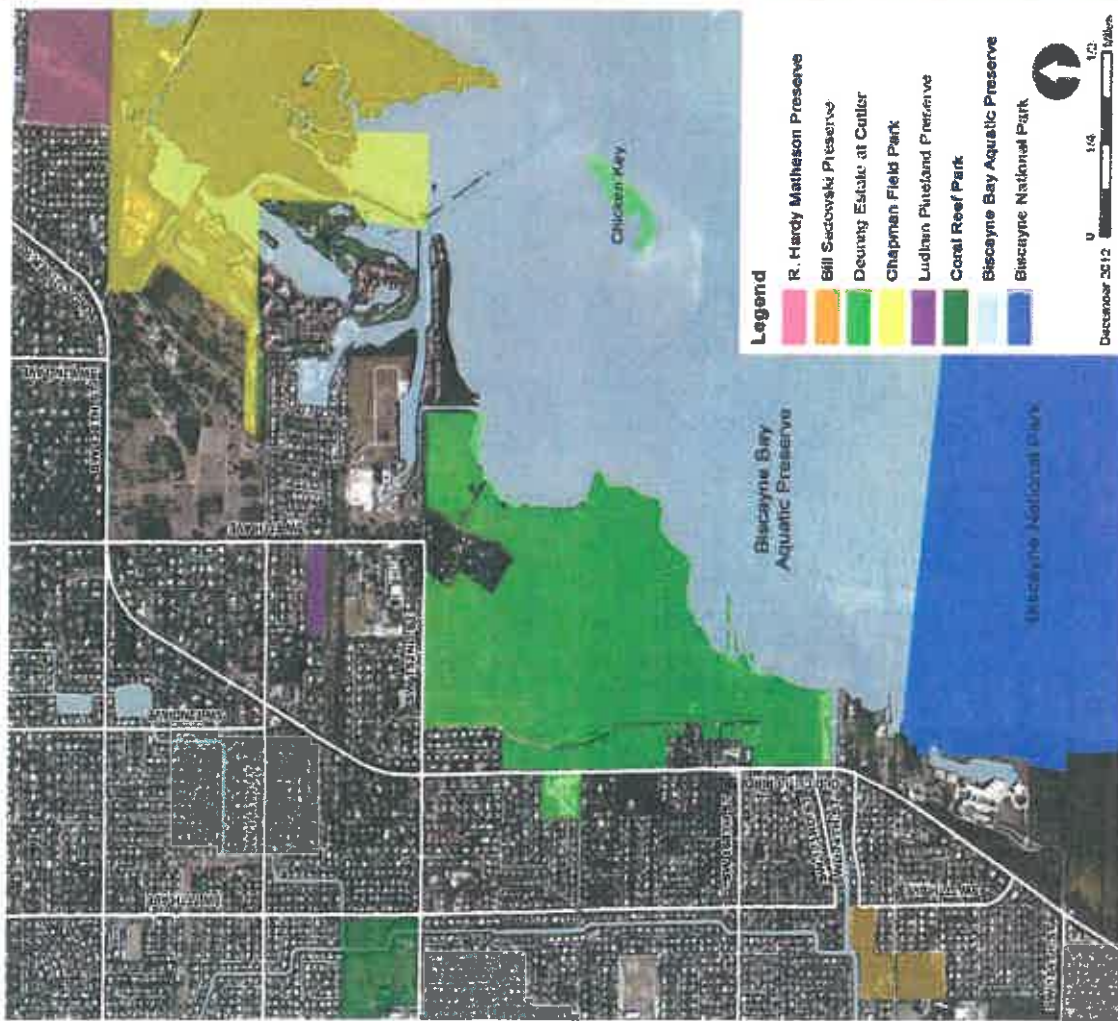


DEERING'S RICH CULTURAL & ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES





PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL PARKS & PRESERVES



RESEARCH &
LEARNING

CONSERVATION &
PRESERVATION

HISTORIC BUILDINGS
OF THE DEERING ESTATE

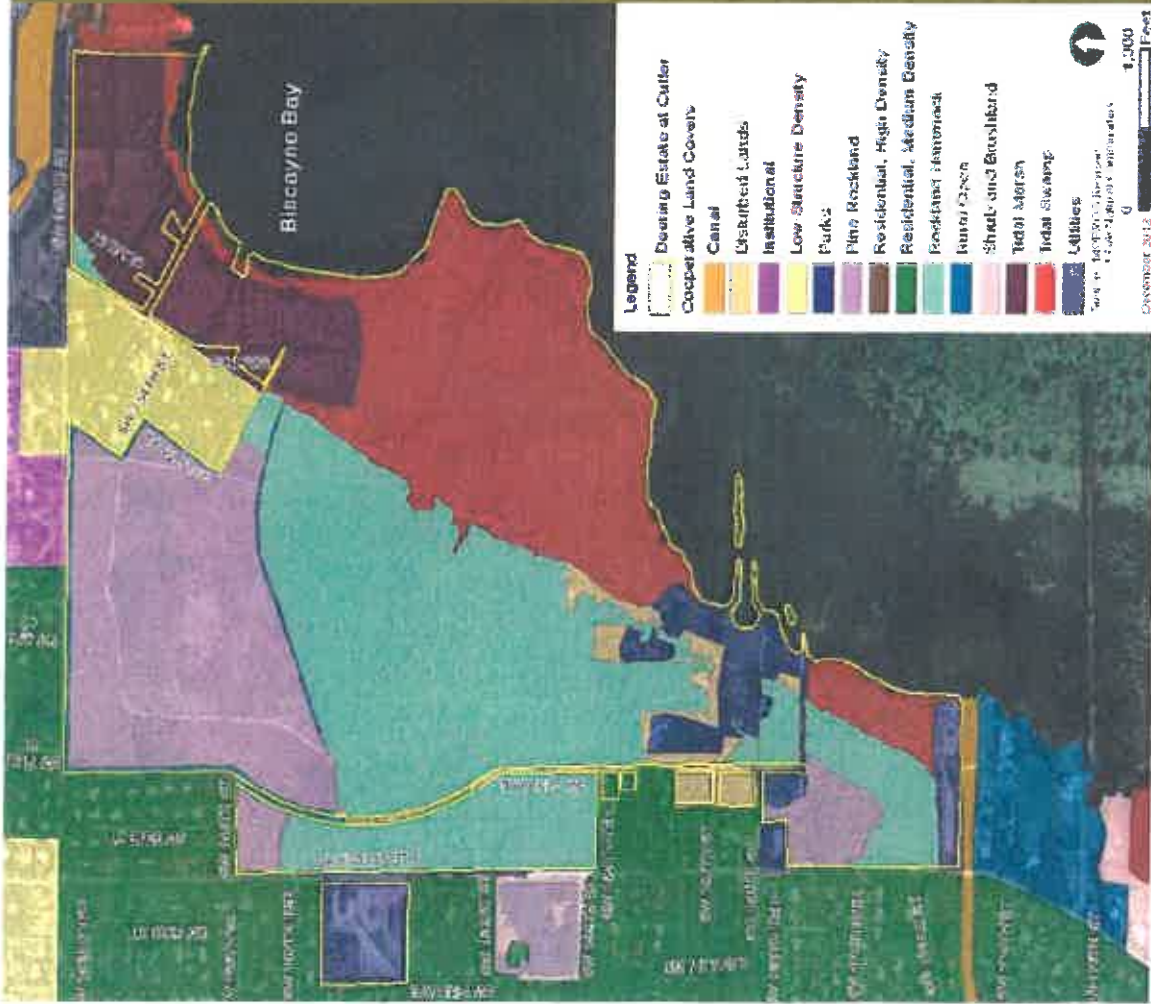
AWARENESS &
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PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT

HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF THE DEERING ESTATE

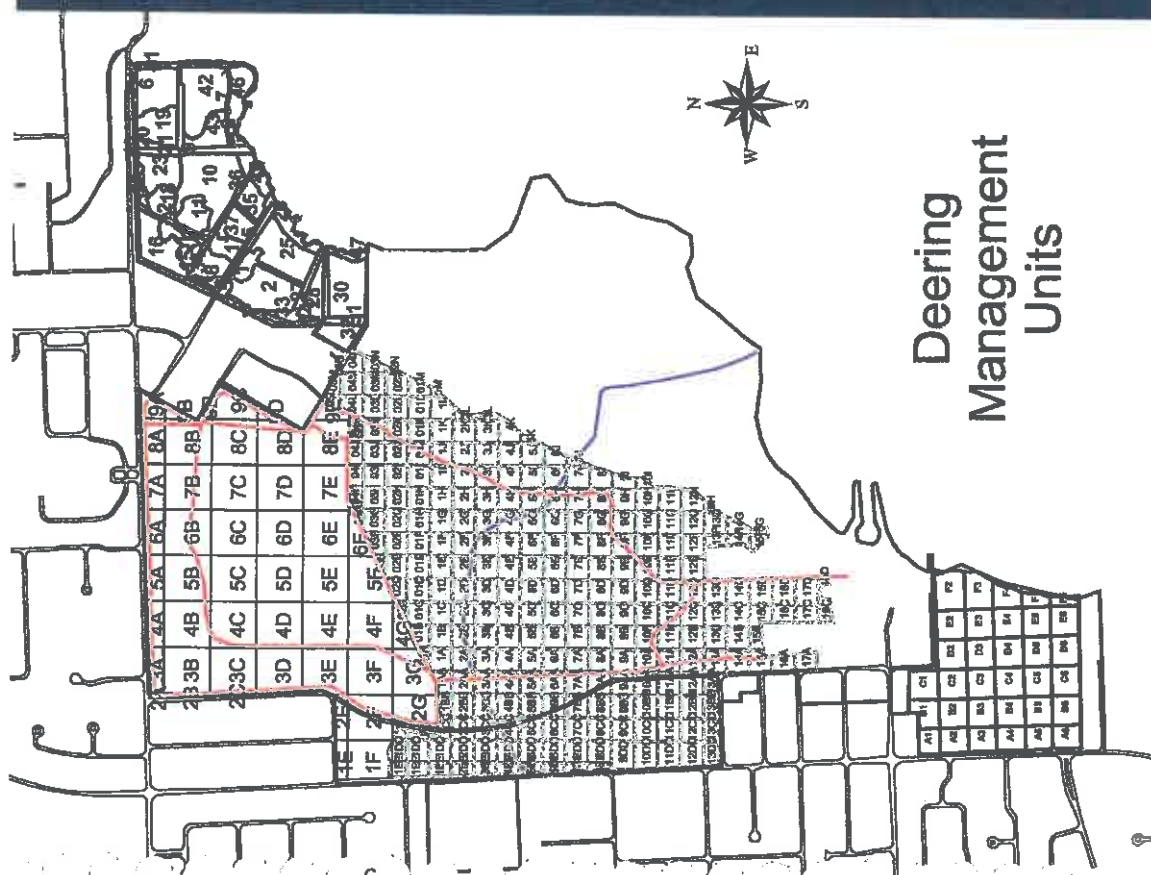
- **Iconic marker** for our community's cultural identity and memory, preserving the built environment and a way of life that still is quintessentially Miami.
- The history of the Deering Estate encompasses many cultures inhabiting the land over thousands of years.
- **Historic preservation activities in Florida**, including the rehabilitation of historic buildings, heritage tourism, the operation of history museums and activities generated by Florida Main Street programs contribute some \$6.3 billion annually to the state.

