

## **Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies**

### **2010 LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATEMENT**

#### **Regulatory Reform**

1. OPPOSE measures that limit or eliminate the ability of local governments to enact ordinances and other measures which enhance statewide rules and better protect environmental quality at the local level.
2. OPPOSE deregulation of existing environmental programs as a measure to stimulate the economy, as environmental programs are not the root cause of the economic crises.
3. SUPPORT a statewide general permit for restoration activities which would reduce the time and costs of approving County restoration projects.

#### **Environmental Finance**

4. OPPOSE measures that limit or eliminate the ability of local government to charge appropriate fees to assist in supporting the cost of environmental programs and unfunded mandates.
5. SUPPORT legislation that would increase state funding for environmental programs.
6. SUPPORT funding of the State Petroleum Cleanup Program and restore funding of contaminated sites to its statutorily intended purpose.

#### **Delegation of Environmental Permitting**

7. SUPPORT legislation that provides incentives for local governments to accept delegation of environmental regulatory programs from FDEP and water management districts.

## **Fertilizer and Landscaping**

8. SUPPORT improved statewide promotion of the Florida friendly landscaping ordinance as a basic level of water quality protection.
9. SUPPORT legislation that would allow counties to develop regional approaches to fertilizer and other water quality issues that take into account particular local concerns relating to geology and hydrology.

## **Land Conservation and Preservation**

10. SUPPORT full-funding for the Florida Forever land-buying program

## **Energy**

11. SUPPORT legislation that increases incentives for local governments to assist in state energy policies such as green building, carbon emission reductions and other green government initiatives.
12. SUPPORT legislation that would provide funding for technical assistance to local governments in implementing carbon emission reduction programs and codes.
13. SUPPORT legislation that continues/increases incentives for the development of biofuels that minimize their production impacts on the environment and utilize locally available biomass sources.

## **Brownfields**

14. SUPPORT legislation that promotes overall enhancement of FDEP's Brownfields Redevelopment Program.