

Transportation & Infrastructure

Move Boats Across Land & Sea, Invest in Boating Facilities & Waterways Access

Marine manufacturers need a 21st century infrastructure system to easily transport product and consumers across the nation's land and waterways.

**35,000 MARINE BUSINESSES
AND
88 MILLION BOATERS**
DEPEND ON IT!

An improved transportation network must address both "Grey, Green, & Blue Infrastructure"

Public-private partnerships are **needed** to allow flexibility and a sustainable source of funding. Create an endowment for public lands and waterways infrastructure.

Establish a "Recreation Title" with an infrastructure package to promote outdoor recreation on federal lands and waters.

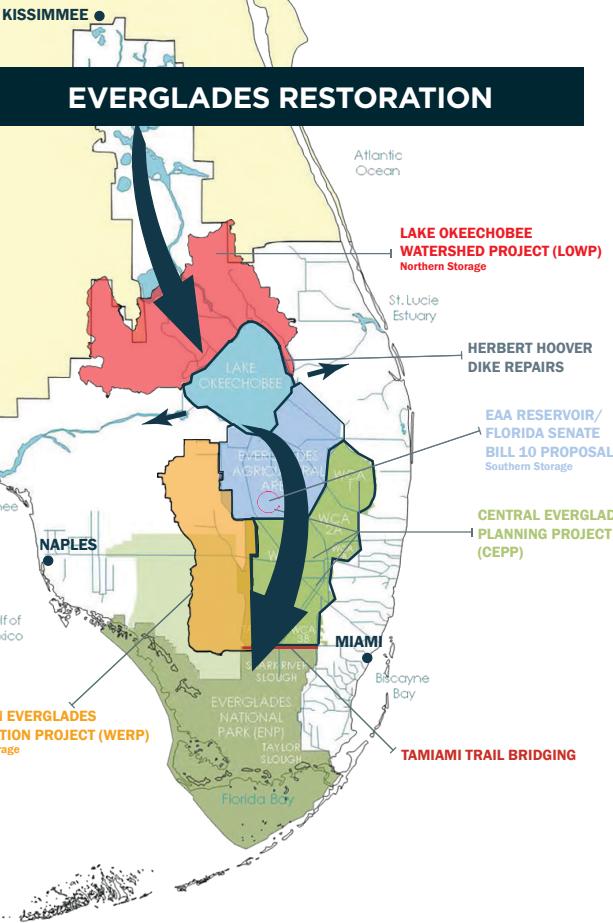
ACTIONS FOR LEADERS TO TAKE

- 1 **Invest in "Full Service" boating facilities and expanded waterways access.**
Create facilities at boat ramps, such as pump out stations, parking and restrooms updates, and invest in marina expansion, increasing mooring buoys, improved navigational markings, and storage!
- 2 **Dredge the Intercoastal Waterway.**
- 3 **Remove barriers for public-private partnerships on federal lands and waters.**
- 4 **Provide federal matching dollars for Central Everglades Restoration Projects (CERP) and expedite the timeline for key projects, including: water flow storage, Herbert Hoover dike repairs, Central Everglades Planning Project, and the Tamiami Trail Bridge.**

WHAT IS THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY?

The "Route 66 for Boaters"—a 3,000-mile waterway running from Boston to the southern tip of Florida, then following the Gulf Coast to Texas.

- 13,000 recreational boats transit the Intercoastal Waterway (ICW) each year.
- Recreational use of the ICW pumps **\$7.9 billion** into local economies.
- Water depths as low as six feet **impede access** for both recreational and commercial boats.
- Currently, recreational use of the ICW is not counted towards overall economic value—including this segment could better prioritize resources.



■ The Everglades system is a key ecological and environmental source of water and recreation for nearly 1 million Florida boaters.

■ Everglades restoration and the southerly flow of water from central Florida to Florida Bay should be a priority for the federal government and state of Florida.