OUTCOMES



Pine Rockland, Salt Marsh, Mangroves, Submerged Sea Grass Beds,
Deering Estate Flow-way, Remnant Slough, Tropical Hardwood
Hammock, Beach Dune Chicken Key

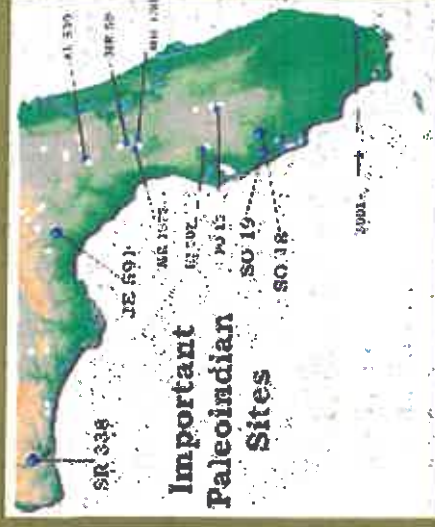




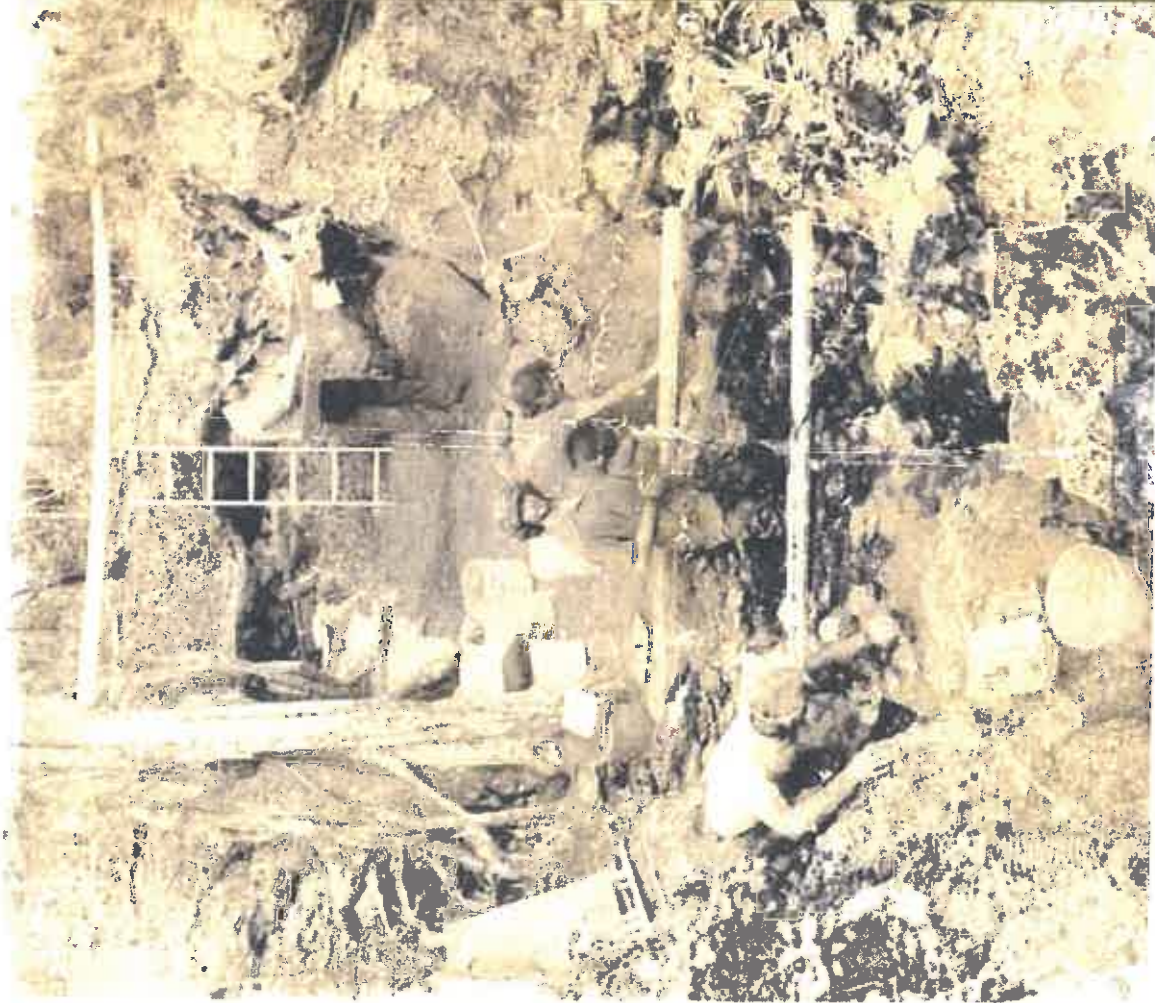


ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Prior to the discovery of the Cutler Fossil Site, most scientists thought human habitation in Florida dated back only 4,000 years, making the Cutler Fossil one of the most archaeologically significant sites in the Eastern United States.



Less than 100 Paleoindian sites are recorded in Florida.





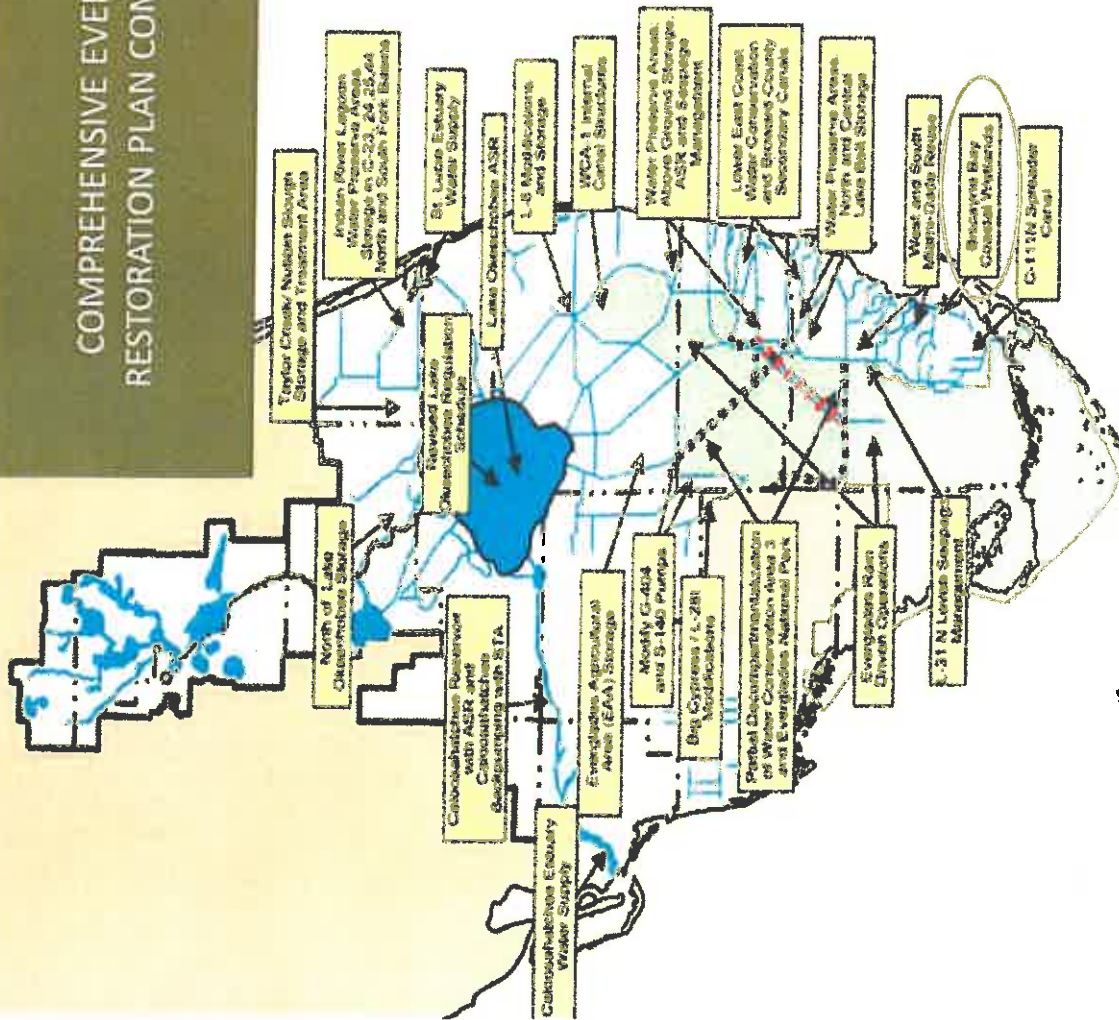
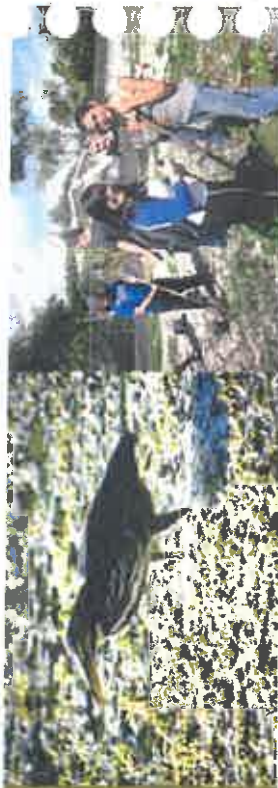
Deering Glade North Scarp



