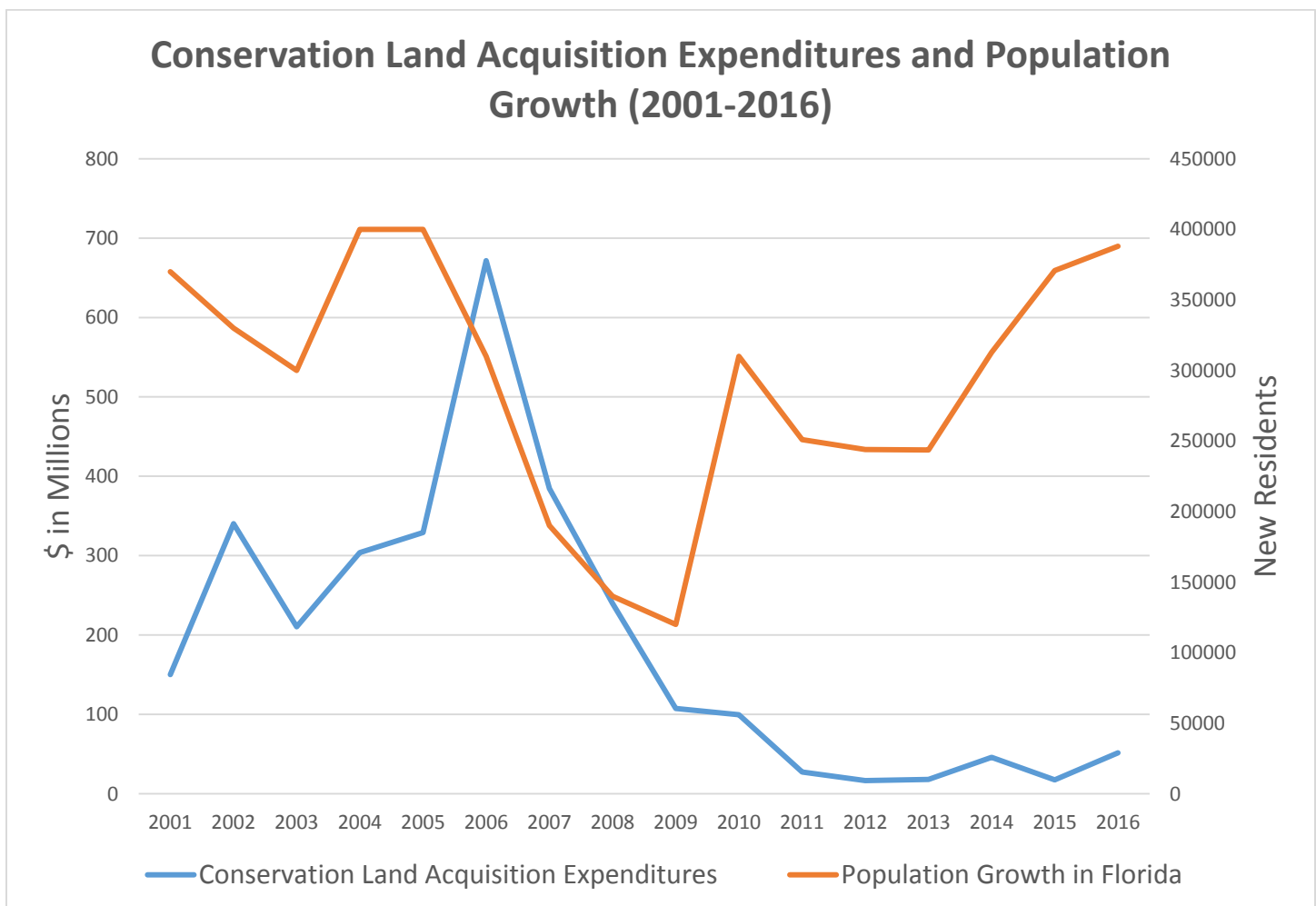


## Conservation Funding in Florida

Historically, Florida allocated an average of approximately \$300 million annually for the State’s land acquisition programs. During the recent economic recession, however, funding plummeted. When rapid growth returned to Florida, but funding for land conservation programs did not, Florida voters overwhelmingly passed the **2014 Water and Land Conservation Amendment** with the primary purpose of restoring funding for conservation and recreation land acquisition. Unfortunately, land conservation allocations since passage of the Amendment have consistently failed to live up to the will of Florida’s voters. As you can see below, conservation expenditures have fallen far short of keeping up with Florida’s growth.



Population data from US Census and World Population Review. Expenditure data from EDR’s Annual Assessment of Florida’s Water Resources and Conservation Lands.