

## Florida Conservation Coalition

The Florida Conservation Coalition consists of member conservation organizations such as the Audubon Florida, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Florida Wildlife Federation, League of Women Voters, 1000 Friends of Florida, Sierra Club, St. Johns Riverkeeper, The Nature Conservancy, and the Trust for Public Land which are devoted to protecting and conserving Florida's land, fish and wildlife, and water resources that are essential to the well-being and quality of life of the residents of Florida. The Coalition is chaired by former Governor Bob Graham and includes such individuals as Nathaniel Pryor Reed, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Victoria Tschinkel and Jay Landers, former Secretaries of the Department of Environmental Regulation; and Estus Whitfield, former Principal Environmental Advisor to five Florida Governors among its Steering Committee members.

**Mission.** The Florida Conservation Coalition is devoted to protecting and conserving Florida's land, fish and wildlife, and water resources that are essential to the well-being and quality of life of the residents of this state, and for its long-term economic prosperity. Florida's natural resources are a treasure to be conserved for the people of Florida and must be managed judiciously, not squandered.

Our focus is ensuring that state safeguards are in place to protect and properly manage the supply and quality of Florida's water resources. We support meaningful funding for land conservation to protect sensitive natural lands, protect water resources and wildlife habitat, as well as offer recreational opportunities to citizens and tourists. We support an effective state and regional process of managing growth and development to maintain and enhance the quality of life for present and future Floridians.

**Vision:** To accomplish this, it is essential that citizens of all ages and backgrounds understand the importance of protecting these priceless resources. It is imperative that candidates for office, elected officials and all policy makers be informed on key conservation issues.

Citizens must get involved and stay engaged at all levels. We encourage citizens and groups to join in the political process by contacting their legislators, working in their communities, and encouraging everyone to vote.

### **Pertinent Position Statements:**

Request To Veto 2016 Water Bill (SB 552)

Water Conservation White Paper

Recommendations To Protect Florida's Springs And Significant Water Resources  
Environmental Conservation And Economic Prosperity Fact Sheet

Florida Conservation Coalition Water Paper 11-16-2011

Florida Conservation Coalition Mission Statement And Priorities 11-21-2011