GEOLOGIC RESOURCES

- Florida experienced cycles of sediments deposition and erosion in response to sea-level changes
- As sea levels fluctuated, the corals maintained footholds; reefs grew upward when sea level rose and retreated to lower depths when sea levels fell, accumulating 75 to 100 feet of limestone.
- The last drop in sea level exposed the ancient reefs which are the present Florida Keys. Living coral reefs continue to grow in the shallow waters seaward of the Keys
- Carbonate sediments formed due to biological activity and are mostly made up of whole or broken fossils including foraminifera, bryozoa, mollusks, corals and other forms of marine life
- This geologic record is the foundation of the Deering Estate, we walk its ridge daily, life on the Deering Estate, begins with this rock.

COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN COMPONENTS



ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC



CUTLER SLOUGH REHYDRATION

The Cutler Slough Rehydration Project provides a relevant and exciting opportunity to study environmental feedback from the effects of urbanization and management decisions regarding hydrology in South Florida.







Flow (ac-ft.)

Date	Flow (ac-ft.)
December 2012-April 2013	~12,500
May 2013-October 2013	~12,500
November 2013	~12,500
December 2013-April 2014	~12,500
May 2014-October 2014	~12,500
November 2014	~12,500

www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/000000v1



MISSION OF THE DEERING ESTATE

Dedicated to preserve and protect the natural, archaeological, architectural and historic legacy of the Estate by using wise stewardship in the management and utilization of its sensitive resources, while educating and enhancing the public appreciation of the unique characteristics of the site through compatible uses.





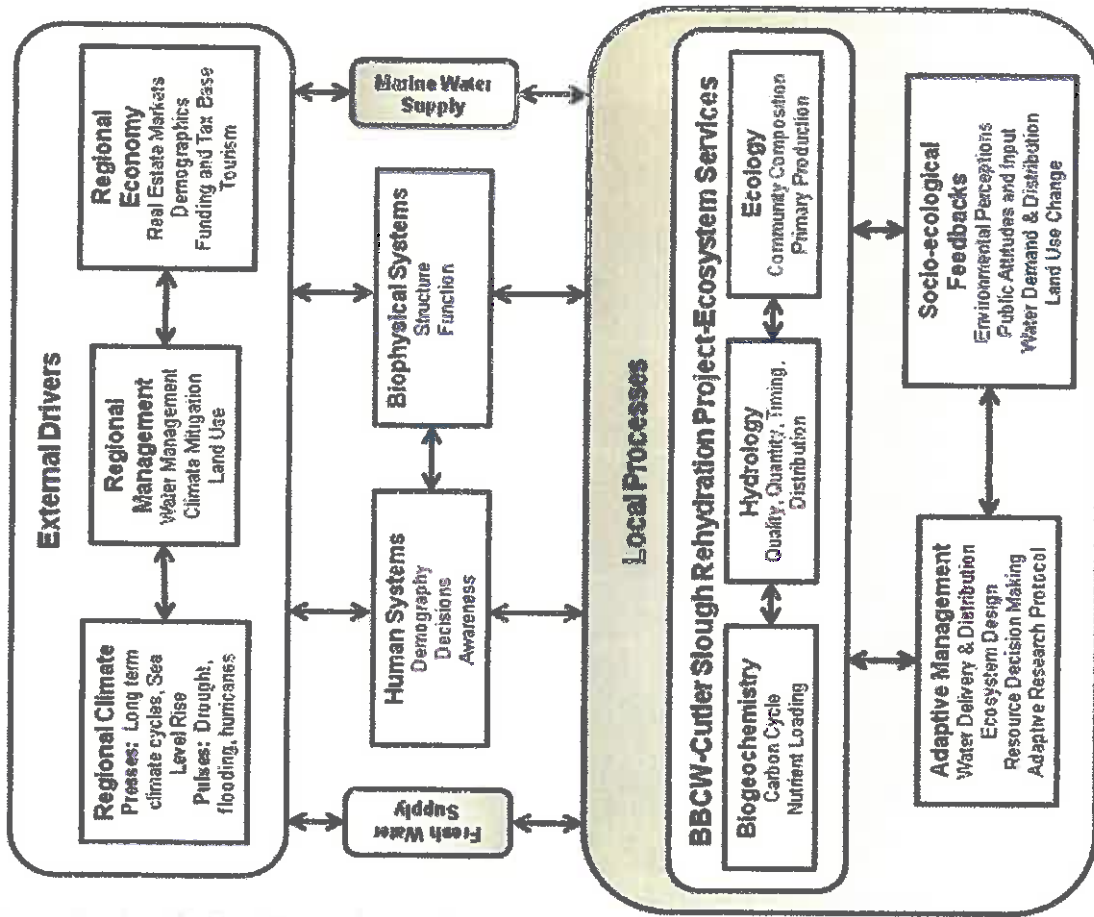
RESEARCH & STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS





BEST CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:

- Using ecological and cultural resource **assessment data**, site management will develop and enhance their own **best management practices**.
- Prioritizing **site specific strategies** for natural and cultural resource adaptation planning - preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and/or reconstruction.
- How activities better **integrated** into existing regulatory planning processes.
- **Internship opportunities** will be provided for college students to engage in real-world conservation projects, cultural and natural resource management, and public engagement processes for environmental and cultural resource decision making.



RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

How does human behavior and decision making interact with biophysical processes (past and present) to drive change and outcomes?



Urban Ecology & Natural Resource Management
Cultural Resource Management Integration into Local Economies & Neighborhoods



ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH & DISCOVERY

Access by faculty and students to diverse marine, freshwater and terrestrial habitats, archeological sites, geologic record, cultural collections, and active natural and cultural resource management.

- **CEFS/FIU/DEF MOU** - potential placement of FIU faculty at the Deering Estate, on a short-term or permanent basis to develop research.
- Establishment of **new and innovative programs for K-12**, undergraduate and graduate students, with potential for additional revenue generation.
- Establishment of a **competitive graduate fellowship program**, supported by funding from Deering Estate Foundation, to support graduate student research at the Deering Estate.
- Joint approaches to the **Interpretation** and broader dissemination of research.

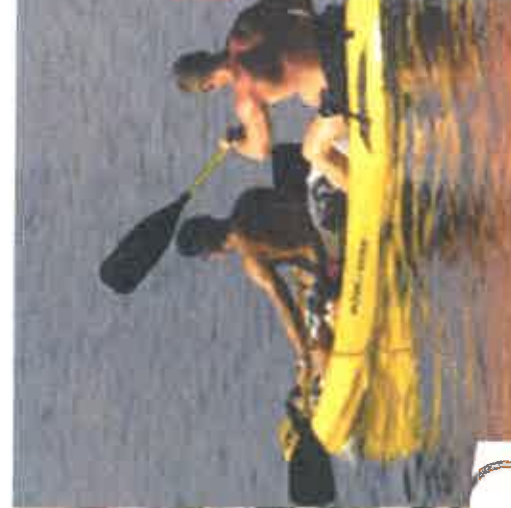
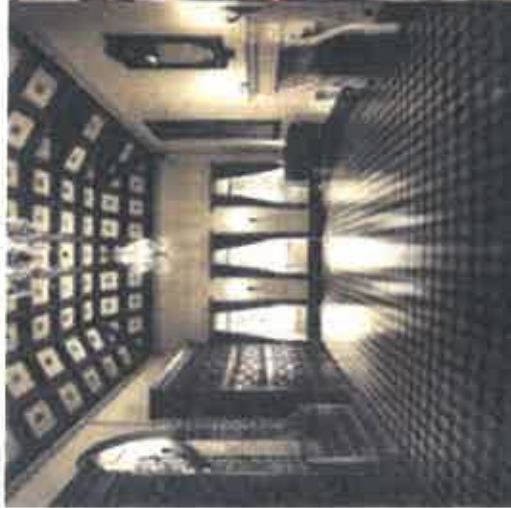




OUTCOMES OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Deering Estate, Deering Estate Foundation, Florida International University - School of
Environment, Arts and Society (SEAS)

