2023 Legislative Priorities

**Funding Priorities**

- **Support** inclusion of at least $322 million in the State’s budget for Everglades restoration projects
- **Support** continued funding and timely completion of the C43 Reservoir
- **Support** the City of Naples funding request of $10 million for the Naples Gulf of Mexico Beach Stormwater Outfall Pipe Removal & Water Quality Project
- **Support** funding for Florida Forever and to secure the Florida Wildlife Corridor
- **Support** funding for the Picayune Strand Restoration Project Southwest Protection Feature Water Quality Treatment component
- **Support** funding for additional water quality monitoring and transparency in reporting water quality results

**Policy Priorities**

- **Support** implementation of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force recommendations
- **Support** legislation to fill in the gaps that currently exist in water quality testing, reporting, and public information (similar to the proposed 2022 Safe Waterways Act)
- **Oppose** preemption and **support** local government home rule authority to implement policies more stringent than state standards, such as more stringent local fertilizer ordinances
- **Support** legislation removing the harmful fee shifting provision from Florida Statutes Ch. 163.3215, which has had a chilling effect on the public’s ability to defend local comprehensive plans through challenging inconsistent developments
- **Support** reinstatement of a meaningful statewide planning agency (Department of Community Affairs) to review and enforce comprehensive plans