

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!

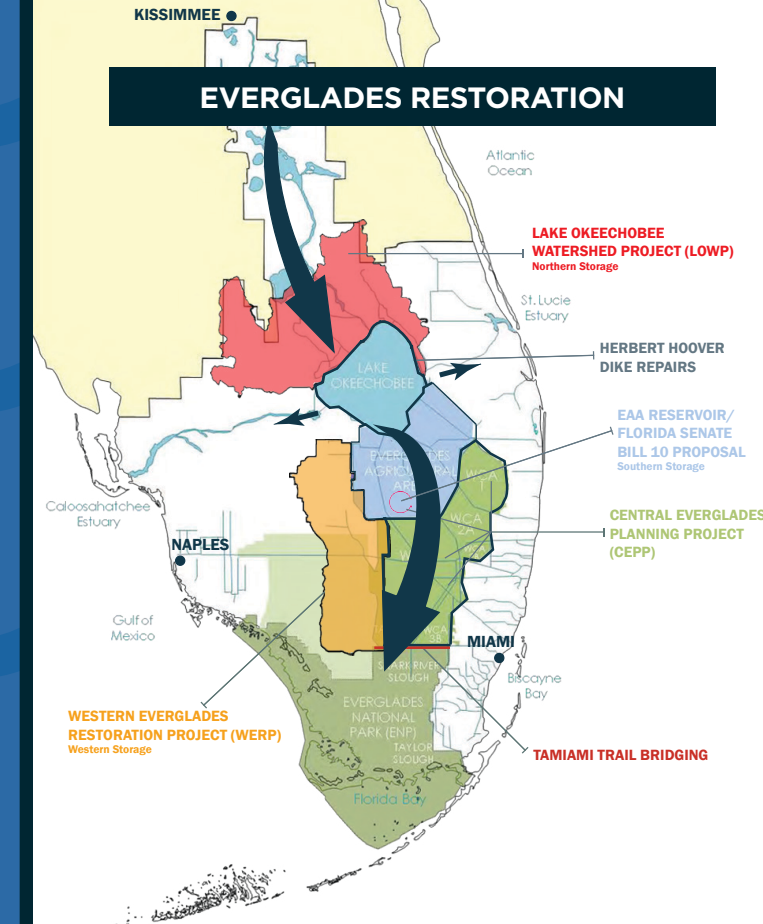
An improved transportation network must address both "Grey, Green, & Blue Infrastructure"

- ✓ 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.

- ✓ Dedicate funding for construction and maintenance of public buildings, utility services, and broadband access on public recreation sites.
- ✓ Protect appropriations for civil works, recreation and trails budgets for lands and water infrastructure in the following budgets: Department of Interior, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Army Corp of Engineers.
- ✓ Reauthorize and strengthen the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) so our parks and federal recreation destinations remain fully funded, modernized and equipped for the 21st century guest.

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.