- Best Conservation Management Practices, Cultural and Natural Resource Awareness
- Collaborative Research – Science, Education, and Social Engagement - identify core thematic areas of *research* and to develop strategies for enhancing K-12, undergraduate and graduate opportunities for *field research* and *formal/informal experiential learning*.
- Establish Science Working Group
- Funding for Collaborative Research (REUs) and Informal Science Education Projects
- Awareness & Learning – Informal Science Education (ISE)
- Professional Development



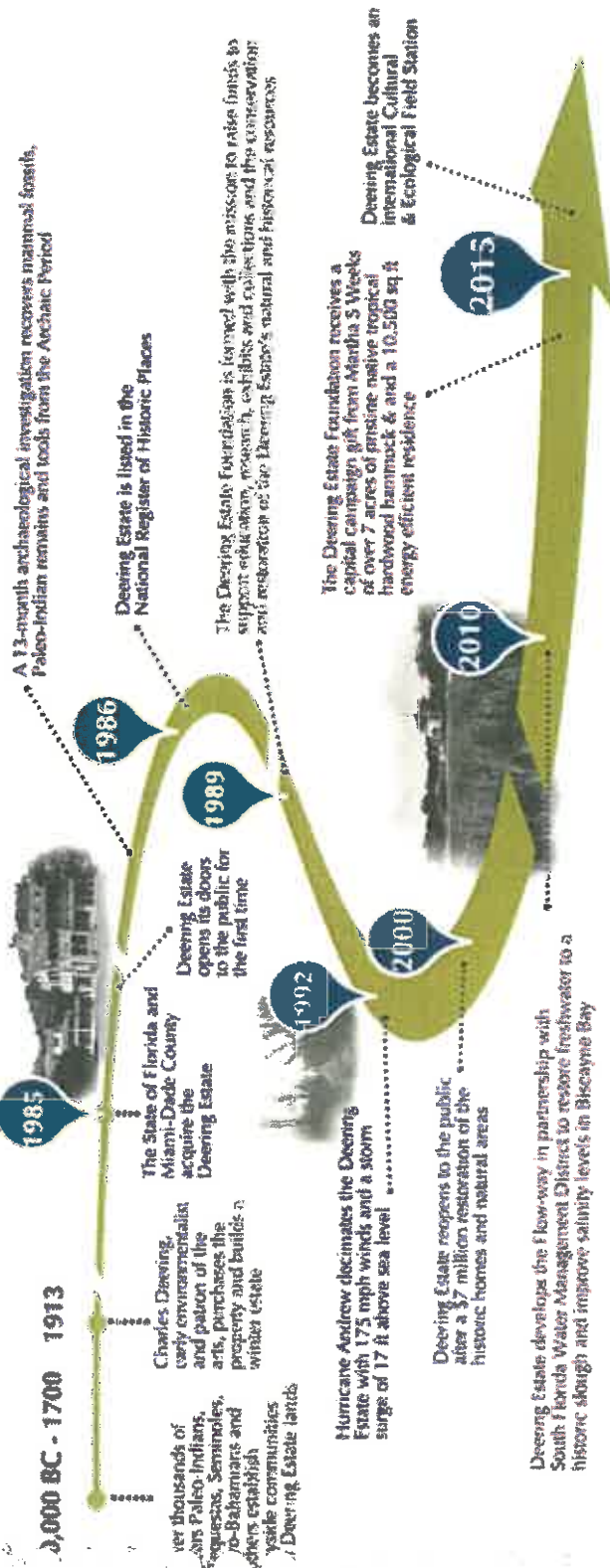
PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

Placemaking &
Historic
Preservation

Conservation &
Awareness

Resource Based
Recreation &
Wellness

Sustainability &
Community
Engagement



The Deering Estate's first 30 years were marked by the preservation and conservation of our rich cultural and ecological resources. Our future will build upon a wonderful legacy of stewardship. The Deering Estate will better secure its place in a national dialogue on science and discovery. The new archaeological resources recently discovered on site and the study of our geologic history and the changes in our vegetative communities will provide a living laboratory for students, researchers and the general public interested in the environment and preservation.

I invite you to discover more of the Deering Estate and its important role in South Florida's past, present and future.

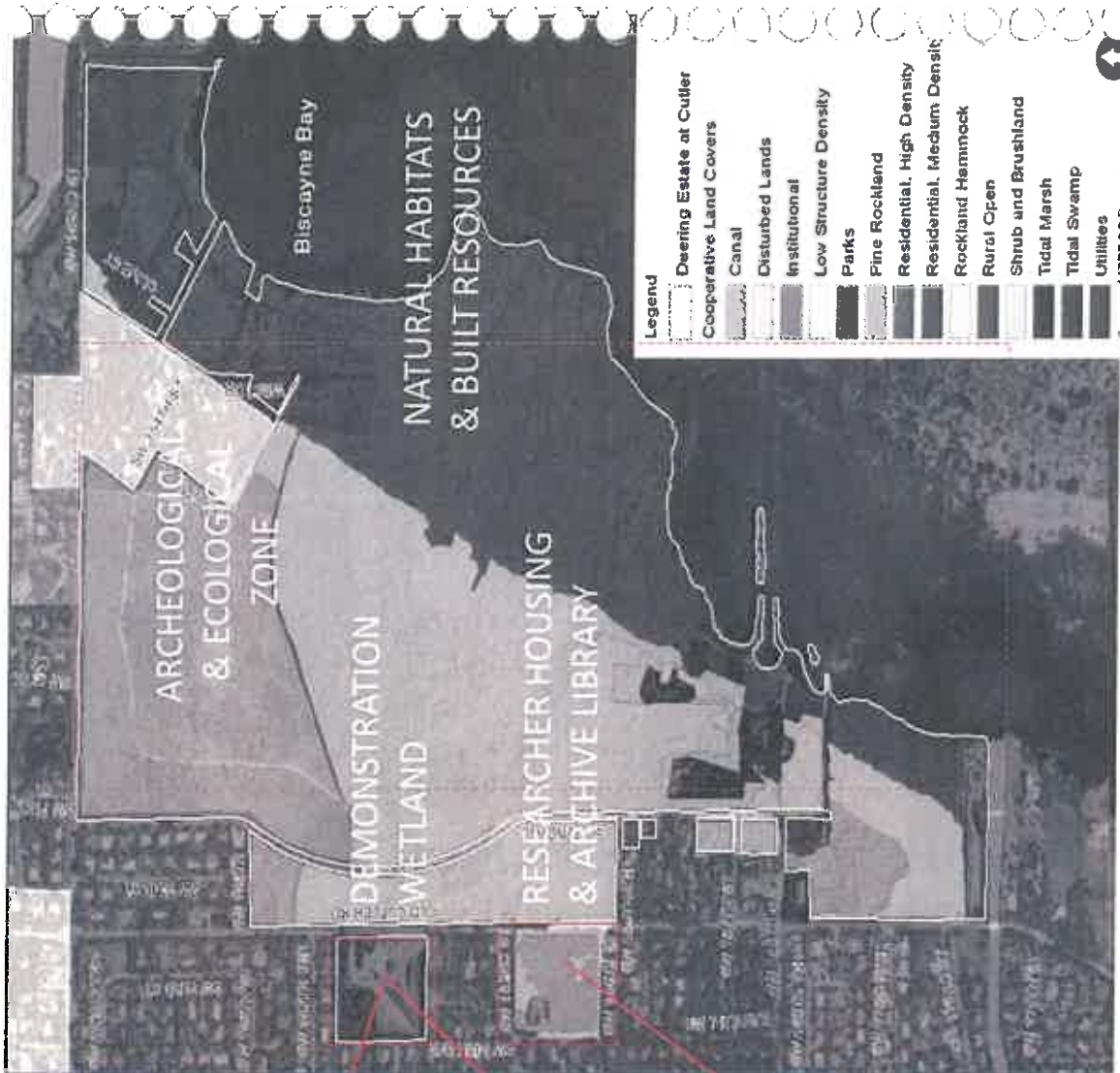
Jennifer Trishammer
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Deering Estate



CULTURAL & ECOLOGICAL FIELD STATION COMPONENTS





CAPITAL & PROGRAM FUNDING PLAN

CAPITAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Enhancements to Institute for Conservation Research & Learning (ICRL) – create researcher/academic housing and research archive access point, site access enhancements for visiting faculty, researchers, and graduate students.
- Enhancements to demonstration wetland to include observation platform, soil/water quality monitoring lab, trails and public access enhancements, interpretive center
- Underwrite Fellowships, Research Coordinator, Center Phd/Director – expand staffing for resource monitoring & research
- Enhance wildlife protection barriers, recreation trails, & public access areas

PROGRAM FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Institute for Conservation Research & Learning (ICRL) Research & Field Study Program Development
- Cultural & Ecological Field Studies (CEFS) Research Scholarship Program – (5 students for 4 years @ \$125,000 per student – REUs
- Underwrite K-12 Learning Programs that integrate environmental science into local and national curriculum standards – Nurturing Environmental Stewards of Today and Tomorrow (N.E.S.T.T. Pilot Program & Expansion) – K12 eSTEM+Arts in school experiential learning programs and field study trips to natural habitats for students, teachers, and parent educators

MAJOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

- National Science Foundation Grants – REUs, Biological Field Station Development, ISE
- Recreational Trails Grant Program for development of walking paths at Demonstration Wetland





MINIMAL OPTION

PROS

- Clear up parking
- Large increase in parking capacity
- Existing curb layout remains
- New number of parking spaces preserved
- Greenhouse added to Env. Center
- Entry area shielded at Env. Center

CONS

- Clear strip separated from pedestrian entrance
- No vehicle drop-off at estate entrance
- One-way parking



RELOCATED 72ND AVE

PROS

- Minimizes pond / vehicle conflicts at estate entry
- More green space at Env. Center and entry drive
- Single, unified parking area for entire facility

CONS

- Environmental Center is ONLY entrance for U.S. 90
- Corner entry is at a "T" requiring a stop sign
- Gravelled increase in parking capacity
- Curved road may limit sight distance



RELOCATED 72ND AVE + DROPOFF

PROS

- Minimizes pond / vehicle conflicts at estate entry
- Single, unified parking area for entire facility
- Bicycle lanes added

CONS

- Environmental Center is only entrance for Estate
- Env. Center entry may require street stop sign
- Small increase in parking capacity
- Short vehicle drop-off at estate entrance



gate locations



elevated view - sw152nd street / 164th terrace gate threshold



PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION WETLAND ENHANCEMENTS

Mixed Use Interpretive Building

Observation Deck

Boardwalk

Labs

Public Access

Nature Trails

Picnic/Group Pavilion



**PROPOSED ELEVATED OBSERVATION
DECK TO VIEW PINELANDS**



PROJECT NAME:

Florida Department of Transportation - Maintenance Division Field Workforce Automation.

COMPANY & TECHNOLOGY:

GoFormz is a Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection Software Solution with over 10,000 clients in 173 Countries. The GoFormz technology is a software application which would be utilized to replace the current FDOT Maintenance Division "pen and paper" based collection of data in the field. **The GoFormz Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection software solution would eliminate the following:** duplicate data entry (data recorded in the field on paper and then taken back to the office and input at the computer as well as the need to enter the "same data" into multiple systems), inaccurate input of data, lack of all data being captured, untimely input of data, excessive and unnecessary travel (traveling back and forth to the office to input data collected in the field versus inputting data on a mobile device in the field), inability to create a work order in the field based on identified deficiencies needing immediate attention, among other items.

BACKGROUND:

As a means to explore ways of improving productivity in the field and simplifying work processes, the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") Maintenance Division decided to conduct a Real-Time Mobile Forms/Field Data Collection Pilot Program. FDOT wanted to test and evaluate a mobile solution which eliminated "pen and paper" business process workflows in the field and replaced them with what is commonly known as "forms automation on a mobile device". The Florida Department of Transportation – Maintenance Division conducted a Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection Pilot Program which included all of the FDOT Districts and the Turnpike Authority. After the conclusion of the FDOT Maintenance Division Pilot Program the data and feedback from the 7 Districts and Turnpike Authority established the following FDOT Maintenance Division Business Benefits would be delivered to FDOT upon successful implementation of the Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection Solution:

1. **Ability to simplify work processes and decrease FDOT administrative costs.** In the FDOT Pilot Program 100% of the FDOT Pilot Program participants stated it would "Simply their Work Process" with the 7 Districts and the Turnpike Authority estimating a **31.14% savings in administrative time for FDOT Maintenance Personnel** versus current "pen and paper" based way of collecting data in the field. They estimate the administrative **time saved will exceed 50%** once the Mobile Forms/Field-Data Solution is integrated with current FDOT Database Systems, including the Maintenance Management System, the WDOSS (Work Order Prioritization System), and the Asset Management System.
2. **Ability to improve FDOT Maintenance Personnel field productivity and performance.** The FDOT Pilot Program participants rated the level of "Operational Performance/Work Process Improvement" which could be delivered on a scale of 1 through 5 and the total score was **4.85 out of 5 (1 being None and 5 being Highest Level)**.
3. **Ability to improve the overall quality of the data collected by FDOT Maintenance Personnel in the field.** In the FDOT Pilot Program 100% of the FDOT Pilot Program participants agreed the Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection Solution would **improve the overall quality of the field-data collected for FDOT**.
4. **Ability to improve overall FDOT field communication and collaboration capabilities.** The FDOT Pilot Program Participants were asked how valuable it would be to improve FDOT field communication and collaboration capabilities and the score was **4.83 out of 5.00 on a scale of 1 through 5 (1 being Not Valuable and 5 being Extremely Valuable)**.
5. **Ability to advance FDOT's vision of Consistent, Predictable, Repeatable ("CPR") and One FDOT.**

BUSINESS OBJECTIVE:

The Florida Department of Transportation would like to unify all Divisions under one (1) consistent Mobile Platform, including both Agency and Contractor field workforce personnel, for Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection in order to save time, save money, and improve the overall quality of work. FDOT would fully deliver on its Mission of One FDOT (“We are one Agency, One Team” and “CPR – Consistent, Predictable, Repeatable”) as well as set the benchmark across the United States for all Departments of Transportation in terms of delivering the highest level of operational field productivity and performance in the most cost-efficient manner possible. Phase One (1) of this initiative would be to implement the Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection technology solution with the FDOT Maintenance Division and the FDOT Maintenance Division Outside Contractors.

- **Outside Contractors.** Currently, now there is not an ability to “report in detail” against the work performed by the outside contractors, so while the quality of the work is clearly set and delivered at a very high standard, perhaps this same high level of quality work could be done at reduced cost versus the current expenditure by FDOT. GoFormz would give FDOT valuable insight and key data on the work Outside Contractors perform for FDOT which FDOT has not had access to in detail previously. This initiative for FDOT has the potential to identify millions of dollars in savings for FDOT because there would be more precise data available to measure, analyze and evaluate the Outside Contractors based on the outside contract work performed, over time. In addition, this initiative would give FDOT better on-going and historical data on work performed and completed which could be accessed with a click of a button at any time. It would include who did the work, what time they did it, exactly what they did, the GPS location of the work, before and after photos of the work performance, etc.

FUNDING REQUEST:

In order to fully train, equip, and implement Mobile Forms/Field-Data Collection in the FDOT Maintenance Division the total funding estimate for this initiative would be \$975,000 which would include the cost of software, devices, training and deployment.

PRESENTORS:**Lt. General Keith J. Stalder (ret – USMC)****Former Commanding General US Marine Forces Pacific.**

LtGen Stalder also served as Commanding General for II Marine Expeditionary Force; Commanding General for Training and Education Command; Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing; Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade; and Deputy Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, in Operation Iraqi Freedom I. LtGen Stalder also served at Headquarters, European Command, as Operations Division Chief for the military-to-military contact program for Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. LtGen Stalder is a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute (HSSAI), a Senior Fellow at both the Center for Naval Analysis (CNA) and the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and is considered an early adopter and expert in mobile field-data collection around the world.

Josh Bresette**Senior Vice President, GoFormz**

Leads and manages the Goformz Government Division. Nationally recognized in mobile forms/field-data collection; Pioneering developer of field mobility solutions; Versatile practitioner of mobility solutions in: *Health & Human Services, Social Services/Child Protective Services, Transportation (Maintenance & Construction), Public Works, Utilities, Agriculture, and Environmental & Natural Resources, among others.*

A New Emergency Operations Center for Brevard County

Brevard's Unique Space & Defense Significance

Brevard County has unique significance to the state and nation due to the assets within its borders. With NASA, the U.S. Air Force, and commercial entities launching rockets at Cape Canaveral/Kennedy Space Center, averaging at minimum one launch per month, soon to double or triple in frequency, Brevard County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is the most frequently activated in the State. Military facilities include Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the Naval Ordnance Test Unit for Trident submarines at Port Canaveral, and Patrick Air Force Base, which houses both the 920th Rescue Squadron and the Air Force Technical Applications Center, a high-value national security asset. In addition, Brevard has a significant defense-industrial base, with contractors such as Harris Corporation, Northrop Grumman, Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon Company, Intersil Corporation, Rockwell Collins, United Launch Alliance, Space X, and Blue Origin. Port Canaveral, which is the fastest-growing port in Florida and the second-busiest cruise terminal in the world, is also home to SeaPort Canaveral, which is the major supplier of jet fuel for Orlando, Sanford and Jacksonville international airports.

Brevard's Other Hazards

With 26 presidentially declared disasters in the last 50 years, Brevard County is no stranger to hazards other than launch anomalies or possible terrorism targets. Other hazards include hurricanes, tropical storms, storm surge, inland flooding, tornados, wildfires, fog, drought, agricultural infestation, tsunamis, sea level rise, severe storms, freezing conditions, winter storms, subsidence and erosion, civil disorder, pandemics, mass casualty incidents, I-95 accidents, rail accidents, jet fuel tank farm accidents, aircraft accidents, hazardous materials incidents, radiological materials incidents, utility system failures, communication system failures, cyberattacks, and offshore environmental accidents. Brevard is also susceptible to a nuclear power plant incident, as parts of the county are within the 50-mile ingestion pathway for the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant.

Grant Funding

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (PL 93-288 as amended) and is designed to assist states, local governments, private non-profit organizations and Indian tribes in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration. For funding via this program, projects must be listed within the county's pre-approved Local Mitigation Strategy before a disaster occurs. Brevard's EOC is on this list.

The EOC Grant Program is authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c) as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-53), to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. This program provides funding for construction or renovation of a State, local or Tribal government's principal EOC. It was last funded in FY2010.

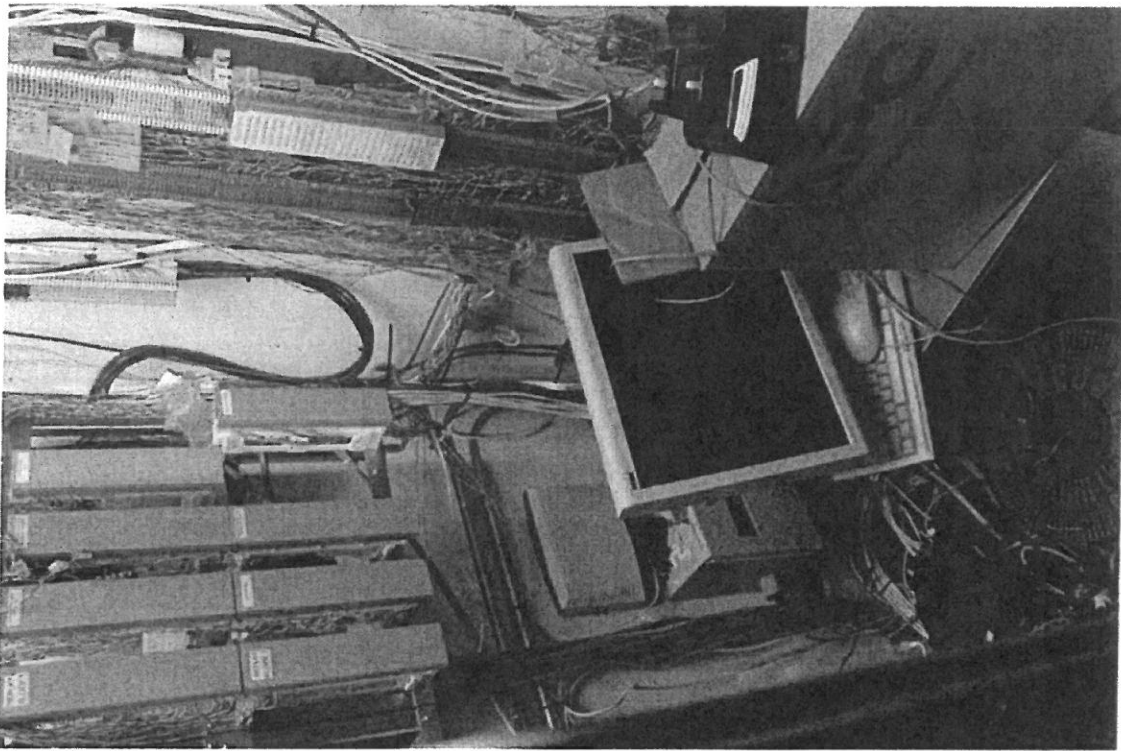
Matching Funds

Brevard County could provide some measure of matching funds through in-kind value of County-owned lands on which to build a new facility. The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management does not have matching funds to allocate but would be supportive due to the inadequacy of the current facility.

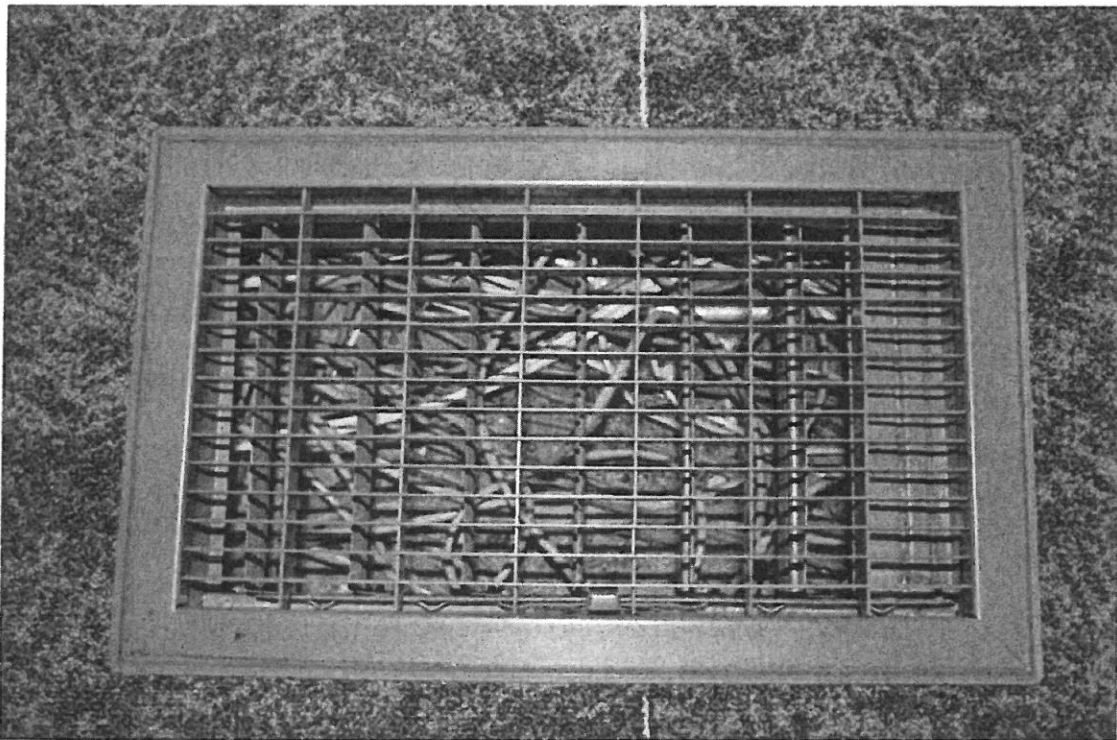
Spatial Assessment

An analysis of the current facility and needs, conducted by Architects Design Group in 2012, determined that a 61,000 square-foot facility would provide for an EOC, collocated law enforcement/fire 911 communications center, traffic management center, 800 MHz public safety radio system, E911 administration, and logistical space to support daily and disaster emergency management operations. At the time, the estimated cost for this facility was \$21 million. Since then, construction costs have risen and ADG has advised the County to expect a 10% cost increase. The National Weather Service has also included collocation of weather forecast offices with local EOCs as a nationwide initiative; the addition of the Melbourne NWS office would be a very strong mutually beneficial relationship.

Current Emergency Operations Center in Brevard County

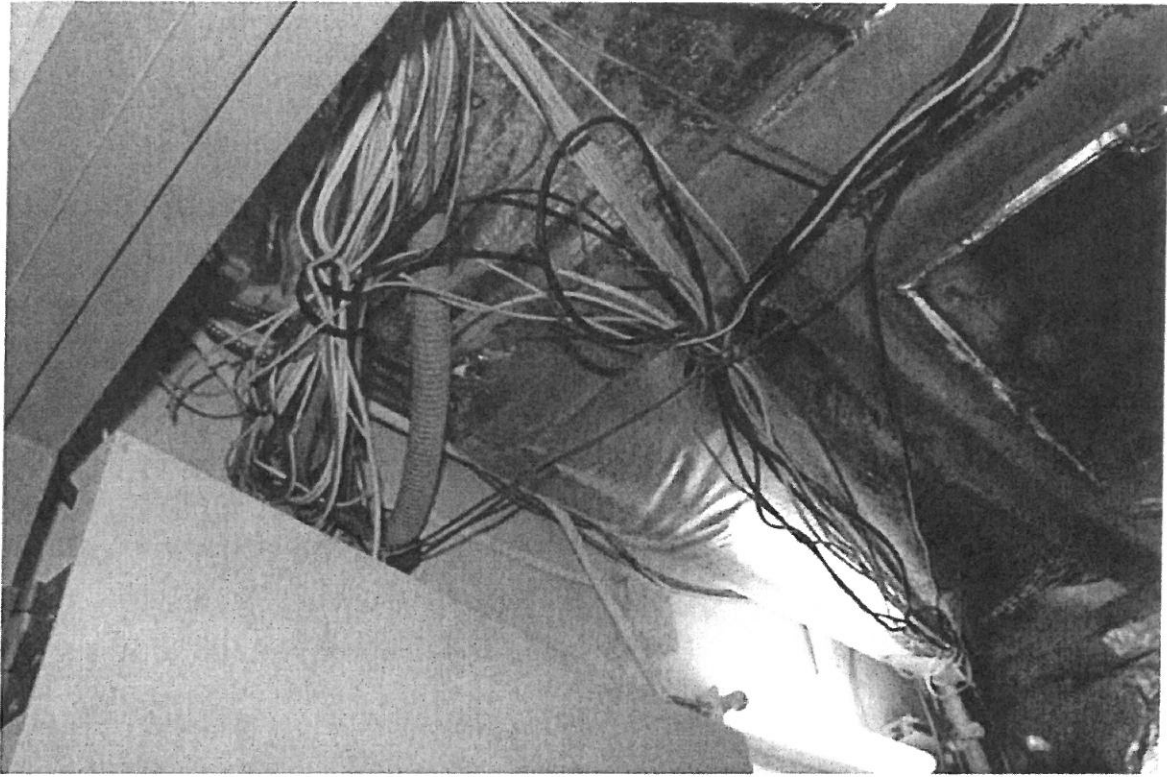


911/Fire-Rescue dispatch server room



Floor of Fire-Rescue dispatch center

Current Emergency Operations Center in Brevard County

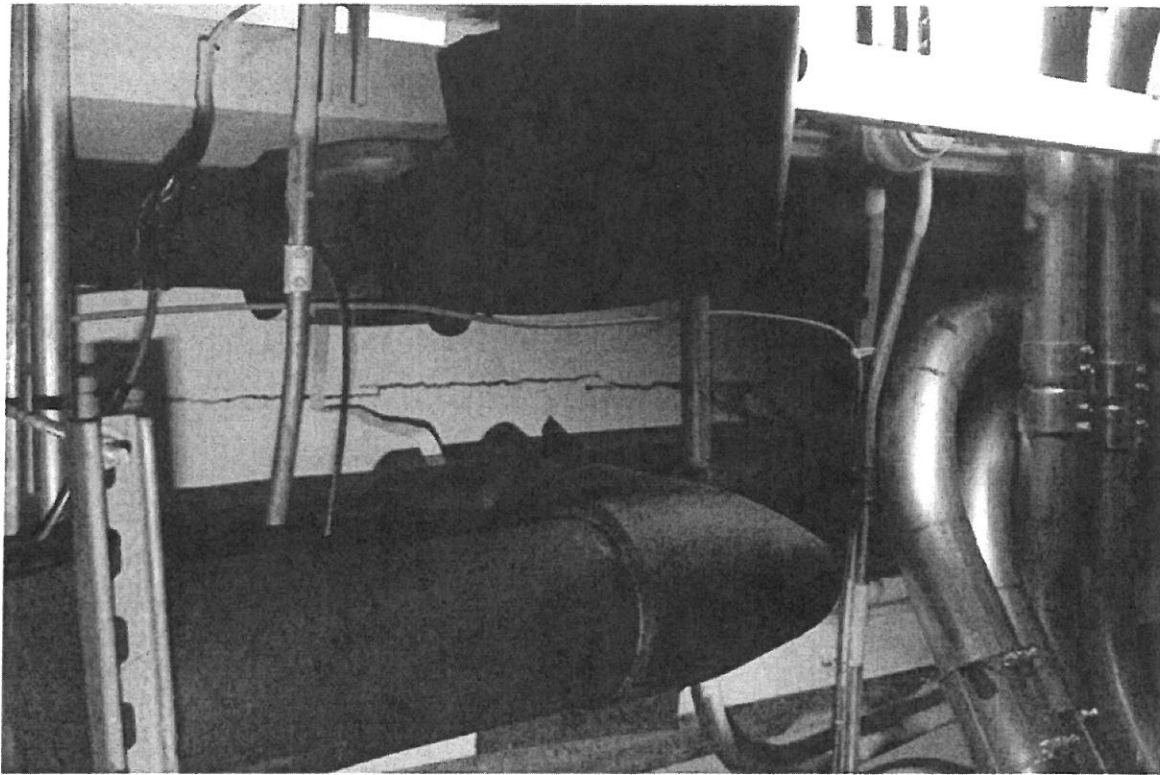


Overhead wiring in mechanical room



Floor of mechanical room

Current Emergency Operations Center in Brevard County



Crack in exterior wall visible behind main water pipes



Repaired crack in wall, below water pipe and above electrical panel

Presenters for Local Funding Initiative Requests
1-13-16

Project Name	Presenter	Contact Information	
Helping Working Families Recoup Their Hard-Earned Money	Ted Granger, President, United Way of Florida	850-488-8276	spoke
Marine Science Center - Volusia County	Michael Brothers, Manager, Marine Science Center	Arlene Smith 386-248-8030 x 18312	spoke
LYNX	Tiffany Homler, Gov. Rel. Dir., LYNX	Lena Juarez, lena@jeassoc.com	spoke
Alcazar Hotel - Lightner Museum	John Regan, City Manager, St. Augustine	Lena Juarez, lena@jeassoc.com	spoke
East International Speedway Blvd. Improvement	Beth Lemke, President, Planning Solutions Corp.	407-491-9477	spoke
Derbyshire Athletic Facility	Beth Lemke, President, Planning Solutions Corp.	407-491-9478	spoke
US 19 Multi Modal	Peter Altman, City of New Port Richie	727-853-1036	spoke
Amskills	Trevor Charlton, Executive Director	727-412-0586	spoke
Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority	Katharine Eagan, CEO, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority	eagank@goHART.org, 813-384-6367	spoke
African American Memorial Park, City of Deerfield Beach.	Mr. Theodus Times, Owner, Rahming Poitier Funeral Home	Burgess Hanson, City Manager, 954-480-4263	spoke
Treasure Coast International Airport Expansion	M. Chris Lyon, Shareholder, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.	Lewis, Longman & Walker, 850-222-5702	did not attend
Treasure Coast International Airport Intermodal Logistics Design	M. Chris Lyon, Shareholder, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.	Lewis, Longman & Walker, 850-222-5703	did not attend
Lake Technical College - Center for Advanced Manufacturing	Dr. Diane Culpepper, Lake County Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake Tech College President C.A. Vossberg, President, Electron Machine Corp.	Dr. Culpepper - 352-589-2250 Ms. Campione - 352-343-9850 C.A. Vossberg - 352-669-3101	spoke
STEM Discovery Center	Heather Norton, VP of Education, Orlando Science Center	Jaclyn Arnett, Southern Strategy, 407-650-5052	spoke
Naples Botanical Garden	Kent Kyle, Development Officer, Naples Botanical Garden, Inc.	Kent Kyle, 239-643-7275	spoke
Deering Estate	Mary Pettit, Executive Director, The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc. Eugene Flinn, Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay	Mary Pettit, 786-942-4671	spoke
City of Port St. Lucie - Riverwalk Extension	Jordan Connors	772-418-6068	spoke
GoFormz	Josua Blessette	Josh Bresette, 646-345-8427	spoke
City of Pahokee - Barfield Road Reconstruction	Jordan Connors	772-418-6068	spoke
St. John's Ferry	Richard Clark, Governmental Affairs Office Jacksonville Transportation Authority	John Johnston, Ballard and Partners, john@ballardfl.com	spoke
Brevard EOC/Public Safety Facility	Kimberly Prosser, Emergency Management Director, Brevard County	321-403-6946	spoke
Northwest Florida I-10 Industrial Park	Jayer Williamson, Commissioner, Santa Rosa County	850-723-1924	spoke
First Coast Maritime Academy	Stephen Wise, consultant	904-771-9400	spoke
Leon Works - Career Expo and Entry-Level Skills Training (Funding request \$100,000)	Andy Johnson, Special Projects Coordinator, Leon County	850-606-5383	did not attend

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Broadway Corridor Revitalization - Phase 2 (This was a revert and reappropriate issue in last year's GAA that was vetoed by the Governor.)		Mark.Delegal@hklaw.com	did not attend
Smart Sensors - Advanced Manufacturing Research (Presented last year)	Don Fisher, Osceola County Manager Charlie Gray, Founding Partner, Gray Robinson PA	Mark Delegal, Holland & Knight 850-425-5685	did not attend

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 301

Case:

Type:

Caption: Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development **Judge:**

Started: 1/13/2016 1:32:07 PM

Ends: 1/13/2016 3:24:46 PM

Length: 01:52:40

1:32:14 PM Meeting called to order
1:32:35 PM Sen. Latvala (Chair)
1:32:52 PM S 7000
1:33:02 PM Sen. Simpson - presents bill
1:33:27 PM Sen. Latvala - asks to explain further
1:33:34 PM Sen. Simpson
1:34:44 PM Sen. Latvala - asks for questions
1:35:04 PM Am. 233656
1:35:13 PM Sen. Clemens - comments on concerns
1:36:00 PM Sen. Latvala - interrupts to find Sen. Diaz de la Portilla to explain his amendment, moves to next tab
1:36:26 PM S 746
1:36:29 PM Sen. Negron - presents bill
1:37:47 PM Missy Timmins, Marine Industries Association of Florida (waives in support)
1:38:05 PM Peggy Mathews, Florida Representative, American Watercraft Association (waives in support)
1:38:18 PM Sen. Clemens - comments
1:38:35 PM Sen. Sachs - comments
1:39:40 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
1:40:14 PM Sen. Negron - closes
1:41:12 PM S 7000
1:41:19 PM Am. 233656
1:41:22 PM Sen. Clemens - explains amendment again
1:43:19 PM Sen. Diaz de la Portilla - comments on amendment gutting the bill
1:47:45 PM Eric Poole, Assistant Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties (waives in support of Am.)
1:48:00 PM David Cruz, Assistant General Counsel, Florida League of Cities (waives in support of Am.)
1:48:05 PM Charles Pattison, Policy Director, 1000 Friends of Florida
1:49:28 PM Sen. Clemens - closes, withdraws amendment
1:51:03 PM Am. 800748
1:51:08 PM Sen. Diaz de la Portilla - presents amendment
1:51:40 PM Sen. Clemens - repeat comments please
1:51:45 PM Sen. Diaz de la Portilla - responds
1:52:10 PM Gary Hunter, Attorney, Association of Florida Community Developers (waives in support of Am.)
1:52:45 PM Sen. Diaz de la Portilla - closes
1:53:03 PM S 7000 (cont.)
1:53:35 PM Sen. Simpson - closes on bill
1:54:33 PM S 718
1:54:38 PM Eric Reinerman, Legislative Assistant, Sen. Sobel - presents bill
1:55:35 PM Sen. Detert - question about costs
1:56:10 PM Eric Reinerman - responds
1:56:30 PM Sen. Detert - responds
1:56:40 PM Eric Reinerman - responds
1:57:05 PM Sen. Hukill - question about fees
1:57:16 PM Eric Reinerman - responds
1:57:42 PM Sen. Sachs - question about purpose of bill
1:57:46 PM Eric Reinerman - responds
1:58:22 PM Sen. Sachs - wants to speak with Sen. Sobel
1:59:26 PM Eric Reinerman - responds it is voluntary
1:59:38 PM Sen. Sachs - responds
2:00:04 PM Sen. Latvala - asks if Sen. Sobel should be present for further discussion
2:00:15 PM Sen. Clemens - responds
2:00:23 PM Sen. Detert - responds
2:00:40 PM Sen. Latvala - suggests TP bill
2:00:44 PM Sen. Detert - responds

2:00:51 PM Sen. Latvala - wants to TP bill
2:01:22 PM Sen. Clemens - asks if anyone is here from Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to explain fees
2:01:33 PM Sen. Latvala - responds there are further questions anyway
2:01:39 PM Sen. Gibson - discusses the analysis and the costs
2:02:36 PM Sen. Detert - comments on fees
2:03:00 PM Sen. Latvala - asks for comments before making decision to TP bill or not
2:03:08 PM Eric Reinerman - closes
2:03:12 PM Sen. Thompson - comments that the designation is voluntary
2:03:33 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
2:04:51 PM Sen. Detert - asks to be recorded in favor of S 746
2:05:04 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
2:05:17 PM TAB 5 - Presentation of Local Funding Initiative Requests
2:05:59 PM Ted Granger, President, United Way of Florida
2:07:15 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about costs
2:07:17 PM T. Granger - responds
2:07:43 PM Michael Brothers, Manager, Marine Science Center
2:09:12 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about costs
2:09:18 PM M. Brothers- responds
2:09:34 PM Sen. Latvala - responds
2:09:45 PM Sen. Clemens - comments and asks how long land acquisition would take
2:09:59 PM M. Brothers - responds
2:10:09 PM Sen. Clemens - responds
2:10:17 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
2:10:44 PM Tiffany Homler, Director of Government Affairs, Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority/LYNX
2:12:10 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about costs
2:12:23 PM T. Homler - responds
2:12:30 PM Sen. Latvala - responds
2:12:38 PM T. Homler - responds
2:12:44 PM Sen. Latvala - responds
2:12:54 PM Sen. Hukill - asks about local funding
2:12:59 PM T. Homler - responds
2:13:08 PM Sen. Hukill - comments
2:13:15 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
2:13:33 PM Nancy Sikes-Kline, Commissioner, City of St. Augustine
2:15:39 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about priority of preservation projects in St. Augustine
2:16:07 PM N. Sikes-Kline - responds
2:16:10 PM Sen. Latvala - responds
2:16:31 PM N. Sikes-Kline - responds
2:17:42 PM Peter Altman, Former County Commissioner, City of New Port Richie
2:19:55 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about costs
2:19:59 PM P. Altman - responds
2:20:03 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
2:20:08 PM P. Altman - responds
2:20:25 PM Sen. Clemens - asks if project has gone before Metropolitan Planning Org.
2:20:28 PM P. Altman - responds
2:21:02 PM Sen. Clemens - asks about plan
2:21:06 PM P. Altman - responds
2:21:16 PM Sen. Latvala - asks which Senator will submit
2:21:20 PM P. Altman - responds
2:21:33 PM Trevor Charlton, Executive Director, AMskills
2:23:42 PM Sen. Latvala - asks why they chose this committee and not education
2:24:01 PM T. Charlton - responds
2:24:05 PM Sen. Latvala - responds
2:24:10 PM T. Charlton - responds
2:24:30 PM Sen. Latvala - this is an education project
2:24:47 PM Sen. Hukill - comments in agreement
2:25:10 PM Katharine Eagan, CEO, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
2:27:00 PM Sen. Clemens - asks about other funding
2:27:07 PM K. Eagan - responds
2:27:23 PM Sen. Clemens - responds
2:27:25 PM K. Eagan - responds
2:27:33 PM Sen. Clemens - asks about Dept. of Transportation funding

2:27:39 PM K. Eagan - responds
 2:27:48 PM Sen. Brandes - comments on SunPass accounts
 2:28:23 PM K. Eagan - comments
 2:28:58 PM Theodus Times, Funeral Director, Rahming-Poitier Funeral Home
 2:30:01 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about costs
 2:30:05 PM T. Times - responds
 2:30:27 PM Sen. Clemens - asks for further information
 2:30:40 PM T. Times - responds
 2:30:49 PM Sen. Clemens - responds
 2:30:52 PM Sen. Sachs - comments, offers further information
 2:31:38 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about amount just to purchase property
 2:31:41 PM T. Times - responds
 2:31:50 PM Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, Representative, Florida House of Representatives
 2:32:42 PM Sen. Gibson - asks about giving money to private developer
 2:32:53 PM Sen. Latvala - comments about building on cemetery
 2:33:12 PM Sen. Gibson - responds
 2:33:15 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
 2:33:46 PM Diane Culpepper, Director, Lake Technical College
 2:35:33 PM C.A. Vossberg, President, Electron Machine Corp.
 2:36:38 PM Jayer Williamson, Commissioner, Santa Rosa County
 2:38:36 PM Sen. Brandes - comments on real estate development process
 2:38:45 PM J. Williamson - responds
 2:39:09 PM Sen. Brandes - comments on appropriateness of asking state instead of private developer
 2:39:35 PM J. Williamson - responds
 2:40:21 PM Sen. Brandes - responds
 2:40:41 PM J. Williamson - responds
 2:41:16 PM Sen. Latvala - comments, agreeing with Sen. Brandes
 2:42:22 PM J. Williamson - responds
 2:42:29 PM Heather Norton, Vice President of Education, Orlando Science Center
 2:44:49 PM Sen. Clemens - takes over chair
 2:44:56 PM Kent Kyle, Development Officer, Naples Botanical Garden, Inc.
 2:47:00 PM Sen. Clemens - comments
 2:47:23 PM Mary Pettit, Executive Director, The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.
 2:50:15 PM Sen. Clemens - asks for visitor statistics
 2:50:41 PM Sen. Hukill - asks who owns the estate
 2:50:48 PM M. Pettit - responds
 2:51:09 PM Sen. Diaz de la Portilla - comments on tourist value of estate
 2:52:17 PM Jordan Connors, City of Port St. Lucie
 2:53:16 PM Sen. Clemens - comments
 2:53:23 PM Sen Diaz de la Portilla - introduces the Mayor of Palmetto Bay
 2:53:34 PM Eugene Flinn, Mayor of Palmetto Bay
 2:55:56 PM Joshua Bresette, Senior Vice President, GoFormz
 2:57:06 PM Jordan Connors, City of Pahokee
 2:58:08 PM Richard Clark, Government Affairs Officer, Jacksonville Transportation Authority
 2:59:17 PM Sen. Gibson - comments
 2:59:34 PM Kimberly Prosser, Emergency Management Director, Brevard County
 3:01:23 PM Sen. Clemens - comments
 3:01:28 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about last year's funding
 3:01:32 PM K. Prosser - responds
 3:01:41 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
 3:02:06 PM K. Prosser - comments
 3:02:14 PM Sen. Latvala - asks why Governor vetoed previous funding
 3:02:19 PM Sen. Clemens - comments on funding Emergency Operations Centers
 3:02:55 PM Beth Lemke, President, Planning Solutions Corp.
 3:05:34 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
 3:05:57 PM B. Lemke - responds
 3:06:00 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about costs
 3:06:14 PM B. Lemke - responds
 3:06:33 PM Stephen Wise, Consultant, First Coast Maritime Academy
 3:07:49 PM Sen. Latvala - asks about costs
 3:07:52 PM S. Wise - responds
 3:07:55 PM Sen. Latvala - comments

3:07:57 PM S. Wise - responds
3:08:28 PM Sen. Gibson - comments how this is related to skills training
3:08:35 PM Sen. Latvala
3:09:35 PM S 584
3:09:37 PM Sen. Brandes - presents bill
3:10:47 PM Sen. Detert - comments on extension
3:11:14 PM Sen. Brandes - responds
3:12:06 PM Sen. Detert - asks about tracking success
3:12:21 PM Sen. Brandes - responds
3:12:50 PM Sen. Clemens - comments on purpose of matching grant program
3:13:14 PM Sen. Sachs - asks about local government participation in rating system
3:13:43 PM Sen. Brandes - responds
3:14:18 PM Sen. Sachs - comments on incentive to participate
3:14:33 PM Sen. Brandes - responds
3:15:08 PM Sen. Gibson - asks for an example of a policy and project
3:15:46 PM Sen. Brandes - responds
3:16:36 PM Sen. Hukill - asks about federal program
3:16:56 PM Sen. Brandes - responds
3:17:43 PM Sen. Hukill - further question regarding federal program
3:18:11 PM Am. 305348
3:18:17 PM Sen. Brandes - presents amendment
3:18:34 PM Am. 388706
3:18:37 PM Sen. Brandes - presents amendment
3:18:52 PM Am. 365506
3:18:53 PM Sen. Brandes - amendment withdrawn
3:19:06 PM Charles Pattison, Policy Director, 1000 Friends of Florida (waives in support)
3:19:11 PM Rebecca O'Hara, Consultant, Florida League of Cities (waives in support)
3:19:19 PM Janet Bowman, Director of Legislative Policy and Strategies, The Nature Conservancy (waives in support)
3:19:30 PM Jay Liles, Policy Consultant, Florida Wildlife Federation (waives in support)
3:19:37 PM Eric Poole, Assistant Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties (waives in support)
3:19:43 PM Diana Arteaga, Director Govt. Relations, City of Miami (waives in support)
3:19:49 PM Christian Camara, State Director, R Street Institute (waives in support)
3:20:00 PM Sen. Clemens - comments and discloses
3:21:07 PM Sen. Sachs - comments on flooding in her area
3:21:47 PM Sen. Latvala - comments
3:22:23 PM Sen. Brandes - closes on bill
3:23:07 PM Sen. Latvala
3:23:18 PM Sen. Gibson - comments ferry's impact on military families
3:23:40 PM Sen. Sachs - recognizes mayor and city commissioners
3:24:04 PM Sen. Brandes - asks to be reported favorably for S 7000, S 746, S 718
3:24:23 PM Sen. Latvala - closing comments
3:24:40 PM Meeting adjourned